

# Poverty Facts

Here are some powerful poverty statistics you can use in your Compassion Sunday presentation.

- **Every two minutes**, a child dies of malaria, a preventable and treatable disease.
- Worldwide, an estimated **59 million** primary-school-age children are not attending school.
- About 9% of the world's population lives **on less than \$1.90 per day**, making those people extremely vulnerable to natural disasters, food shortages or instability of any kind.
- **Around 45%** of deaths of children under 5 are linked to undernutrition.
- Approximately **385 million** children — that's 19.5% of the world's children — live in extreme poverty.
- Each day, **7,000** newborns die — most of them in developing countries.
- An estimated **821 million** people worldwide are undernourished.
- There are **2.1 billion** people globally who don't have safe water at home.
- The United Nations predicts that the COVID-19 crisis will reverse **decades of progress** made in the fight against poverty.
- The United Nations World Food Programme predicts that an additional **130 million** people could face food insecurity due to the COVID-19 crisis.

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*Sources: UNICEF, World Bank, United Nations and World Health Organization*