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Build care centres for street children

One Saturday morning, I was walking on the streets of Kampala and came across street kids covering themselves with paper wrappings and rags on shop verandas. I was really touched because I realised these children's future is unknown. As I walked on, the business people started flocking in and to my amazement, many of the children woke up and started begging for money and anything edible from whoever came their way.

Many of these kids come from as far as Karamoja and the question of how they get here is still unanswered. With faces that depict misery and hopelessness, these kids loiter around the city in search of survival. Some of them are said to be orphans or come from badly off families. But I have also come to learn that some of the children are sent to the streets by relatives to get money for their families to buy food.

We should not forget that among these street kids are potentially great people - future doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc. All they need is an opportunity to go to school. Government should come up with a programme to build care centres in the different parts of the country for them.

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