Undernourishment in 1990

Undernourishment is not being able to meet the minimum level of dietary energy consumption - that required to be able to undertake daily tasks. This is measured against a minimum weight, which varies by height, age and gender.

In 1990, 840 million people, or 16% of the world population were undernourished. The largest counts of undernourished people are found in India and China. The highest percentage of undernourished people was in Mozambique, where 69% of the population did not have enough to eat.

Almost a quarter of all territories recorded no undernourishment in 1990. The regions of Japan, Eastern Europe and Western Europe are barely visible on the map.

Territory size shows the proportion of all undernourished people worldwide, that live there.

“Should we really let our people starve so we can pay our debts?” Julius Nyerere, undated