

# Do you know...?

• some facts on world poverty •

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• an Islamic response to poverty •



*‘God commands justice, doing  
good and generosity towards  
relatives and He forbids what is  
shameful, blameworthy and  
oppressive’.*

The Qur’an, chapter 16, verse 90

**‘more than a billion people in the  
developing world live on less than a  
dollar a day.’**

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***‘He who sleeps on a full  
stomach whilst his  
neighbour goes hungry is  
not one of us’***

**Saying of Prophet Muhammad  
(peace be upon him)**

**‘Over 960 million people are  
malnourished in the world today.’**

**<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/>**

*'O children of Adam! Wear your beautiful apparel at every time and place of prayer: eat and drink: But waste not by excess, for Allah loves not the wasters'*

The Qur'an, chapter 7, verse 31

**‘under-nourishment plays a  
part in more than half of all child  
deaths’.**

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/>

*‘ The best of you is he (or she)  
who is of most benefit  
to others’*

**Saying of Prophet Muhammad**  
(peace be upon him)



**‘Two and a half billion people  
have no access to basic  
sanitation and 900 million  
people no clean water’.**

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/>

*‘Whoever relieves his  
brother of a trial or  
difficulty in this life, God  
will relieve him of a trial  
in the next life.’*

Saying of Prophet Muhammad  
(peace be upon him)

**‘A quarter of the world’s  
population, about 1.6 billion  
people, have no electricity to  
their homes’**

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/>

*‘A believer who serves water  
to another who is thirsty,  
will have his thirst quenched  
from the sealed drinks  
by God on the Day of Judgement.’*

Saying of Prophet Muhammad  
(peace be upon him)

**‘If we fail to get to grips with  
water and sanitation, around  
4,000 people, mostly  
children, will continue to die  
needlessly every day’**

**<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/>**

*‘The best friend in the sight of  
Allah is he who is the well-wisher  
of his companions, and the best  
neighbour is one who behaves best  
towards his neighbours’*

Saying of Prophet Muhammad  
(peace be upon him)

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