



Human Geography

World Hunger Issues: Children Hunger Statistics

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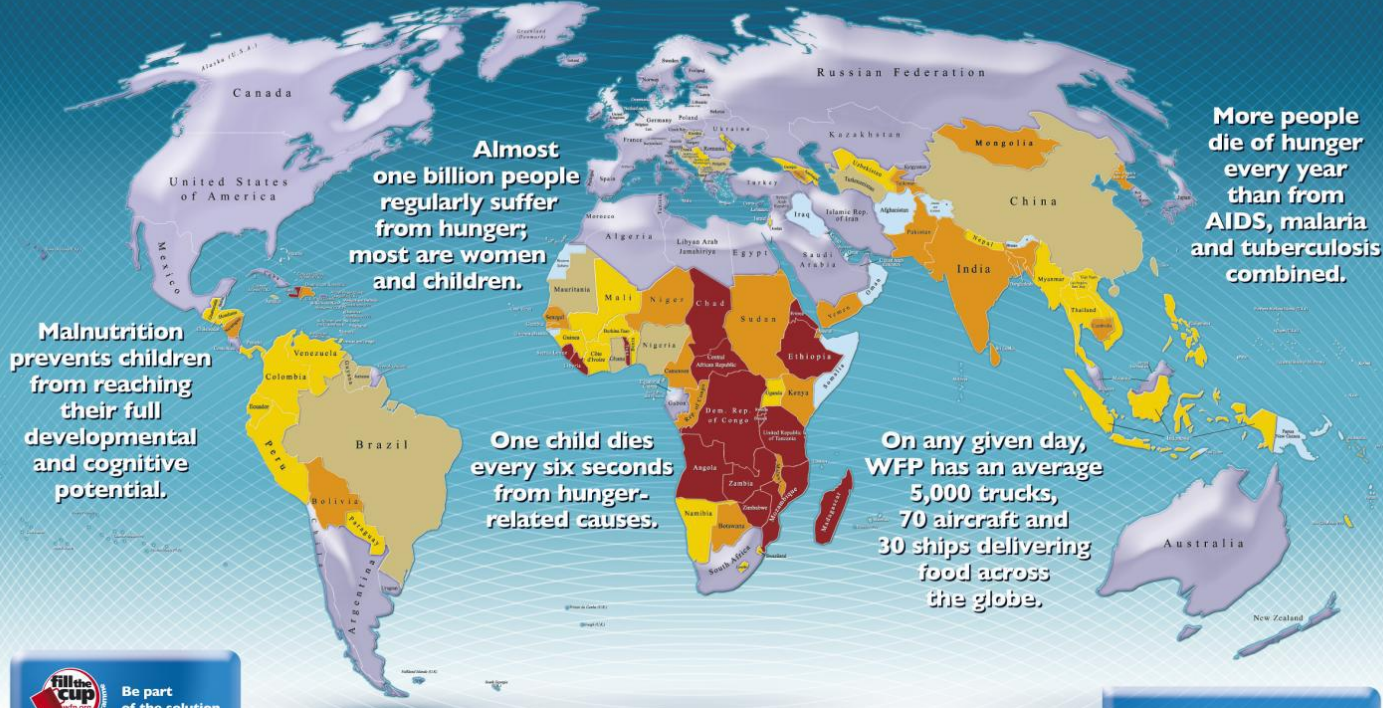
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Every year, authors, journalists, teachers, researchers, schoolchildren and students ask us for statistics about hunger and malnutrition. To help answer these questions, we've compiled a list of useful facts and figures on world hunger.



1. 870 million people in the world do not have enough to eat. This number has fallen by 130 million since 1990, but progress slowed after 2008. (Source: State of Food Insecurity in the World,FAO, 2012)
2. The vast majority of hungry people (98 percent) live in developing countries, where almost 15% of the population is undernourished. (Source: State of Food Insecurity in the World,FAO, 2012)
3. Asia and the Pacific have the largest share of the world's hungry people (some 563 million) but the trend is downward. (Source: State of Food Insecurity in the World, FAO, 2012)
4. If women farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungry in the world could be reduced by up to 150 million. (Source: Women in Agriculture: Closing the Gender Gap for Development, FAO, 2011)
5. Under-nutrition contributes to 2.6 million deaths of children under five each year - one third of the global total. (Source: Levels and Trends in Child Mortality, UNICEF, 2011)
6. One out of six children -- roughly 100 million -- in developing countries is underweight. (Source: Global health Observatory, WHO, 2011)
7. One in four of the world's children are stunted. In developing countries the proportion can rise to one in three. (Source: Prevalence and Trends of Stunting among ... Children, Public Health Nutrition, 2012)
8. 80 percent of the world's stunted children live in just 20 countries. (Source: Maternal and Child Undernutrition: Effective Action at National Level,The Lancet, 2008)
9. 66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world, with 23 million in Africa alone. (Source:Two Minutes to Learn About School Meals, WFP, 2012)
10. WFP calculates that US\$3.2 billion is needed per year to reach all 66 million hungry school-age children. (Source:Two Minutes to Learn About School Meals, WFP, 2012)

2009 Hunger Map



Category	1	2	3	4	5	Insufficient data
Undernourished	<5%	5-9%	10-19%	20-34%	≥35%	
Description	Extremely low	Very low	Moderately low	Moderately high	Very high	



Sources: The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2008, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and FAOSTAT.
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