

NYC Exhibit Shows Children with AIDS

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More than 2 million children around the world live with the AIDS virus and fewer than 5 percent are being treated.

Now, hundreds of youths in India, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Romania and Mexico are picking up cameras to record images of lives disrupted by the disease.

13-year-old Meroz Pillarisetty photographs are part of a New York exhibit, Picturing Hope: Through their Eyes.

Meroz says it is his responsibility to help these children, especially if their parents left them by the side of the road.

The exhibit, running through January 8th at the Asia Society, is named after the "Picturing Hope" project started by Craig Bender, a 40-year-old American photographer based in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Bender said he would enter villages in India and Africa and see these lost children sometimes, their parents have died of AIDS, and they had to become adults overnight."

Bender gave the 14 youths 35 milimeter point-and-shoot cameras he had bought two years ago from a wholesaler.