

CHAPTER 17

UNDERNUTRITION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

OVERVIEW

This chapter addresses the issue of undernutrition in the U.S. and the world. The causes and effects of hunger, malnutrition and famine are discussed. High-risk populations and countries are identified. Undernutrition in the US is addressed focusing on available programs, as well as factors and solutions related to hunger. Undernutrition in the developing world is also presented. Obstacles to solving the problem are examined and include: population control, food-to-population ratio, war and civil unrest, depletion of natural resources, inadequate infrastructure, debt and AIDS. The Looking Further section explores the role of biotechnology in expanding worldwide food availability and it's possible effects on undernutrition.