



AFRICA/ANGOLA - A new home for street children

Luanda (Agenzia Fides) - In Luanda, Angola, there are many children who sleep in the streets, in deserted houses or in parks, inhale gasoline to try to cope with hunger and to give themselves courage to survive on the streets.

Thanks to a new initiative of the Salesian missionaries, for some of these young children a new life begins.

We are talking about the St. Kizito home, a reception center that functions as a day and night center. Children can wash themselves, eat, play and sleep. At the moment there are 600 children and young people, and every week more than 250 adolescents go to the center. In Angola there are thousands of children who abandon their families or who are orphaned and end up on the streets.

"Open your arms so that no one takes a step back" is the motto of this new center. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 12/11/2012)