

ABSTRAK

Dasia Arta Simbolon, Nim 3213322015. Fenomena Kehidupan Anak Jalanan Di Komplek Medan Metropolitan Trade Center/ MMTC (Jalan Williem Iskandar Pasar V Pancing, Medan). Skripsi. Program Studi Pendidikan Antropologi, Fakultas Ilmu Sosial, Universitas Negeri Medan. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis fenomena kehidupan anak jalanan di Komplek Medan Metropolitan Trade Center (MMTC) Medan, khususnya mengenai hubungan lingkungan pertemanan sebagai pendorong anak turun ke jalanan serta peran pertemanan dalam pekerjaan yang mereka lakukan. Penelitian ini dilakukan di kawasan MMTC, Jalan Williem Iskandar Pasar V Pancing, Medan yang merupakan salah satu pusat aktivitas ekonomi dan titik berkumpulnya anak jalanan. Metode yang digunakan adalah penelitian kualitatif dengan pendekatan fenomenologi, melalui observasi, wawancara mendalam, dan dokumentasi terhadap 10 informan anak jalanan. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa keputusan anak turun ke jalanan tidak hanya didasari oleh kondisi ekonomi, akan tetapi ajakan teman dan kebutuhan akan penerimaan sosial dalam kelompok. Selain itu, pertemanan berperan penting dalam aktivitas kerja mereka memberi rasa aman, kebersamaan, serta melakukan berbagai pekerjaan seperti mengamen, mengemis, memulung, dan berjualan. Kehidupan di jalan bagi anak-anak tidak hanya menjadi ruang bertahan hidup, tetapi juga membangun identitas, rasa aman, dan makna sosial dalam komunitas mereka.

Kata Kunci: Anak Jalanan, Pertemanan, Fenomenologi, Medan



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Dasia Arta Simbolon, NIM. 3213322015. The Phenomenon of Street Children's Lives in the Medan Metropolitan Trade Center/MMTC Complex (Jalan Williem Iskandar Pasar V Pancing, Medan). Thesis. Anthropology Education Study Program, Faculty of Social Sciences, State University of Medan. This study aims to analyze the phenomenon of street children in the Medan Metropolitan Trade Center (MMTC) complex, particularly regarding the relationship between their social environment as a factor driving them to the streets and the role of friendship in the work they do. This research was conducted in the MMTC area, Jalan Williem Iskandar Pasar V Pancing, Medan, which is one of the centers of economic activity and a gathering point for street children. The method used was qualitative research with a phenomenological approach, through observation, in-depth interviews, and documentation of 10 street children informants. The results of the study show that the decision to take to the streets is not only based on economic conditions, but also on peer pressure and the need for social acceptance within the group. In addition, friendships play an important role in their work activities by providing a sense of security and togetherness, as well as enabling them to do various jobs such as busking, begging, scavenging, and selling. Life on the streets for these children is not only a means of survival, but also a way of building identity, security, and social meaning within their community.

Keywords: Street Children, Friendship, Phenomenology, Medan

