

Captions:

Street child, where do you come from?

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Photo 01 - Ángel, in front of her house, not long ago.



Photo 02 - Wooden huts near the centre of Lima. These ramshackle huts, with neither water nor electricity, are not a new phenomenon. They form shanty towns, or Pueblos Jóvenes in Peruvian.



Photo 03 - Lima is made up of 43 districts. It is estimated that 68% of the city is or has been built as shanty towns.



Photo 04 - People have been flocking to Lima for the past twenty years, space is at a premium and urban planning is non-existent. Most children do not go to school so the street is their only playground.



Photo 05 - This is the house of Angel and her family. She is constantly moving between her home and life on the street. Chickens in the cages visible on the right of the photo are a cheap and simple source of food.



Photo 06 -
Javier, Angel's nephew, at home.



Photo 07 -
Javier, bored in his Pueblos Jóvenes shanty town.



Photo 08 -
Anderson, who used to live on the street, has come back to live with his family recently. Here he is accompanied by his father, his cousin and his uncle.



Photo 09 -
Jorge, Anderson's brother, on his birthday. The gesture he is making carelessly with his right hand is in fact a sign of recognition between street gangs.



Photo 10 -
Anderson's uncle, in the only armchair in the house, watches the television, squeezed between the huge manger and the "wall of sound".



Photo 11 -
Anderson, during his brother's birthday party.



Photo 12 - Street children meet up on public squares, in the evening, to play, flirt and do drugs.



Photo 13 - Jesus Jonatan taking terokal from his bolsa. Terokal, the main drug used by children in the streets, is a cheap, toxic glue that they inhale from a plastic bag.



Photo 14 - Giulana, lost in thought, surrounded by her street friends.



Photo 15 - Daniel, waiting for the “leche” round, a cake and a glass of milk, distributed by some associations to children living in the street.



Photo 16 - Juan Carlos will soon be an adult. He will soon no longer be able to depend on homeless childrens’ charities for for support.



Photo 17 - Diego, after the “leche” (milk) distribution.



Photo 18 -

Gabriel, known to his friends as “el mono” (the monkey) because of apparent mental problems, most likely due to Terokal abuse.



Photo 19 -

A medical consultation for children was organized in the street to diagnose diseases such as TB as well as to advise girls in case of pregnancy.



Photo 20 -

Jarib, playing a game where participants must follow a course while balancing a lemon on a spoon.



Photo 21 -

Luis. The children of the streets often commit “minor” crimes such as theft, taking drugs, or simply gathering in public places. If convicted they are taken to rehabilitation institutions.



Photo 22 -

Cristian. In certain rehab centres, the children follow courses such as one called “self esteem”. It involves writing on a sheet of paper the qualities they see in their colleagues and in themselves.



Photo 23 -

Yeffeson, in rehab, his attention drawn by what’s happening outside.