

**PROBLEMS FACED BY STREET CHILDREN,
A CASE STUDY OF THIKA TOWN.**

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ABSTRACT

Street Children phenomena in Kenya like the rest of the world are critical global issue that is, in many ways, a by-product of rapid globalization, structural adjustment programs, and increasing poverty and urbanization. Street families have become part of the landscape in most Kenyan cities and towns. Many Kenyans are fearful of street children and look upon them as criminals, due in part to their increasingly bold begging and extortion techniques.

The study adopted both qualitative and quantitative method research design, it sought to make an analysis into the problems facing street children in Thika town., and try to establish their origin. Data was collected using questionnaires. The drop and pick method was used to collect data. The structured questions were used to facilitate in easier analysis as they are in immediate usable form; while the unstructured questions were used so as to encourage the respondent to give an in-depth response without feeling held back in revealing any information. The collected data was analyzed, tabulated and presented using pie charts and bar graphs.

From the data collected and presented, the research drew a correlation between the findings and the objectives and made conclusion after making critical analysis, recommendations made.