

Did You Know?

Immunization

UNICEF is the largest procurer of vaccines in the world, buying 2.6 billion doses of vaccines in 2008, and reaching 56% of the world's children.



UNICEF worked as part of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to reduce polio transmission by 99% around the world over the last two decades.

Education

UNICEF provides critical supplies and support for education. This helped to raise the proportion of children who receive a primary education worldwide from 50% in 1980 to 86% today.

There are 921 million illiterate adults, two thirds of them women, worldwide. 101 million children are not enrolled in school, over half of them girls.



Girls' Education

An educated woman is three to five times more likely to raise healthy, educated children, which means her children are more likely to raise healthy, educated children.

Malnutrition

One out of every four children under five — or 148 million children in the developing world — is underweight for his or her age, and at risk for an early death.

There are 6.7 billion people in the world. About a third of them are children.

1 billion children live in poverty. This means that they are severely deprived of adequate food, drinking water, decent sanitation facilities, health, shelter, education and information.

More than 80% of the world's 35 million refugees and displaced people are women and children.

25% of the developing world's population live below the international poverty line of US \$1.25 a day. That's 1 in every 4 people living on less than \$456.25 a year.

Each day 24,000 children die before ever reaching their fifth birthday. That equals more than 8.8 million children each year.

