

11 FACTS ABOUT GLOBAL POVERTY

10% of the world's population lives on less than £1.42 a day.

1. Global poverty lines are used to measure the financial dimension of poverty. The thresholds of £1.42, £2.40, £4,11 per day represent different standards for poverty around the world. People living on 1.42 per day are considered to live in extreme poverty.[\[1\]](#)
2. Money isn't a complete measure of poverty. Other dimensions of poverty include access (or lack thereof) to work, health, nutrition, education, sanitation, housing, etc.[\[2\]](#)
3. In 2015 (the latest estimates available), 10% of the world's population lived in extreme poverty (less than \$1.90 a day).[\[3\]](#)
4. Half of the 736 million people living in extreme poverty globally live in five countries: India, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, and Bangladesh.[\[4\]](#)
5. It's estimated that, because of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent global recession, poverty rates will increase for the first time since 1990. [\[5\]](#)
6. Internationally, 2.2 million people lack access to a safely-managed drinking water service (located nearby, available when needed, and free from contamination).[\[6\]](#)
7. Approximately 297,000 children under five die every year from diarrhoeal diseases due to poor sanitation, poor hygiene, or unsafe drinking water.[\[7\]](#)
8. About 13% of people globally do not have access to electricity, and 40% of people globally do not have access to clean fuels for cooking.[\[8\]](#)
9. Malnutrition is the leading cause of poor health and death around the world. Globally, 1 in 9 people is hungry or undernourished.[\[9\]](#)
10. A study of 13 developing countries found that government spending on education and health accounted for 69% of the total reduction of economic inequality.[\[10\]](#)
11. The entire health budget of Ethiopia, a country of 105 million people, is equivalent to just 1% of the fortune of the world's richest man, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos.[\[11\]](#)

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