Urban Philanthropic Activities and Street Children: A Comparative Study
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Abstract

In her study, Elizabeth Nandudu addresses the serious and, in some regions of the world, growing problem of street children. Her approach is comparative and she attempts to delineate best practices employed by nonprofits in the United States (Covenant House) and Brazil (the Abrinq Foundation) that could be adopted to strengthen efforts underway in Kampala. The paper develops a conceptual framework that includes causes, conditions, methods of survival, and the societal implications for a country having a large population of homeless children. She offers several solution models (rescue, child empowerment, re-integration, and family empowerment) and suggests that an “alternative community foundation model” could best integrate the diverse and multi-level efforts (from fundraising to programming and networking) needed to successfully combat homelessness among children.

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