

## Statistics on hunger and poverty

- **Nearly 3 billion people—half of the world’s population—live on less than \$2 a day.** (Source: World Bank, 2005)
- **1.1 billion people live on less than \$1 a day. One in six lives in the Asia/Pacific region and one in two lives in sub-Saharan Africa.** (Sources: United Nations, *Human Development Report*, 2004; The World Bank Group Annual Report, 2004)
- **Every day, 852 million people—815 million of them in developing countries—go hungry. That’s about one in seven people worldwide. This number includes 300 million children.** (Sources: UNICEF, 2005; World Food Program, *Hunger, Humanity’s Oldest Enemy*, 2005)
- **Every day, nearly 30,000 children under the age of five die from hunger and preventable illness, resulting in 10.7 million deaths each year.** (Source: UNICEF, *State of the World’s Children*, 2005)
- **More than half of all child deaths are caused directly or indirectly by hunger or malnutrition.** (Source: Food and Agriculture Organization, *State of Food Insecurity in the World*, 2005)
- **Undernourished children are more than twice as likely to die of malaria—a disease that kills a child in Africa every 30 seconds.** (Sources: Food and Agriculture Organization, *State of Food Insecurity in the World*, 2005; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2004)
- **In sub-Saharan Africa, as many as one person in three faces hunger daily.** (Source: United Nations, *Human Development Report*, 2003)
- **One of every five children living in developing countries does not have access to clean water.** (Source: UNICEF, *State of the World’s Children*, 2005)
- **13 million children in America live in families with incomes below the federal poverty level.** (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States*, 2005)
- **5 million children in the United States live in families with incomes of less than half the national poverty level.** (Source: National Center for Children in Poverty, *Who are America’s Poor Children? Child Poverty in 21st Century America*, 2005)

## **Statistics on hunger and poverty (continued)**

- **In 2004, almost 12 percent (more than one in eight) of American households with children under 18 were food-insecure—meaning they were not able to access enough food to meet basic nutritional requirements.** (Source: United States Department of Agriculture, *Food Security in the United States*, 2005)
- **One in every three children in the world does not have adequate shelter.** (Source: UNICEF, *State of the World's Children*, 2005)
- **More than 1 billion people worldwide—about one in every six—are not getting essential health care, exacerbating the effects of hunger and poor nutrition.** (Source: Population Reference Bureau, *Improving the Health of the World's Poorest People*, 2004)
- **Worldwide, 90 million children are severely food-deprived.** (Source: UNICEF, *State of the World's Children*, 2005)
- **Poor nutrition and calorie deficiencies cause premature death or disability for nearly one in three people.** (Source: World Health Organization, 2005)
- **15 million children worldwide—more than 12 million in Africa alone—have been orphaned by AIDS, leaving them to struggle for food and other basics.** (Source: UNAIDS, 2005)
- **Hunger reduces school attendance and impairs learning capacity. Almost 110 million children, the majority of them girls, are unable to attend school—most due to severe poverty.** (Sources: Food and Agriculture Organization, *State of Food Insecurity in the World*, 2005; United Nations, *Human Development Report*, 2005)
- **One of every six children in the world under age 5 lacks adequate nutrition.** (Source: UNICEF, *State of the World's Children*, 2005)
- **Even when it does not cause death, malnutrition can inflict lifelong damage on a child's health and development.** (Source: UNICEF, *State of the World's Children*, 2006)