

STATISTICS to help YOU understand INDIA better

- **416 million i.e. 41.6%** of India's population lives below \$1/day: ¹
- **275 million i.e. 27.5%** of India lives below the National Poverty Line: ²
- **35.2%** of India's population is still illiterate³
- **40 million Indian children (i.e.1/3rd of total world's children population)** between the ages of 6-11 years are out of school in India⁴
- **40 to 80 million Indians live with disability.**⁵
- As of 2003, it was estimated that **70% of India's wastewater is flowing into rivers or groundwater.**⁶
- As of 1991 there were approximately **10 hospital beds per 10,000 individuals in India i.e 1 bed for every 1000 individuals.**⁷
- India still has a high unemployment rate of **6.80 %**⁸
- India's "grey" (elderly) population stands at **90 million** (current estimate) and growing.⁹
- India's national capital alone is believed to have more than **250,000 stray dogs**¹⁰
- **2.5 m people are living with HIV**¹¹
- There are over **2.5 m people suffering from cancer** and many of them cannot afford treatment¹²
- **One out of every two** young children in India is malnourished¹³
- **Less than one fourth of rural population use toilets**¹⁴
- **Only 4 out of 10 girls** who enroll complete eight years of schooling¹⁵

¹ <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Data.aspx>

² National Sample Survey Organization 61st round, 2004/05

³ Census 2001

⁴ Save the Children

⁵ World Bank Report on Persons with Disability in India

⁶ [Using shame to change sanitary habits](#), Los Angeles Times, 6 September 2007

⁷ [NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY - 2002](#)

⁸ http://www.indexmundi.com/india/unemployment_rate.html, CIA World Factbook

⁹ Helpage India

¹⁰ National Institute of Communicable Diseases, <http://www.southasianpost.com/news/topnews/article/indiaonedogs>

¹¹ UN AIDS Report 2007

¹² ICMR Report Apr 2009

¹³ UNICEF

¹⁴ UNICEF

¹⁵ UNICEF