

# MYTH & REALITY OF HUNGER & POVERTY

## HOW HAVE MYTHS SHAPED OUR GLOBAL REALITY ?

Myths are a widely held but false belief or idea. Myths are abundant in society these days and are often used to explain away things people don't understand. This kind of thinking leads us to overlook the experiences of others, and write them off as a myth because we aren't personally affected by a particular experience. One such myth is that hunger and poverty only affect those in underdeveloped countries. Reality is hunger and poverty are indiscriminate and felt around the world. It affects our neighbors and some of you may have very well experienced its effects.



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Poverty affects our most basic needs: food, clothing, and shelter. An impoverished individual or family must always juggle their limited resources in attempting to meet these needs. Food expenditures are among the most flexible items in household budgets which are frequently squeezed when income dips or unemployment strikes.



### Globally

For the first time in history, over 1.02 billion people do not have enough to eat. That's one sixth of humanity - more than the population of the United States, Canada and the European Union combined.

1.37 billion people live on less than \$1.25 a day, and 2.56 billion live on less than \$2 a day. Moreover, 5.05 billion people (more than 80 percent of the world's population) live on less than \$10 a day.

### Nationally

19.4 million Americans live in extreme poverty. This means their family's cash income is less than half of the poverty line, or about \$10,000 a year for a family of four.

13.1 million children lived in food-insecure households in 2015. Twenty percent or more of the child population in 22 states and D.C. lived in food-insecure households in 2015, according to the most recent data available. Mississippi (26%) had the highest rate of children in households without consistent access to food.

## Participation Options

1. Attend hunger and poverty workshop during the Regional Leadership Conference
2. Volunteer your time at a local food pantry or homeless shelter.
3. Sponsor a family in need during the holiday season by providing a holiday dinner

*"Hunger also changes the world—When eating can't be a habit, then neither can seeing."*

Maxine Hong Kingston

## 10 HUNGRIEST STATES IN THE NATION

Numbers on the map indicate percentage of households at risk of hunger.

14.2% Average of all states for households at risk of hunger



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# Theme 1: Myth & Reality

Please mail or email (a Word or PDF attachment) to the Regional Coordinator by January 24, 2018 to be eligible to receive a participation award at the 2018 Carolinas Regional Convention

## 2017

### Carolinas Region

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