

ANYWHERE. ANYTHING. ABUNDANTLY MORE.

WORLD ORPHANS DAY

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Did you know there are over **150 million documented orphans** worldwide?

For context, that is more than [Russia's entire population](#)... and Russia is the 9th largest country in the world. Imagine if their whole population was orphaned children.

150 million children.

Let that number sink in for a minute or two...

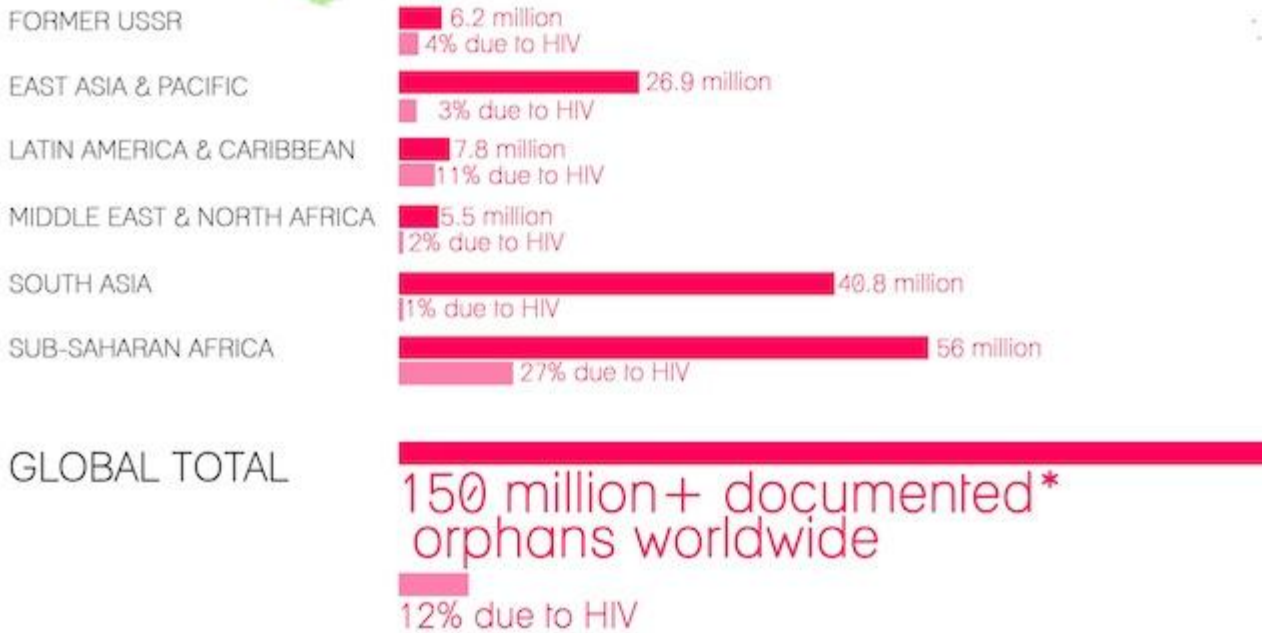
150 million children without a mom or a dad.

150 million children who probably weren't tucked into a warm bed last night with a hug and a kiss from someone who loves them recklessly.

150 million children whose birthdays may not be celebrated or even recognized.



WHERE IS THE GLOBAL ORPHAN CRISIS?



*WHO ISN'T COUNTED?



ORPHANS AS A SHARE OF POPULATION

Sub-Saharan Africa has both the highest number and highest share of child orphans in the world. Here are the 8 nations with the largest share of orphans - all located in southern Africa.

BOTSWANA
POPULATION: 2,021,144
ORPHANS: 8%

LESOTHO
POPULATION: 2,074,465



We want to highlight this because today, November 12, is [World Orphans Day](#).

The Lord has given Allen and I a [burden for orphan ministry](#) and it is a key component of how we are planning and preparing to serve in Togo (read more about it [here](#)). In fact, just the other day, we started talking about what it would look like for our family to still adopt internationally, rather than simply running an orphanage in Togo. And we don't know the answer to that yet, but we're excited to see how God could use our family, should He choose to do so.

In addition to providing the graphic below that highlights the Global Orphan Crisis, we wanted to share some other resources that could jumpstart your involvement in helping end this crisis (at least for one kiddo):