

# Poverty



*Part A - What is Poverty?*

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- ❖ Poverty is a state or condition in which a person or community lacks the financial resources and essentials for a minimum standard of living
- ❖ Poverty means that the income level from employment is so low that basic human needs can't be met

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- ❖ Poverty-stricken people and families might go without proper housing, clean water, healthy food, and medical attention
- ❖ Each nation may have its own threshold that determines how many of its people are living in poverty

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- ❖ Poverty is about not having enough money to meet basic needs including food, clothing and shelter. However, poverty is more, much more than just not having enough money

# The World Bank Organisation describes poverty in this way

“Poverty is hunger. Poverty is lack of shelter. Poverty is being sick and not being able to see a doctor. Poverty is not having access to school and not knowing how to read. Poverty is not having a job, is fear for the future, living one day at a time”

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“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”

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