

Food Basics

Key Global Food Security Facts and Figures

- 1 person dies of hunger every 4 seconds
- Hunger and poverty claim 25,000 lives every day
- 1 in 6 people live below the international poverty line, living on just \$1 or less per day
- One million infants die each year due to a lack of the basic nutrient Vitamin A
- More than 60% of chronically hungry people are women
- 854 million people do not have enough to eat - more than the populations of USA, Canada and the European Union combined
- Over 60% of the world's undernourished people live in Asia, and a quarter in Africa. The proportion of people who are hungry, however, is greater in Africa (33%) than Asia (16%). 820 million people in developing countries alone are hungry - one in four lives in sub-Saharan Africa
- The latest FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) figures indicate that there are 22 countries (16 of which are in Africa) where the undernourishment prevalence rate is over 35%
- Agriculture accounts for the use of 70% of all available freshwater worldwide
- The number of chronically hungry people worldwide is growing by an average of 4 million per year at current trends