



AFRICA/SENEGAL - The phenomenon of the 'talibé' continues to worsen: 20,000 every day in Dakar alone

Dakar (Agenzia Fides) - Thousands of children are forced to beg on the streets of Dakar just to have a hope of survival. These are known as 'talibé', boys and girls who live on the streets of Senegal and in other parts of Africa. The streets of Dakar are full of these little ones who ask for something to eat. According to the NGO Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) there are more than 20,000 every day. Globally, there are more than 250 million. Compounding this phenomenon in Africa and Asia are increasing rates of HIV, armed conflicts and natural disasters that affect these areas. The NGO Plan, which deals with the protection of children's rights in the world, also added that children living on the streets suffer severe discrimination, being considered criminals and prostitutes. It is necessary for society to become aware of the need to reduce the vulnerability of young 'talibé' by involving them in the education system, in order to improve their living conditions and their general protection. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 17/04/2013)