

Abstract

This research report arises from greater concern over the need to document knowledge on Empowering Street Children Sustainably. It covers a context analysis and Management of Transformative Diaconia in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Eastern Coast Diocese. Specifically, it aims at finding how the Church helps street children by empowering them sustainably and how the Diaconic activities are carried out in the Parish level of Evangelical Lutheran Church ECD. The reason of the choice of this study lies on the fact that, the researcher discovered that the Church is doing excellent work in helping street children but needed better ways of empowering street children sustainably. Therefore, the researcher was encouraged to find out how the Church can undertake other possible means of empowering street children to be sustainable by assessing and examining the current programs being carried out for them. The study focuses on collected findings from diverse groups to discover; what are the existing structures of Diaconia in ECD and to what extent are they capable of addressing Street Children needs? What are the factors influencing street children in Tanzania? Do the ECD Parishes have a strategic plan of empowering street children? How can Parishes of the ECD empower street children? The definition of terms related to study have also been discussed. The study collected information from 10 parishes from ELCT, ECD (Pastors and workers). Key informants that were purposively selected include Children who living on the street (street children), Parents of street children, Head office of ELCT, ECD Social department, Rehabilitation centers, and the public leaders from 3 Municipals of Dar es Salaam. The methods employed for data collection were interviews, observation and Literature, group discussion and documentations. The outcome of the thesis sets a strategic plan of empowering street children sustainably and provides recommendations to the Society, Church, NGOs and other Children's Agents.

The findings reveal that, the sustainable ways of empowering street children are by listening their needs and interests, for the extensive outcomes.