

<b>Thesis Title</b>	Towards Public-Private-People Partnerships for Solving the Phenomenon of Street Children in Lome, Togo
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## **ABSTRACT**

In recent years, the city of Lomé in Togo has experienced a phenomenon of children living on the streets. They find themselves in a condition of precariousness and instability, which exposes them to social insecurity and dangers due to their poverty. Several studies explain the problems of street children in Lomé by the effects of poverty and the lack of adequate social services in certain localities without paying attention to the phenomena of urbanization, which impact greatly the migration of people towards urban environments, where they can search for better living conditions. This study, therefore, focuses on the effect of urbanization and the reasons for the phenomenon of street children in Lome and the challenges they face. Through the use of a qualitative method based on the interview of participants composed of public services, international organizations and private sectors, and community leaders as well as parents living in the city of Lomé, and based on secondary data from documents, this thesis addresses the different causes of this phenomenon of street children in Lomé with particular emphasis on the contribution of urbanization as one of the important causes of this phenomenon. The findings of this study showed that the weakness of the existing public-private-people partnership does not make it possible to provide lasting solutions to the needs of street children. The study proposes to revitalize the partnership between the different actors. The government must develop and implement a protection policy

that addresses the problems of children. Stakeholders must put in place basic social services at all levels to avoid the displacement of parents and children to the country's major cities. Reduce the level of poverty through job creation and vocational training centers for young people.

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