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The problem of street children is universal phenomenon. It is comparatively very high in those countries where there is rapid growth of urbanization. The number of street children has grown in recent decades because of widespread recession, political turmoil, civil unrest, increasing family disintegration, natural disaster, and growing urbanization. The street children could be orphaned or abandoned children or simply neglected or runaways. They could be with or without family. They are also termed as community children. Because of the various reasons such as family causes, social causes, economic causes, political causes that force them to be in the street. Many social organizations and service centers are mushrooming throughout the country with a motto to support needy street children. However, we cannot see much change brought to the lives of these street children. There is a lack of coordinated and concentrated effort to address this problem collectively. Because of the lack of street child legislation it is extremely difficult to monitor the performance of such centers and government organizations.

To provide help to needy street children is very important. A sincere effort to make parents, NGOs, governmental organizations and social centers aware is the need of time. While doing this dissertation work, I felt that it was important to incorporate street child status of the other continent of the world as well for comparison. Developed countries have established street children online helpdesk and other regulatory bodies, which develop regulation and strategic plan for the betterment of street children. The question that strikes me is that can not we use some part of our limited resources for the benefit of street children? Can not we run a focused program? Can't we develop legislation for street child right? Can't we change our social and cultural attitude toward street children? These are some of the striking questions in my mind that drive me to do thesis work in this topic. More importantly, the study is not supported financially by any organizations/institutions and therefore I tried to use internet facility extensively.

During the research, 50 samples from Kalanki were taken along with semi observation technique to acquire relevant information and data. Secondary data from social workers and NGOs are used significantly.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BS	:	Bikram Sambat
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistic
CRS	:	Child Right Convention
CS	:	Chandrodaya Shelter
CWIN	:	Child Workers in Nepal
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Product
GNP	:	Gross National Product
HDI	:	Human Development Index
ILO	:	International Labour Organization
INGO	:	International Non Government Organization
JJ Act	:	Juvenile justice Act
km	:	kilometer
m <sup>3</sup>	:	cubic meter
m	:	meter
NGO	:	Non Governmental Organization
NRs	:	Nepali currency
P	:	Page
SF	:	Swiss Franc
SLA	:	South Lebanon Army
UK	:	United Kingdom
UN	:	United Nation
UNCRC	:	United Nation Child Right Convention
UNICEF	:	United Nation International Children Education Fund
UNDP	:	United Nation Development Program
US \$	:	United State's currency
Yrs	:	Years
%	:	Percentage