

## Poverty Facts: Reasons to care about poverty

Each year, **more than 18 million people** around the world **die from poverty**

**More than one billion people in the world live on less a dollar per day.**

**Approximately half the world's population lives on less than \$2.50 per day.**



**One third of deaths worldwide** are due to poverty-related causes. Since 1990, 270 million people have died due to poverty, the majority women and children; **this number is near that of the population of the United States.**

**Approximately 1.1 billion people in developing countries have inadequate access to water, and 2.6 billion lack basic sanitation.** Close to half of all people in developing countries are suffering at any given time from a health problem caused by water and sanitation deficits.



Most of the people living in poverty are children; in fact **half of the world's children live in poverty.** Poverty affects the lives of children greatly. Of the 1.9 billion children from the developing world, 640 million are without adequate shelter, 400 million do not have access to safe water, and 270 million do not have access to health services.

Every year more than **10 million children die of hunger and preventable diseases, such as malaria, diarrhea and pneumonia** – that's one child every 3 seconds. The death of young children can be avoided by directing resources towards the most vulnerable: children living in poverty. Many vaccines cost as little as a few pennies per child.

**One out of five children is not enrolled in school, and more than half of these children are girls.**

**Seventy percent of the world's hungry are women and girls.**

**Women compose 60 percent of the world's working poor;** this means that most women work, but are unable to lift themselves out of extreme poverty. Women throughout the world receive lower wages for their pay and have less access to services such as banking, healthcare, and education than men. **Seventy-five percent of the world's illiterate population is composed of women.**



October 15<sup>th</sup> is Blog Action Day

October 17<sup>th</sup> is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Please help us spread the word that **poverty can be stopped!**

The world has enough money, resources and technology to **end poverty forever!**