

Statistics on the State of Children Worldwide

Child Poverty:

Number of children in the world: 2.2 billion

Number of children living in poverty: 1 billion (every second child)

Among the 1.9 billion children in the developing world, there are:

- 640 million without adequate shelter (1 in 3)
- 400 million with no access to safe water (1 in 5)
- 270 million with no access to health services (1 in 7)

Child Labor:

- 250 million child laborers worldwide.
- The Asia-Pacific region has the highest number of child laborers: 27 million.
- Every year, 22,000 children die in work-related accidents.

Education of children:

- An estimated 130 million children in developing countries are not in primary school.
- Another 150 million children drop out of primary school before they complete five years of education—the minimum required for achieving basic literacy.

Survival of children:

- 10.6 million died in 2003 before they reached the age of 5 (same as child population in France, Germany, Greece, and Italy combined)
- 1.4 million children die each year from lack of access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation

Health of children:

- 2.2 million children die each year because they are not immunized
- 15 million children have been orphaned due to HIV/AIDS

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