

# Hunger Statistics

**Hunger** kills more people every year than **AIDS, malaria & tuberculosis** combined.



Every year, authors, journalists, teachers, researchers, schoolchildren and students ask us for statistics about hunger and malnutrition. To help answer these questions, we've compiled a list of **useful facts and figures** on world hunger.

**1** Some **795 million people** in the world do not have enough food to lead a healthy active life. That's about one in nine people on earth.



**2** The vast majority of the world's hungry people **live in developing countries**, where 13.5 percent of the population is undernourished.



**3** Asia is the continent with the most hungry people - two thirds of the total. The percentage in southern Asia has fallen in recent years but in western Asia it has increased slightly.



**4** Sub-Saharan Africa is the region with the highest *prevalence* (percentage of population) of hunger. One person in four there is undernourished.



**5** Poor nutrition causes **nearly half (45%) of deaths** in children under five - 3.1 million children each year.



**6** One out of six children -- roughly 100 million -- in developing countries is **underweight**.



**7** One in four of the world's **children are stunted**. In developing countries the proportion can rise to one in three.



**8** If **women** farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungry in the world could be **reduced by up to 150 million**.



**9** 66 million primary school-age **children attend classes hungry** across the developing world, with 23 million in Africa alone.



**10** WFP calculates that **US\$3.2 billion** is needed per year to reach all 66 million hungry school-age children.



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