World Population Day is an annual event, observed on July 11 every year, which seeks to raise awareness of global population issues. The event was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989. It was inspired by the public interest in Five Billion Day on July 11, 1987—approximately the date on which the world’s population reached five billion people.

The entire world observes the United Nation Population Day on Saturday, 11 July to raise awareness on the issues of the growing population on our planet Earth.

The rising population has also led to issues like poverty, shortage of food, pollution, among others.

The theme for World Population Day 2015 is "vulnerable populations in emergencies highlighting the needs of women and adolescent girls during conflicts and humanitarian disasters".

"UNFPA works in emergency settings around the globe to respond to the rights and needs of women and girls, helping them maintain their dignity, securing their safety, and restoring their access to sexual and reproductive health care," notes UN website.

Current population

According to worldometers, the current population of the world is more than 7.32 billion
Most Populated Continent

Asia is the most populated among the seven continent with more than 4.384 billion people. It is followed by Africa - 1.166 billion, Europe - 743 million, South America - 415 million and North America - 361 million.

What do people do?

World Population Day aims to increase people’s awareness on various population issues such as the importance of family planning, including gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights. The day is celebrated worldwide by business groups, community organizations and individuals in many ways. Activities include seminar discussions, educational information sessions and essay competitions.