



# HungerFREE Children!

**A photo exhibition**

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At evening rush-hour, children earn a living by selling balloons to commuters outside central Bangalore's main bus terminal. This is a common sight in most of India's urban centers in an ironic contrast to the hyper economic growth. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





Domina, 10, does her homework on the pavement in central Kolkata, West Bengal. Unlike most of her community, Domina is fortunate as her mother knew someone in the municipal office allowing her birth to be registered under his home address. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





Children pass the time while an adult sleeps on the pavement in Kolkata, West Bengal. Children are undernourished and suffer the regular bouts of illness associated with living in unsanitary conditions. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





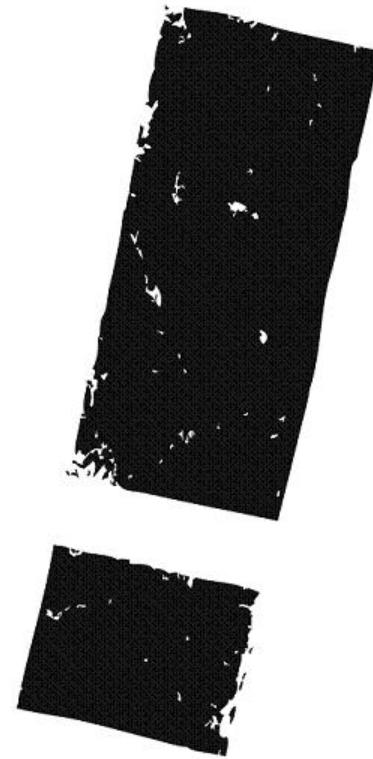
**End poverty. Together. End poverty. Together.**

A young girl performs on a trapeze in central Mysore. The girl and her family rely on her performance for an income. The wire on which she balances is a constructed and dismantled in a matter of seconds. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid



Hussain (centre), 7, studies with other homeless children at the Aashray Adhikar Abhiyan, Shelter Rights Campaign shelter at Fatehpuri, next to the Old Delhi Railway Station. Photo Credit: Sanjit Das/ActionAid





Children from the families of immigrants to the city of Bangalore live in improvised tent-like shelters close to Yeshwantpur Railway Station. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid



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Roopa, 11, attends Sampalka Shale Bridge School. She lives with her family in a tent-like structure beside the train track in Yeshwantpur. Her parents work as casual labourers on a construction site. A midday meal is provided to all children who attend.

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Despite the responsibilities of study, Mangala must care for her three year old sister Kirti while at school. She lives with her parents and two younger sisters in a tent-like structure beside the train track in Yeshwantpur. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





Mangala (white dress) with sisters Asha, age three months, and Kirti, 3, outside their home with local children. Mangala's mother Sunnanda stands in the background. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





Gulapsa Bano, 9, in a craft class at the Project Guriya school in Benares, Uttar Pradesh. Guriya works on the rights of sex workers. The Project shut down twelve of Benares' brothels in 2006 and freed almost 50 girls trafficked for sex work. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





Mohammad Rizwan, 10, and his clay model of a computer made in a craft class at the school run by Project Guriya in Benares, Uttar Pradesh. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





Mohammad Rizwan adding finishing touches to his clay model of a computer made in a craft class at the school run by Project Guriya. Photographer's Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





Children carry tools for their parents employed in digging a well in Sahariya community village in Madhya Pradesh as part of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA). It provides at least 100 days of employment for every rural household. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





Two girls dressed for school at home in Shankargarh village, Madhya Pradesh. The local school, established in 2003, as a part of the Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan. They are the first generation in the family to attend school. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





Rajendra Singh Yadav with Utam Sahariya at the local school in Shankargarh village, Madhya Pradesh. Utam is a 5th Standard. He used to avoid school but since the introduction of a midday meal he now goes to school every day. Photo Credit: Tom Pietrasik/ActionAid





Mithun Mandal in the village school in Barhet, Bihar. A functional government school and community involvement in its working is critical for children from oppressed communities to attend school regularly. Photo Credit: Liba Taylor/ActionAid





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Coronation Street star Sally Whittaker started sponsoring 13 year old Reena Rawat in 1999 after a trip she took with us to southern India. Since then she has received letters and updates on Reena's progress every year but never thought she would get the chance to actually meet her.

Photographer's Credit: Des Willie/ActionAid





ActionAid took Coronation Street star Sally Whittaker and her 12 year old daughter, Phoebe, to Rajasthan, northwest India to meet the child they have been sponsoring for the past eight years. Photographer's Credit: Des Willie/ActionAid





Coronation Street star Sally Whittaker and her 12 year old daughter, Phoebe at a school in Rajasthan. Photo Credit: Des Willie/ActionAid





A young boy walks along railway station platform in Bhopal. Driven away from their homes because of poverty and abuse, thousands of children end up living on the platforms across India. It is a tough life for them as they face drug abuse and violence at the hands of police. ActionAid runs daycare centers for them. They are offered care, medicines and education. Photo Credit: Atul Loke/Panos Pictures/ActionAid



### Fact:

Every second child in India drops out of school before turning 14. Of every 100 children who drop out, 66 are girls. The country is home to world's largest child labourers under 14.

### Action:

ActionAid works with child labourers, street **children** and those living on railway platforms, disabled children, and children of manual scavengers, sex workers and migrant workers.

### Result

We worked with government schools to get over 55,000 children enrolled. 2,428 schools started giving quality meals and close to 700 schools were made functional in 2008-09.



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