

# Hunger Fact Sheet

963 million people do not have enough to eat; 907 million of them live in developing countries.  
Source: [FAO and Briefing Paper, Hunger on the Rise, 2008](#)

Nearly 5 million (4.8 million) children under the age of five die every year from causes related to malnutrition. This calculates to more than 13,000 children every day or one child every 7 seconds dying from causes related to malnutrition.  
Source: [UNICEF State of the World's Children, 2009](#)

One in seven people worldwide do not get enough to eat.  
Source: [WFP](#) and [UNICEF State of the World's Children, 2009](#)

One out of three people in developing countries is affected by vitamin and mineral deficiencies and is therefore more subject to infection, birth defects, and impaired physical and psycho-intellectual development.  
Source: WHO Nutrition for Health and Development, 2007

More than 176 million children under the age of five worldwide are stunted or short in stature.  
Source: [UNICEF State of the World's Children, 2009](#)

More than 157 million children under the age of five worldwide are underweight.  
Source: [UNICEF State of the World's Children, 2009](#)

The number of undernourished people in the world increased by 75 million in 2007, largely due to higher food prices.  
Source: [WFP Facts and Figures](#)

Under-nutrition among pregnant women in developing countries leads to one out of six infants being born with low birth weight.  
Source: WHO Nutrition for Health and Development, 2007

The poorest people in developing countries can spend up to 75 percent of their income on food.  
Source: [World Bank Policy Research Working Paper, 2008](#)