



POVERTY FACTS

- Children under age 18 make up **49 percent** of the population of the world's least developed countries, compared with **21 percent** of the population of the world's industrialized nations.
- **More than 2 billion** people lack access to electricity and modern forms of energy.
- **Almost 1 billion** (one in six) people live on less than U.S.\$1 a day.
- Every day, **1,500** women and **more than 10,000 newborn babies** globally die due to complications that could have been prevented. An equal number of babies are born dead.
- Currently, **95 percent** of the world's population growth occurs in developing countries. The world's population totals more than 6.7 billion and grows at an average rate of around 80 million persons per year. Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America, three regions of the world made up of mostly developing countries, account for most of the world's increasing population.
- Approximately **143 million** children in the developing world (**one in 13**) are orphans.
- **More than 9 million** children under age 5 die each year. **Two-thirds** of these deaths — **more than 6 million** deaths every year — are preventable.
- Approximately **one-third** of the world's poor people live in India.

Sources: www.unicef.org; www.unep.org; www.worldbank.org; www.who.int; www.timesofindia.com; www.worldfactbook.org