Poverty facts

Here are a few of the latest facts to help illustrate the extent of global poverty.

- Nearly **385 million children** live in extreme poverty.
- Worldwide, an estimated **59 million children of primary–school age** don't attend school.
- **16,000 children die** each day due to the conditions of poverty.
- Nearly **half of all deaths of children under the age of 5** are the result of under-nutrition. This translates into the unnecessary loss of about 3 million young lives a year.
- **2.4 billion people** lack access to improved sanitation.
- **1 in 3 adolescent girls** aged 15 to 19 worldwide (84 million) have been the victims of violence committed by their husbands or partners.
- In 2015 alone, an estimated **5.9 million children** under the age of five died. That's equivalent to 11 children every minute.
- An estimated **150 million children** worldwide work as child labourers.
- In the world's poorest countries, nearly **1 in 4 children** do work that is potentially harmful to their health.
- Globally, about **1 in 7 adolescent girls** (aged 15 to 19) are currently married or in a union.
- As of 2015, roughly **13.4 million children** under the age of 18 had lost one or both parents to AIDS.
- **1/4 of all humans** live without electricity — approximately 1.6 billion people.
- Almost **three–fifths of the world's extreme poor** are concentrated in just five countries: Bangladesh, China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, India, and Nigeria.
- Every day, **800 women die from causes related to pregnancy,** childbirth, or postpartum complications. Most maternal deaths occur in developing countries.

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Sources: UNICEF, the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, United Nations International Energy Agency

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