



How many of the unreached are multidimensionally poor?

It's hard to get to an accurate global number, but preliminary research by GCN staff indicates the following percentages of the poor in the regions listed below are also unreached:

West Africa: 42%
South Asia: 65%
Southeast Asia: 74%
Central Asia: 60%
East Africa: 75%

Surprisingly, even in places where the majority are Christian, the percentage of unreached that are multidimensionally poor is relatively high. For example, 23% in Latin America and 75% in East Africa. Percentages are lower in the Middle East (11%) and East Asia (8%). But even there, the numbers cannot be ignored.

Percentages might change as the study deepens, but the implications are clear. If we are going to finish the task among the unreached, we need to be recruiting and equipping workers for integrated ministries that bring evangelism and compassion together – delivering real solutions to extreme poverty while proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ.

Jesus sits in the place of the poor. He sees their struggle and is calling us to respond to their pain. God is calling people together from the largest pool of motivated and dedicated workers on earth – His Church to take the Gospel to the poor and unreached.

Hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of CHE/TCD workers around the world are coming together with unwavering commitment to the call of the Savior. They are making disciples among the poor while lifting communities out of cycles of poverty and disease. Global CHE Network (GCN) reports from information gathered by members from 384 organizations that there are 42,962 CHE/TCD workers serving in 6,729 rural villages in 123 countries.

The purpose of this article is to invite all who are receiving the letter, and serving among the poor, to join hands with others in Transform World's Million Village Challenge. **For more information about the challenge and the commitment we all share, watch the brief video on the home page of our website, <https://millionvillage.org>. Leave us your email address and we will contact you.**