



## **AMERICA/UNITED STATES - 1.3 billion people worldwide live on less than \$ 1.25 a day**

Washington (Agenzia Fides) - More than 50% of the population living in extreme poverty are concentrated in China, India and Brazil. According to World Bank data, a total of 1.3 billion people live on less than \$ 1.25 a day, alarming figures only partially muffled by the fall, despite the crisis, in the richest countries. Since the beginning of the 80's, 600million people have been able to overcome poverty, reducing the percentage of the world's population living in extreme conditions from 42 to 19%. According to experts, this decline was due to the advancement of the main emerging countries, China, India and Brazil, where, however, more than 50% of the poor are concentrated. Currently, in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, respectively 571 and 386 million people live below the poverty line. South-east Asia, with 284 million people in this situation, is in third place, followed by America. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 03/04/2013)