

ABSTRACT

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Child exploitation through child labor by families and close individuals is a form of discriminatory behavior and action, with or without the victim's consent, aimed at personal gain. The purpose of this study is to examine the exploitation of street children in the Alun-alun area of Bojonegoro, East Java. This research uses a descriptive qualitative research method. Data collection is carried out through observation, interviews, and documentation. The data analysis techniques used are data reduction, data presentation, and conclusion drawing. The results of the study show that (1) Economic exploitation of street children is carried out by parents and third parties or employers, influenced by several factors including low family income, low parental education, family disharmony or breakdown, and environmental influences; (2) There is evidence of early sexual exploitation; (3) Physical exploitation of street children is carried out by parents and others by instructing children to do tasks or placing them in heavy and dangerous jobs; (4) Social exploitation experienced by street children takes the form of humiliation, with the use of inappropriate words that can negatively affect the emotional development of the child. The conclusion is that various forms of economic, physical, and social exploitation, as well as early sexual exploitation, are occurring among street children in the Alun-alun area of Bojonegoro, carried out by parents, family members, and others.

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