



## POVERTY FACTS

- Children under age 18 make up nearly **48 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 **1.6 billion** people lack access to electricity and modern forms of energy.
- Over 1.4 billion people in the developing world live below the poverty line (U.S.\$1.25 per day).
- Every day **1,500** women die from complications in pregnancy or childbirth that could have been prevented. Each day **10,000** newborns (under one month) die, and daily the same number of babies are also born dead.
- The annual world economy breaks down like this:
  - Low Income, \$935 or less: **37%**
  - Lower Middle Income, \$936 to \$3,705: **38%**
  - Upper Middle Income, \$3,706 to \$11,455: **9%**
  - High Income, \$11,456 or more: **16%**
- In developing countries, **approximately 130 million** children and teens — age 17 or under — have lost one or both parents.
- **More than 9 million** children under age 5 die each year. Two-thirds of these deaths — **more than 6 million** every year — are preventable.
- **Approximately one-third** of the world's poor people live in India.

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