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Touching photo series about a doctor, who provides medical care for poor and homeless people

Poor people die earlier. The mortality rate of people affected by poverty in our society has increased significantly. 31 percent of men affected by poverty do not reach the age of 65.

Poverty thus means not »only« less social participation opportunities, but also having to die younger in one of the wealthiest countries on the planet. Illness leads to poverty, and poverty leads to illness.

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Trabert strives to break this vicious cycle and has thus been treating poor and homeless people in Mainz and the surrounding region for 20 years. He greets his patients with great respect – patients who, even when they are insured, often do not visit a doctor out of fear of stigmatization. Trabert estimates that, of the approximately 18,000 people in Germany who live on the street, 90 percent require long-term medical attention. Andreas Reeg accompanied the physician and his homeless patients for three years. The result is the photo project that calls on the viewer to not look away and scrutinizes the notion of equity with images full of respect.

Andreas Reeg is a Frankfurt-based photographer specializing in portraits and stories, both for editorial and corporate clients. His work has appeared in numerous international publications including *Geo*, *Stern*, *Der Spiegel*, *Die Zeit*, *Financial Times*, *The Guardian*, and *The Wall Street Journal*, as well as in annual reports and corporate magazines.

In his personal works, he deals with socially relevant issues. His first photobook, *Menschen mit Down-Syndrom* (Kehrer 2003), was awarded the German Photo Book Prize.

Between 2012 and 2014, Andreas Reeg had two Visiting Professorships at University of Applied Sciences Mainz. Currently, he is advising some of his former students on their Bachelor studies on a volunteer basis.

»There is no photo where you feel the photographer in the room. With his unobtrusive approach, Reeg always manages to win the trust of people and make them forget the camera is there. This opens to him and to us an intimate view on sensitive topics – both genuine and true to life.« *GEO Magazine*

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