

Did you know...



Poverty is hunger. Poverty is lack of shelter. Poverty is being sick and not being able to see a doctor. Poverty is not being able to go to school and not knowing how to read. Poverty is not having a job, it is fear for the future, living one day at a time. Poverty is losing a child to illness brought about by unclean water. Poverty is powerlessness, lack of representation and freedom. Poverty has many faces, changing from place to place and across time, and has been described in many ways. Most often, poverty is a situation people want to escape. So poverty is a call to action for the poor and

the wealthy alike -- a call to change the world so that many more may have enough to eat, adequate shelter, access to education and health, protection from violence, and a voice in what happens in their communities. This problem is everywhere. In all, sense poverty may be something we will face.



While there has been great progress in alleviating poverty, it has been far from even, and the global picture masks large regional differences. In Asia, where most of the world's poor live, the proportion in poverty has declined dramatically over the past few decades, but the recent crisis has slowed progress. And 4 in 10 households (over 500 million people) still remain in poverty in South Asia. But South Asia's infant mortality rates today are about the same as East Asia's in the early 1970s, reflecting both poor progress in South Asia and favorable initial social conditions in Asia. Sub-Saharan Africa's infant mortality rates are well above those in East Asia some 30 years ago. At this rate, poverty will continue to rise in different parts of the world. Soon, every culture will have to deal with poverty with a careful approach depending on needs.



Poverty is like heat; you can not see it; so to know poverty you must go through it.