

Table 1: **Poverty, Inequality, and Human Development**^a

DMC	Population in Poverty (%) (National Poverty Line) ^b				Proportion of Population Below \$1 (PPP) a Day (%)
	Total	Urban	Rural		
East Asia					
China, People's Rep. of	3.1	...	...	(2003)	13.4 (2003)
Hong Kong, China	...	...	...		...
Korea, Rep. of	3.6	...	...	(2000)	...
Mongolia	35.6	39.4	32.6	(1998)	18.9 (2003)
Taipei, China	0.8 ^f	...	...	(2003)	...
Southeast Asia					
Brunei Darussalam	...	...	...		...
Cambodia	34.7	...	...	(2004)	33.8 (2003)
Indonesia	18.2	14.5	21.1	(2002)	6.5 (2003)
Lao PDR	33.5	...	...	(2002)	28.8 (2003)
Malaysia	7.5	3.4	12.4	(1999)	0.2 (2003)
Myanmar	26.6	20.7	28.4	(2001)	...
Philippines	30.0	...	...	(2003)	14.1 (2003)
Singapore	...	...	...		...
Thailand	9.8	4.0	12.6	(2002)	0.7 (2003)
Viet Nam	19.5	...	...	(2004)	9.7 (2003)
South Asia					
Bangladesh	49.8	36.6	53.0	(2000)	30.3 (2003)
Bhutan	25.3 ^g	...	...	(2000)	...
India	26.1	23.6	27.1	(1999)	30.7 (2003)
Maldives	21.0	...	...	(2004)	1.0 (2004)
Nepal	30.9	10.0	35.0	(2004)	25.3 (2004)
Sri Lanka	22.7	7.9	24.7	(2002)	1.0 (2003)
Central and West Asia					
Afghanistan	...	...	...		...
Armenia	39.0	38.0	40.6	(2004)	1.8 (2003)
Azerbaijan	40.0	...	...	(2004)	1.9 (2003)
Kazakhstan	27.9	20.3	36.9	(2002)	0.0 (2003)
Kyrgyz Republic	40.8	...	...	(2003)	0.4 (2003)
Pakistan	32.6	25.9	34.8	(1999)	19.7 (2003)
Tajikistan	56.6	47.7	59.9	(2003)	5.9 (2003)
Turkmenistan	29.9	20.1	31.1	(1998)	4.6 (2003)
Uzbekistan	26.2	22.0	28.7	(2003)	13.3 (2003)
Pacific DMCs					
Cook Islands	12.0	...	...	(1998)	...
Fiji Islands	25.5 ^h	27.6 ^h	22.4 ^h	(1990)	25.5 (1996)
Kiribati	50.0	51.0	50.0	(1996)	38.0 (1996)
Marshall Islands	...	...	...		20.0 (1999)
Micronesia, Fed. States of	27.9	...	...	(1998)	5.2 (1998)
Nauru	...	...	...		...
Palau	59.2	...	...	(2004)	...
Papua New Guinea	37.5	16.1	41.3	(1996)	24.6 (1996)
Samoa	20.3 ⁱ	23.3 ⁱ	17.9 ⁱ	(2002)	5.5 (2002)
Solomon Islands	...	...	...		...
Timor-Leste	41.0	26.0	46.0	(2001)	...
Tonga	22.3 ⁱ	23.6 ⁱ	22.8 ⁱ	(2002)	4.0 (2001)
Tuvalu	29.3 ⁱ	...	...	(1994)	17.2 (1994)
Vanuatu	40.0	...	...	(1998)	26.0 (1998)

a Note that data sources of the different indicators vary, hence consistency across indicators is not assured.

b When available, official poverty lines are used. In some countries, no official poverty line is available, and data may have been computed by non-governmental agencies.

c Refers to income or expenditure.

d Calculated based on income or expenditure and refers to the same year as that of the Income Ratio except for Taipei, China and Philippines whose GINI coefficients are for years 2002 and 2003, respectively.

e Rank among the 175 countries classified in UNDP, *Human Development Report 2005*.

f Defined as percent of low-income population to total population.

g Based on a poverty line obtained from a pilot study.

h Refers to percentage of population below basic needs. Rural areas refer to rural villages only; poverty incidence in rural settlements is 26.2 percent.

i Refers to percentage of poor households.

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Income ^c Ratio of Highest 20% to Lowest 20%	Gini Coefficient ^d	Human Development Index				Rank in 2003 ^e	DMC
		1990	2000	2003			
							East Asia
10.6	(2001)	0.447	0.627	0.721	0.755	85	China, People's Rep. of
9.7	(1996)	0.434	0.862	0.888	0.916	22	Hong Kong, China
5.2	(2003)	0.306	0.817	0.878	0.901	28	Korea, Rep. of
9.1	(1998)	0.303	0.656	0.658	0.679	114	Mongolia
6.1	(2003)	0.345	...	...	...	...	Taipei, China
							Southeast Asia
...		...	...	...	0.866	33	Brunei Darussalam
4.7	(1999)	0.450	0.512	0.551	0.571	130	Cambodia
5.2	(2002)	0.343	0.623	0.680	0.697	110	Indonesia
5.4	(2002)	0.347	0.449	0.520	0.545	133	Lao PDR
7.1	(1999)	0.443	0.720	0.789	0.796	61	Malaysia
...		...	...	0.552	0.578	129	Myanmar
9.7	(2000)	0.461	0.719	0.754	0.758	84	Philippines
9.7	(1998)	0.425	0.821	0.885	0.907	25	Singapore
7.7	(2002)	0.420	0.707	0.762	0.778	73	Thailand
6.0	(2002)	0.370	0.610	0.686	0.704	108	Viet Nam
							South Asia
4.6	(2000)	0.318	0.417	0.497	0.520	139	Bangladesh
7.4	(2000)	0.341	...	0.494	0.536	134	Bhutan
4.9	(1999)	0.325	0.514	0.579	0.602	127	India
...		...	...	0.743	0.745	96	Maldives
7.0	(2004)	0.472	0.418	0.488	0.526	136	Nepal
5.1	(2000)	0.402	0.698	0.741	0.751	93	Sri Lanka
							Central and West Asia
...		...	...	...	...	...	Afghanistan
5.0	(2003)	0.338	0.737	0.735	0.759	83	Armenia
2.6	(2002)	0.190	...	0.741	0.729	101	Azerbaijan
5.6	(2003)	0.339	0.767	0.744	0.761	80	Kazakhstan
4.4	(2003)	0.303	...	0.712	0.702	109	Kyrgyz Republic
5.4	(2002)	0.347	0.444	0.499	0.527	135	Pakistan
5.2	(2003)	0.326	0.719	0.655	0.652	122	Tajikistan
7.7	(1998)	0.408	...	0.741	0.738	97	Turkmenistan
4.0	(2000)	0.268	0.728	0.727	0.694	111	Uzbekistan
							Pacific DMCs
...		...	...	...	...	...	Cook Islands
9.8	(1990)	0.490	0.722	0.751	0.752	92	Fiji Islands
5.7	(1996)	...	...	...	...	...	Kiribati
...		...	...	...	...	...	Marshall Islands
8.9	(1998)	0.408	...	...	...	...	Micronesia, Fed. States of
...		...	...	...	...	...	Nauru
...		...	...	...	...	...	Palau
12.6	(1996)	0.509	0.482	0.540	0.523	137	Papua New Guinea
8.4	(2002)	0.440	0.714	0.715	0.776	74	Samoa
...		...	...	0.622	0.594	128	Solomon Islands
6.6	(2001)	0.354	...	...	0.513	140	Timor-Leste
9.7	(2001)	0.420	...	...	0.810	54	Tonga
...		...	...	...	...	...	Tuvalu
...		...	...	0.542	0.659	118	Vanuatu

Sources: ADB, *Poverty Database*.ADB, *Poverty in Asia: Estimates and Projections*.WB, *World Development Indicators Online* and *PovcalNet Database*.ADB, *Millennium Development Goals in the Pacific, Relevance and Progress*, March 2003.UNDP, *Human Development Report 2005* and past issues.UNDP, *Pacific Human Development Report 1999*.UNSD, *Millennium Development Indicators Database Online*.

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