

Poverty facts:

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Here are some useful facts to include in your event. Choose one or two from the following list to add to the points you are making in your presentation. Remember that speaking from your heart about sponsoring a child is always the most dynamic and effective way of sharing with others about the issues surrounding child poverty.

- **A child dies from hunger every five seconds.**
- **One third of the world's children live in extreme poverty.**
- **One in every six children between the ages of 5 and 14 is involved in child labour.**
- **More than 2 billion people lack access to electricity and modern forms of energy.**
- **More than 1 billion (one in five) people live on less than \$1 a day.**
- **Every day, 1,600 women and more than 10,000 newborns die globally due to complications that could have been prevented.**
- **Approximately 15 million children under the age of 18 have lost one or both parents to AIDS.**
- **20 million children have had to leave their homes due to war. This is roughly the population of Australia.**
- **An estimated 1.2 million children are trafficked every year, many for sexual exploitation or cheap labour.**
- **More than 10 million children under age 5 die each year. Two-thirds of these deaths - more than 6 million deaths every year - are from malnutrition and other preventable causes.**
- **Children under age 18 make up 49 percent of the population of the world's least developed countries, compared with 21 percent of the population of the world's industrialised nations.**
- **Approximately 143 million children in the developing world (one in 13) are orphans.**

Sources: www.unicef.org, www.unep.org, www.one.org, www.who.int, www.freeworldacademy.com, www.nationmaster.com