

## POVERTY

Since 1990, more than 1.2 billion people have risen **out of extreme poverty**. But the COVID-19 pandemic threatens to reverse years of progress **in the fight against** global poverty and income inequalities, and it **jeopardizes** the future of a generation of children.

Children living in poverty often **lack access to** quality education. Sometimes it's because there aren't enough quality schools, their parents cannot **afford** school fees, or because **impoverished** families need their children to work.

Living in poverty also means not being able to afford a doctor or **medical treatment**. It means no electricity, limited **shelter**, and often little to no food on the table.

### What causes poverty?

**The root causes of** poverty aren't only **a lack of access to** basic **necessities** of life like water, food, shelter, education, or healthcare. Inequities including gender or ethnic **discrimination**, poor governance, conflict, exploitation, and domestic violence also cause poverty. These inequities not only **lead** a person or a society **into poverty** but can also restrict access to social services that could help people **overcome poverty**.

- **in the fight against something:** trong cuộc chiến chống lại thứ gì
- **to jeopardize /'dʒepərdaɪz/ (v)** = to risk harming or destroying something/somebody: gây nguy hiểm cho ...
- **to afford /ə'fɔːrd/ (v)** = to have enough money to be able to buy or do something: đủ khả năng chi trả ...
- **impoverished = /ɪm'pɔːvərɪʃt/ (adj)** = very poor: rất nghèo
- **medical treatment** = the management and care of a patient: điều trị y tế
- **shelter /'feltər/ (n):** the fact of having a place to live or stay, considered as a basic human need: chỗ ở
- **the root causes of something** = the fundamental reason for the occurrence of a problem: nguyên nhân gốc rễ/chính yếu gây ra vấn đề gì
- **necessity /nə'sesəti/ (n)** = a thing that you must have and cannot manage without: thứ thiết yếu
- **discrimination /dɪ'skrɪmɪ'neɪʃn/ (n)** = the practice of treating somebody or a particular group in society less fairly than others: sự đối xử phân biệt
- **lead somebody into poverty:** đưa ai đó vào cảnh nghèo khó

Source: <https://www.worldvision.org/sponsorship-news-stories/global-poverty-facts>

### SYNONYMS

- lacking access to something ≈ a lack of access to something (việc không được tiếp cận với ...)
- out of poverty ≈ overcome poverty