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Abstract

Street begging is a form of social vice that has been in existence from time immemorial. It can entail the using of a child or a disabled person on the street to beg either with or without his consent. Overtime, different statutes have been enacted to reduce the menace of street begging in Nigeria but it is quite unfortunate that there are a lot of factors inhibiting the eradication of street begging through the help of laws in Nigeria. The inadequacies and the insincerity of the law makers for making appropriate decisions have been a major problem facing the eradication of street begging in Nigeria. Majority of people begging on the street are children. It is generally observed that the future of those engaging in street begging is at risk due to its negative effects.

Thus, this research work also considered many factors that militate against the eradication of street begging in Nigeria by exploring relevant laws put in place to curb the menace of street begging in Nigeria.

The researcher explored and adopted legal doctrinal method that is a library - oriented research by search for primary and secondary sources of information which included the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), Criminal Code Act, Penal Code Act, Child Right Act, Universal Declaration of Human Right, relevant textbooks, journals and articles.

The study showed that the street begging is more prominent in the Northern Nigeria than in the Southern part due to the practice of Almajeri and poverty. It equally exposes the factors militating against the eradication of street begging to include the plurality of the legal system of Nigeria and the non - enforcement of the available laws.

The study concluded that the pluralistic nature of our current laws is an hinderance to achieving a unified legal system against the eradication of street begging in Nigeria.

Keywords: *Child, Child Labour, Street Begging, Human Dignity and Nigeria*

List of Acronyms

Acronyms	Meaning
ACHPR	African Charter on Human and People's Right
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CFRN	Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
CRA	Child's Rights Act
CRPD	Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CYPA	Children and Young Persons Act
DAW	Division for the Advancement of Women
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
INGOs	International Non- Governmental Organization
ILO	International Labour Organization
JAMB	Joint Admission and Matriculation Board
JONAPWD	Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities
NECO	National Examination Council
NGOs	Non – Government Organizations
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
SERAP	Socio- Economic Rights And Accountability Project
WAEC	West African Examination Council
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights

UN	United Nations
UNICEF	United Nation Children Emergency Fun

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