

## STREETS OF THE CHILDREN: STREET-WORKING CHILDREN PHENOMENON IN TURKEY

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### ABSTRACT

*This study is a descriptive one that tries to describe and understand the socio-demographic characteristics and solidarity networks of the street-working children, and meaning they attribute to their working on the street. The research was conducted as an exhaustive one between 2006- 2009 on 931 street working children in eight cities of Turkey. This study claims to be a unique contribution to the literature on street-working children focusing on the strengths of the children such as the solidarity networks they establish and exploring the meaning they attribute to the place they turn into a space. These two are also the factors that make Turkey distinctive in terms of street-working children.*

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