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The Menace of Child Abuse in Nigeria: A Case Study of Street Hawking in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State

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ABSTRACT In Nigeria, children face the menace of abuse ranging from physical injuries, abandonment, sexual abuse to child labour. In fact, child abuse is becoming alarming in the country. Government's efforts to combat the problem have yielded little or no result. This study therefore, examines street hawking (a form of child labour) and its consequences on children in Uyo, a city in Nigeria. It also appraises recent intervention to the problem. The result showed that unemployment and poverty are the major causes of child hawking in the area. It recommended that punitive measures should be taken against children who engage in hawking as well as their parents.