

## **Population Growth**

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At the present rate of growth of our population, we are already cover up the available resources of 1 ½ Earths, even though this planet is all we have at the moment. If we have chance of find another Earth where we can move, definetly half of our 7 billion population, move there. It's true that we are using up our finite supply of resources which also increases due to growing population. The Earth just can't keep up with us and our habit of wastage is not helping. It is a very big problem that we will face in future.

### **Effect of population growth on world:**

Some scientists believe that our advances in Science will help augment the demands of a growing population. But actually, further population growth should be a cause of concern.

By year 2025, definetly, we should be reaching a population between 8 to 10 billion and till year 2100, we will need 3 Earths to continue living the way we do. Means we don't have space for ourselves.

It's worthy to note that most of the projection for population growth in this century will happen in developing nations - which have difficulties coping with their current population and struggling with their economies. poor sanitation, illiteracy, wars, poverty,, poor waste management, decreasing natural resources and so on.

These countries have more pressing problems and they devote less time, budget and energy to addressing environmental issues – unlike the more developed countries. How will they cope if their population doubles? If you do the math, there will be a very big deficit.

The growing population affected the country-

1. There was a decrease in per capita food availability despite an increase in production.
2. Poor distribution of food resulting to hunger and deaths.
3. Shortage in medical facilities and services.

4. Problems with power shortage and distribution.
5. Lack of educational facilities and services.
6. Increased government debts.
7. Rising inflation.
8. Less employment opportunities.
9. More number of illiterates.
10. Difficulties in the implementation of state development programs.
11. Increased instances of crime.
12. Water shortage.
13. Increase in industrial and community waste.
14. Air, water and land pollution.
15. Increased density of population.

Rate of growth is not the only measurement of overpopulation. But density of population, we should also consider. For example, there are many countries in Africa whose growth rate is higher than India. But, they are not considered overpopulated since their density is less than 100 per square kilometer as compared to India's 324 because area of Africa is more than India.

Future population growth can only result to further degradation of our environment and more consumption of our natural resources will take place. And increase in population also causes more poor in health. Besides this, effects of global warming, which will surely worsen due to the increased carbon footprint.