

CAUSES & EFFECTS OF POVERTY ON SOCIETY, CHILDREN & VIOLENCE

Read the article and use at least 15 words and phrases from the box to answer the question: **What are the effects of poverty on people, children and society as a whole?**

vicious cycle	passed on from one generation to another	hereditary plague	
child labor	lack of basic hygiene	transmission of diseases	
alcohol and substance abuse	self-destructing habit	crippling accidents	
poor housing	a major cause	social tensions	divide a nation
income inequality	poorly distributed wealth	destabilize a country	
revolts	reflect on	lack of education	malnutrition
antisocial behavior	discrimination	social exclusion	aggressiveness
unrecoverable	highlights the importance		

Example answer:

Poverty creates a vicious cycle of handicaps and troubles that are passed on from one generation to another. The impact on people's lives is great. It is a major cause of poor housing and living conditions, lack of basic hygiene, transmission of diseases, self-destructing habits such as alcohol and substance abuse and crippling accidents due to unsafe working conditions.

Children are the most vulnerable victims of poverty and it reflects on their lack of education, malnutrition, child labor and violence. Discrimination and social exclusion often leads them to antisocial behavior and aggressiveness.

Society as a whole is affected by poor distribution of wealth and income inequality. Poverty causes social tensions and threatens to destabilize entire countries. The lack of jobs and high poverty levels may lead to revolts, the Arab Spring being one such example.