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## ARTIST STATEMENT

The collection that I have been shown about poverty are obvious or hidden pictures of the poor condition of people in the streets of countries with poor statistics. We often think that poverty is the lack of money. However, we do not know what poverty is or who is poor? Poverty is not only hunger or lack of money. It is not naked, neither is lack of money. Who is poor? Let's take a new look at the concept of poverty to understand who is poor? Poverty means "not having", but not just having "money". Besides, it means "having" but living "poorly". Poverty means not being happy with the happiness of others, but it means being greedy despite having money and health. Poverty means not knowing, not wanting and finally not being able to. I began creating this challenge for doing this project: 1. Recording natural images of the normal position of people who are involved in poverty (since many of them are reluctant and run away from talking to people and taking pictures due to security threats). 2-Getting the experience of their lifestyle with imagine myself in their place so that I can show the situation well and in detail. I am inspired by poverty and its devastating consequences; moreover, I have utilized them in new combinations for others to see them in a new frame. These frames may not be beautiful and heartwarming. My main target is to interpret and touch this unpleasant situation.























