

One out of each two children under 6 years lives in extreme poverty: CONEVAL

Approximately 40 million children and teenagers live in Mexico, and 21 million of them live in extreme poverty. Educational lagging is remarkable in the country, as well as the lack of health services and severe precarious conditions they have at home.



SUMMARY

In the country we are able to find a child who suffers from violence, who is not able to go to school, and who does not have access to regular health services so, this child is forced to run away from home and the community in order to find better opportunities somewhere else.

In Mexico five out of each 10 children under the age of 6 live in poverty; while one out of 10 lives in extreme poverty, as revealed in the statistics resulted from the study called “Pacto por la Primera Infancia” developed by the National Council for Evaluation of Social Development Policy (CONEVAL).

It is a remarkable fact that poverty also infringes on the rights of early childhood, which includes children from 0 to 6 years old. It affects their development, and it causes irreversible damage on the life of those children due to the limitations regarding basic services such as health and food.

The numbers obtained after that analysis show that 43.9 percent of the population is poor, and the percentage increases as we analyze the conditions of children under the age of 6 whose average is 54.3 percent.

From 2018 to 2020, poverty and extreme poverty levels among children in early stages increased by two percentual points. This problem increased from 52.5 percent to 54.3 percent, while extreme poverty increased from 9.9 percent to 11.8 percent.

40 million children and teenagers live in Mexico, which represents 35 percent of the population and it is alarming that more than half of them live in poverty, that is to say, about 21 million of them. This is a vulnerable sector with limited opportunities to make progress due to the different shortcomings and social problems they face in their environments.

The most common social shortenings that children face are: educational lagging, no access to health services, difficulties to have access to social security services, living in poor areas, limited access to basic services which are also important factors for their housing, as well as a severe lack of healthy food.

The international organization “Save the children” warned that in Mexico due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is estimated that 3.8 million children and teenagers might have to live in poverty in our country.

Analysis by State

The states with the highest levels of poverty among the children community are: Chiapas, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Puebla, and Veracruz. It is important to mention that those states are located in the South of the country.

For example, Chiapas is in the first position due to the fact that eight out of each 10 children live in poverty. In the other states the official number is seven out of each 10 children.

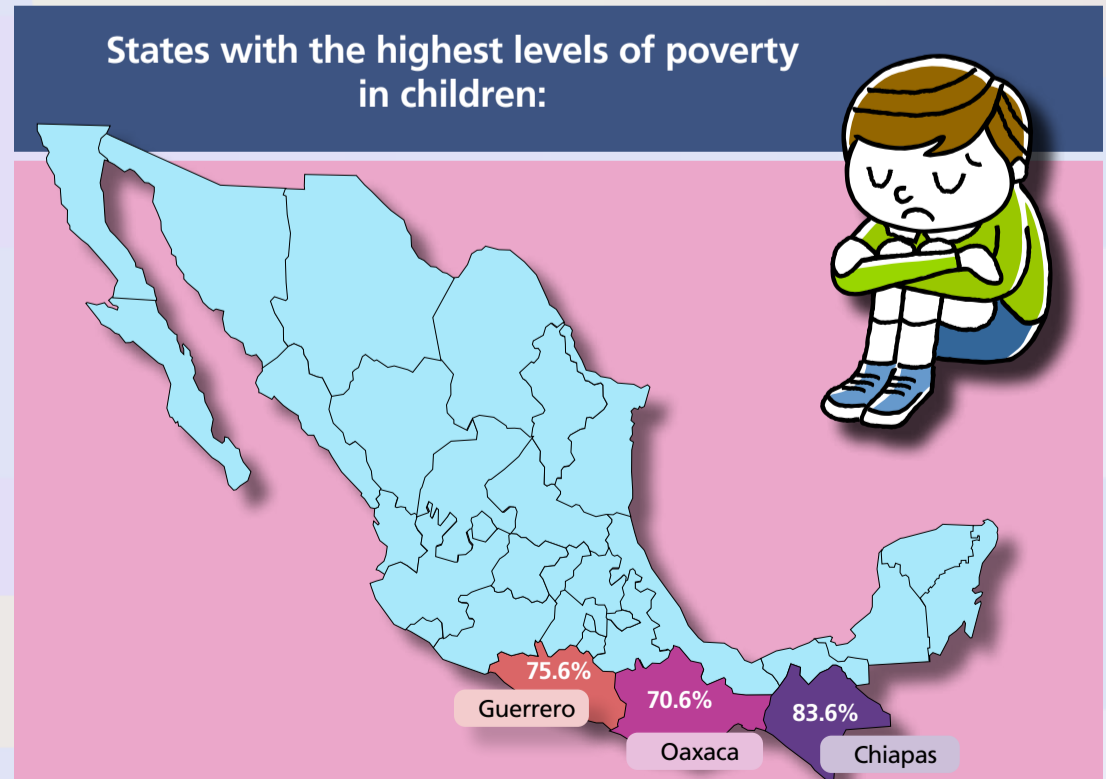


CONEVAL reports that a person lives in poverty when that person faces the effects of at least one social shortening and whose income is under 3 thousand 717 pesos per month in urban areas and 2 thousand 654 pesos in rural areas. That income is the minimum amount a person needs to fulfill his own basic food needs.

Support to vulnerable sectors

Congregación Mariana Trinitaria (CMT), has promoted and developed for more than 24 years a Welfare Ecosystem Model to combat poverty in Mexico so that basic needs that the society struggles with might be gradually fulfilled. The objective is combating different social shortenings, and giving chances to all the people to improve their quality of life.

Through its Network of Food, CMT has benefited thousands of Mexican families by promoting healthy food for children in order to take care of their health since their early years. Thanks to actions like these, and other 100 social programs that are being currently promoted, it is possible to have a positive impact on the daily lives of Mexican people.



CMT successful case

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