

# Photographing the unseen

Photographer G.M Akash uncover the plight of people that seldom make the news. Not only in his native Bangladesh, but all over South Asia as these pictures show.

Jainal works in a cooking-pot factory. He is 11 years old. He has been working in this factory for three years. His work starts at 9 am and ends at 6pm. He gets 700 taka (10 USD) a month. His parents are so poor that they cannot afford to send him to school. According to the factory owner, the parents do not care for their children. They send their kids to work for money. They even don't feel sorry for these small kids. Dhaka 2008.



Women pick tea on a plantation in Elkaduwa Matle Area. Tea is one of the countries main export crops. The tea pickers' wages depend on how many leaves they collect. Their average earnings are about \$60 a month. There is a growing resentment among tea garden workers in the hilly part of the country - home to most of the tea plantations. For them, the tsunami has highlighted how much they have been ignored. They feel money has come in for tsunami relief but their plight has been forgotten. Sri Lanka 2008.

Ratan (11) looking for shelter after his home was submerged by flood waters. Monsoon rains caused flooding in 40 of Bangladesh's 64 districts, displacing up to 30 million people and killing several hundred. Munshigonj, Dhaka .

