

# Global Poverty Facts

Over half the global population dwells in a poverty-stricken environment where human suffering abounds. The following statistics underscore the human tragedy.

- 8 million people around the world die each year because they are too poor to stay alive.
- 20,000 people perished yesterday of extreme poverty.
- 850 million people in the world suffer from chronic hunger.
- Between 3 and 4 billion people live on less than \$2 per day.
- 100 million children are currently at risk of being stunted by malnutrition.
- Nearly 2 million children die each year from diarrhea.
- 2.6 billion people lack basic sanitation.

- 44% of the African population lives in extreme poverty on less than one dollar a day.
- Total population of Africa is 922 million (2005).
- 15,000 Africans die each day of preventable, treatable diseases (malaria, TB, etc).
- Between 1 and 3 million African children die from malaria each year.
- 200,000 children from West and Central Africa are sold into slavery every year.
- At least 80% of the poor in Africa do not have access to financial services.

- Average annual income per person (as of 2006):

USA - \$43,462 &ndash; (\$119.00 per day)

Cameroon &ndash; \$1050.00 &ndash; (\$2.88 per day)

Uganda &ndash; \$340.00 - (93 cents per day)

Malawi - \$250.00 - (68 cents per day)

Congo - \$140.00 &ndash; (38 cents per day)

Burundi - \$110.00 - (30 cents per day)

Sources:

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