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FORMER STREET CHILDREN'S
EXPERIENCE OF SUCCESS**

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ABSTRACT

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The study uncovers the life of former street children and their experience of success. The research made use of phenomenological approach in presenting the textual and structural descriptions of the lived experience of former street children. The participants' experiences range from domestic violence and conflicts to dysfunctional family and lack of moral judgment; from humiliating poverty to poor government social program; from gang war encounter to immersion with street children.

Study shows that street children are full of potentials and capabilities, resilient people, deeply rooted in faith with God but needed role models and unwavering support from an institution. Street children interpreted success as reintegration into mainstream society.

It is highly recommended that the street children be given a more comprehensive relocation program, sustainable program for children at risk through DSWD and the right to education and job opportunities to help them leave a life of suffering in the street.