



## POVERTY FACTS

Here are some powerful poverty statistics you can use in your Compassion Sunday presentation.

- Around the world, more than **831 million people** live in extreme poverty (less than \$3.00 per day).
- More than **400 million** of those living in extreme poverty are children. That's 1 in 6 children living on less than \$3.00 per day. (UNICEF)
- **Five million children** die each year before reaching the age of 5. Nearly half of those deaths are because of poor nutrition. (World Health Organization)
- Worldwide, nearly **272 million children** are not in school. But if all students in low-income countries left school able to read, it could lift 171 million people out of poverty.
- Globally, **2 billion people** can't get safe drinking water, and **3.6 billion people** lack access to safely managed sanitation. This exposes them to many dangerous waterborne diseases.
- Nearly **138 million children** were engaged in child labor in 2024, including around **54 million** in hazardous work likely to jeopardize their health, safety or development.
- Approximately **900 million children** suffer multidimensional poverty, meaning they lack multiple basic needs like food, water, shelter, education and health care.

**Sources:** UNICEF, World Health Organization, UNESCO, World Bank, International Labour Office, Global Partnership for Education.