

# INEQUALITY

FACT SHEET

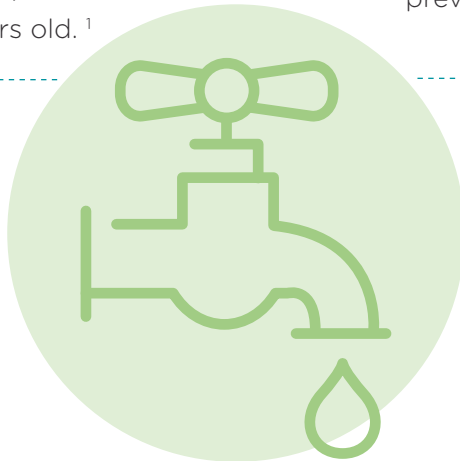
## POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

Based on a poverty line of €286.48 per week, **there are about 630,000 people living in poverty in Ireland** - that's 12.8% of the population. 97,013 (15.4%) are in employment, and 164,417 (26.1%) are under 16 years old. <sup>1</sup>

**2.2 billion people worldwide have a near or distance vision impairment.** The vision loss of over 1 billion people could have been prevented with adequate healthcare <sup>2</sup>



Worldwide, 644 million children under age 18 are classified as multidimensionally poor. **One in three children is poor** compared with one in six adults <sup>3</sup>



All of the global goals have suffered as a result of Covid-19. Since the pandemic began in 2020, at least **119 million more people are living in extreme poverty.** <sup>4</sup>

# 771 million people

worldwide **don't have access to clean water** near their homes.

1.7 billion people don't have a decent toilet of their own. <sup>5</sup>



**Women and girls put in 12.5 billion hours of unpaid work every day.** This includes:

**direct caring** for children, the sick or elderly

**indirect caring**, such as cooking, cleaning, fetching fuel & water, and shopping <sup>6</sup>

**The life expectancy of Irish citizens is around 81 years.**

People in the Central African Republic have the world's lowest life expectancy at 53 years. The global average is 72 years. <sup>7</sup>



The **richest 1%** in the world **own 43%** of the world's wealthy <sup>8</sup>



Global literacy rates have risen over the past 50 years. However, there are over **773 million people** on the planet **who are illiterate, and most are women.** <sup>9</sup>



<sup>1</sup> [Social Justice Ireland \(2021\)](#) | <sup>2</sup> [WHO \(2021\)](#) | <sup>3</sup> [Global Multidimensional Poverty Index \(2020\)](#) | <sup>4</sup> [United Nations \(2021\)](#) | <sup>5</sup> [WHO/UNICEF \(2021\)](#) | <sup>6</sup> [Oxfam International \(2020\)](#) | <sup>7</sup> [UNESCO UIS \(2021\)](#) | <sup>8</sup> [Credit Suisse \(2020\)](#) | <sup>9</sup> [World Bank \(2019\)](#)