

Global poverty

key facts



Poverty

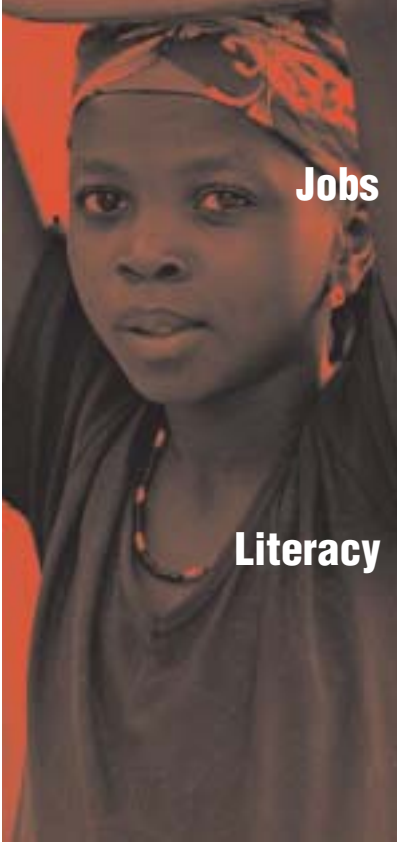
- > 1.2 billion live on US\$ 1 per day or less
- > 3 billion people live on less than US\$ 2 per day
- > 25% of people in work in developing countries is working poor
- > 54 countries are poorer now than they were in 1990
- > the richest 1% of the world's population receive as much income as the poorest 57%

Jobs

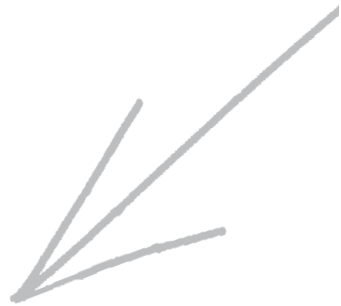
- > 1 billion people are unemployed, underemployed or working poor (a third of the global workforce); 60% are women
- > 185 million people are unemployed; 88 million of these are young people aged 15-24
- > 245 million children aged 5 to 17 work (one in six of the world's children)
- > Women are paid between 30% and 60% less than men

Literacy

- > 860 million adults are illiterate
- > 114 million children of primary age are not enrolled in school (one in five children in the world)
- > primary school enrolments are shrinking in 12 countries



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Water and sanitation

- > 1.3 billion people have inadequate access to clean water
- > 2.6 billion people have no access to improved sanitation
- > 10,000 die every day from water and sanitation diseases

Health

- > nearly 11 million children under the age of 5 die every year – most from easily preventable or treatable causes
- > 500,000 women die each year in pregnancy or childbirth
- > 31 million people have HIV/ AIDS
- > 800 million people are malnourished
- > life expectancy has fallen in 34 countries since 1990

Sources:

UNDP Human Development Report 2003; World Bank reports; G8 Global Poverty Report, UNESCO, National Centre for Policy Analysis; ILO. Figures quoted are for 2003.

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