

The scale of the problem

Around the world, being rich provides security and protection from harm. Being poor means insecurity and risk. It is children who are most exposed to the impacts of poverty and poverty has long-lasting and devastating impacts on their lives.

More data on child poverty are needed but there are roughly:



570 MILLION CHILDREN

under 18 living in extreme monetary poverty worldwide, that means they live on less than **\$1.25 A DAY**



750 MILLION CHILDREN

are subject to multidimensional poverty which is measured across multiple dimensions such as levels of education, health and nutrition.



30 MILLION CHILDREN

live in poverty in 'richer countries'.

What do children voice about living in poverty?

They consistently say they want:



To live in security, with love and care in the family.



To interact socially, to have friends, to play, and to be part of a community.



To be healthy.



To go to school, and get an education.

Children unanimously highlight the stigma, diminished sense of confidence and self-worth, lack of opportunity, and dangers of growing up in poverty.

“I feel sad when chased [away from school] for school fees” 14 year old boy from South Sudan

Across the world children tell us they want very similar things

“You feel worthless, a failure – it can make you feel so fed up and depressed” 13 year old girl from Wales



“I feel responsible for my family. I feel like I am still a child, and would like to go back to school, but my only option is to work hard to put food on the table for my family”

12 year old Syrian boy, living as a refugee in Jordan

“I often hear that we as children are the future of the nation, and we are. But we are also the present, and I want my rights to be fulfilled now” 16 year old boy from Guatemala

But the world CAN do something about this!

To eradicate child poverty and undo its impact on children's lives we need to:

- Provide the world's poorest families and all their children with access to:
 - Quality basic services such as education, health and clean water, as well as protection from all forms of violence.
 - Social protection interventions that guarantee basic income security – such as child grants, pensions, education stipends.
 - Decent and safe employment opportunities and insurance.
- Help ensure governments and societies prioritize equity, gender equality, human rights, good governance and accountability
- Guarantee that poor children and their families can meaningfully participate in decisions that affect them and speak out safely about issues that concern them.



The Sustainable Development Goals, Goal 1 and target 1.2 in particular, provide a major opportunity to end poverty in all its forms everywhere by 2030.

Let's drive change and #endchildpoverty