



HUNGER FACTS

- **One person in seven** battles hunger every day.
- Approximately **963 million** people across the world are hungry.
- More than 9 million children under age 5 die every year, and malnutrition accounts for more than one-third of these deaths. Most of these children live in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.
- About **5.6 million** deaths of children worldwide are related to under-nutrition. This accounts for **53 percent** of the total deaths for children under 5.
- **More than 140 million** or **25 percent** of all children in developing countries are underweight and at risk from the long-term effects of malnourishment.
- Nearly **15 percent** of babies in developing countries are born with a low birth weight compared with only **7 percent** of babies in industrialized countries.
- **More than 6 million** children die from malnutrition each year.
- **Worldwide, 161 million** preschool children suffer from chronic malnutrition.
- Already **923 million people** worldwide are undernourished, and there are more than **9 million** deaths related to hunger each year.

Sources: www.wfp.org, www.unicef.org, www.who.int, www.un.org, February 2009