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Various problems of street children were reported. Family breakdown, parental death, poor connection with biological parents, Child abuse and neglect and illiteracy were the most commonly reported social adversity among children under consideration. Poverty, family breakdown, child abuse and neglect, are mostly the member.

However, their problems were not only social problems, as many psychological problems were detected. Great link was reported between adverse life events that they are passing through and psychiatric symptoms different and disorders. Conduct disorder (CD), attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), oppositional deviant disorder (ODD), and disruptive behavior disorder not otherwise specified were commonly elicited.

They were either diagnosed separately or comorbidly. Anxiety symptoms, depressive symptoms and substance abuse were also comorbidly reported among such children and adolescents.

Street children regardless their sex are at high risk for the use of harmful substances that are mostly abused by them and commonly lead to dependence especially Kolla inhalation and Cigarette smoking.

They are mostly poly substance users (1-9 substances). Using drugs as early as at the age of 8 and for a duration that may be up to 8 years. They commonly start substance use early in their street lives and consumed

substances for many reasons that help them to cope with street peers and street life disadvantages.

Early detection of new street members can offer great help in reduction of their consuming substances in the first days of street life. Counseling programs especially peer to peer counseling as well as social and psychological supports should be given to such children as early as possible.

Staff of street children institutions should look after individual resiliency traits as well as family and environmental factors that could offer great help in developing coping skills of such children. Also emergency management of acute drug intoxication should be part of the services offered to street children in their shelters