

## **Difficulty of Solving “Street Children”**

### 1. Motivation behind Research Paper

Today, there are many kinds of social problems in the world and they make us worry about them day after day. You should have heard about environmental issues caused by environmental destruction from people such as global warming and liquefaction phenomenon. Besides that, there is a problem that people worry about. They are “Street Children”, children who are forced to live on the streets. The trigger that I found is caused by having seen a certain animated work. It contains the selling of child soldiers, a description that children are forced to join a war in a disregard of their wishes. It gave me a big impact and motivated me to research if the gruesome thing is real. And while searching about child soldiers in the world, I got information about street children. I also wondered if there are more peaceful and befitting workplaces and lives. Therefore, I decided to do research on this problem as a topic of my thesis theme.

### 2. Introduction

Street children are the general term of the children who haven't been under enough protections and live on roads. According to “Save the Children” by USAID, we can categorise them into 4 kinds of types. First, the children who don't have their houses and receive no support from their families. Second, the children who can go home but spend their time on roads. Third, children who live with their families are

homeless. Fourth, children who are supported by organisations like UNICEF but there's a possibility that they may go back to the places which they lived before.

According to the website of Consortium for Street Children, street children live around the world and they are often seen in advancing nations like Asia, Africa, Latin America areas. Many street children did not lose their families and homes. However, they appear on roads just to work and earn money. There are also many street children in big cities such as Manila, Calcutta. However there are more street children in Latin American cities such as Mexico, São paulo, and Rio de Janeiro. In those countries whose people are influenced by Christianity, family collapses can happen easier than those of Asian countries, from "What are street children" Spaceship Earth. It is because a person in those countries is treated as an individual against a person in Asian areas treated as a member of his family from thoughts of religions. The number of street children all over the world haven't been counted correctly, and it has been said to be about one hundred million to one hundred and fifty million. We can think it was caused by the rapidly increasing population of street children and living with the whole family, including street children. It gives research Institutes difficulty of measurement for population of street children.

### 3. Results and Analysis

#### Street children's sources of income

Their sources of income are working, begging, and prostitutes. The work includes calling taxis, making clothes, and so on. They are safe tasks but they include dangerous work such as mining too. Also, their salaries are so low that they can allow children to live somehow in only one day. As a result, there is a possibility that

they can be beggars, people who don't do any work and are on the scrounge tips and items from tourists. Their salaries are about a few hundred yen to one thousand yen. They can allow children to live without working. It makes children's way to get something depend on other people. So they eventually pickpocket even though they have been adults. Prostitutions makes children lose opportunities to get abilities too.

### The problems of street children

The first one of them is drug abuse. Street children are forced to work in harsh environments by the surrounding situations. So they come to use drugs to run away from front suffering. In addition, using drugs make users try to take them again and again. It gives dealers huge profits and expansion of the place to sell them. Also, children share syringes to take drugs, so they can get HIV.

The biggest problem of street children is that they can't grow up healthy on their bodies and mentalities. As I mentioned in the previous part, many street children don't have enough abilities to get food themselves. So their health conditions are unstable. Also, children use drugs to escape from reality. As a result, they grow wild.

In addition, they have a risk on their mentalities. Many of them lost their intimate people who protect and give them love. On the contrary, they are treated as annoying children by the police. So they are often arrested and committed violations just by living as usual. Due to that, street children cannot make relationships with adults. And it is difficult for children to get along with other children because their lives are unsettled. So they have difficulty making sustainable relationships. Thus, their spiritual developments are hindered.

#### 4. Conclusion and Future Problems

As you have read this paper, street children have many problems. However, all of them occur overseas and are difficult to solve. So we can't solve them easily, even meddle in them. It is difficult for us to manage them, but the problems must be finished, to give children safe lives.

#### 5. Reflection

To be honest, we cannot help street children in the world directly. However, we won't solve the problems if we don't see the present situation and do something about it. Even if we aren't able to solve problems, we should recognize them and tell people problems. It is the most important thing to walk to the solutions.

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