A Sociological Study Of Street Children In Ghana: Victims Of Kinship Breakdown And Rural-urban Migration

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This work examines the plight of street children in Ghana and the insufficiencies of government programs designed to assist them. There is consensus that the presence of children on urban streets constitutes a global problem with serious social and economic implications. In fact, the United Nations Children's Fund estimates at least three hundred million children live on urban streets worldwide, with a huge fraction of this number, coming from the Read More. Keywords: Street children, rural communities, socio-demographic characteristics.

INTRODUCTION

The term street children has many definitions in different settings. Perhaps demonstrating the fact that street children are not a homogeneous group and that the particular circumstance dictates who should be included in the definition. Overall, it could be said that the phenomenon of the street child in the rural perspective differs from the urban perception which is largely concerned with those usually living rough and existing outside the family framework. We thus recommend that further studies be conducted on the phenomenon of the street child in rural and/or peri-urban communities.