



28.06.2016 – 69 million children will die of preventable causes unless world leaders turn rhetoric into reality on fighting poverty, says [Unicef](#) in its yearly flagship report: [The State of the World's Children](#)

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If the soul of a society can be judged by the way it treats its most vulnerable members, then by a similar measure, a society's future – its long-term prospects for sustainable growth, stability and shared prosperity – can be predicted by the degree to which it provides every child with a fair chance in life. Providing every child with that fair chance is the essence of equitable development, and as this edition of [The State of the World's Children](#) argues, promoting equity is more than a moral obligation. It is both a practical and a strategic imperative, helping to break intergenerational cycles of disadvantage and thus reducing the inequalities that undermine all societies.



Unless the world tackles inequity today, in 2030:

167 million children will live in extreme poverty		
69 million children under age 5 will die between 2016 and 2030		
60 million children of primary school age will be out of school		

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