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London (Agenzia Fides) - In the developing countries, and the poorest in the world, malnutrition has serious consequences in the field of literacy as well as being a major obstacle for progress against infant mortality. This is what is said in a recent study carried out by the International Programs of the NGO Save the Children. Because of chronic malnutrition a quarter of the children around the world have problems with school learning. According to the NGO that protects the rights of children, children who are victims of this phenomenon have a 20% less chance to learn to read and write than those who follow a proper diet. The malnourished children suffer irreversible damage, grow less, are weaker and their brain development is not complete. According to research, a poor diet heavily affects the ability of children to read a sentence or correctly answer simple mathematics questions, regardless of the level of education received. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 04/06/2013)