**COMPASSION STATISTICS**

# POPULATION

* There are 2.2 billion children (under 18) in the world today. 660 million of them are under the age of 5. This equals 32 per cent of the world’s population (7 billion). (1)
* 80 per cent of children in the developing world are under 15 years old.(2)
* 2 billion people globally never hear the Gospel in their lifetime. (3)

# POVERTY

* Worldwide 569 million children are living in extreme poverty (less than £0.79 a day). (10)
* In 1981, 52 per cent of the world’s population lived in extreme poverty (defined as living on £0.79 or less a day). Data from the World Bank released in 2012 estimates the figure has dropped to 22 per cent. (2)
* Over 1.7 million children are currently being helped by Compassion. (4)

# MORTALITY

* 99 per cent of all maternal deaths occur in developing countries. But between 1990 and 2013, maternal mortality worldwide dropped by almost 50 per cent. (5)
* Between 1990 and 2013 global under-five mortality rates declined by 49 per cent, falling from an estimated 90 deaths per 1000 live births to 46 deaths per 1000 live births. (5)

**HEALTH**

* Undernutrition is the underlying cause of death in an estimated 45 per cent of all deaths among children under 5 years of age. Between 1990 and 2013 the proportion of underweight children in developing countries declined from 28 per cent to 17 per cent. (8)
* Between 1990 and 2013, the number of children affected by stunting declined globally from 257 million to 161 million, representing a decrease of 37 per cent. (5)
* Immunization currently averts an estimated 2 to 3 million deaths every year. But still an estimated 21.8 million children worldwide are still missing out on basic lifesaving vaccines. (5)

# EDUCATION/CHILD LABOUR

* Worldwide, nearly 80 per cent of primary-school-age children attend school. In least developed countries, this figure is around 66 per cent. (9)
* Of the 67 million primary-school-age children who do not attend school, 53 per cent are girls.
* In the developing world, 20 per cent (210 million) of children between the ages of 5-14 will work, and half will work full time. (6)
* Primary school enrolment has increased, even in the least developed countries: Whereas in 1990 only 53 per cent of children in those countries gained school admission, by 2011 the rate had improved to 81 per cent. (7)

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*Further stats can be found at:* [*http://www.compassion.com/poverty/poverty-quick-facts.htm*](http://www.compassion.com/poverty/poverty-quick-facts.htm)