

DISSERTATION TITLE:
**FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO INADEQUATE SERVICE PROVISION TO
ORPHANS IN RESIDENTIAL ORPHANAGE CENTERS IN HAI DISTRICT**
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ABSTRACT

This study addresses the care of orphans at orphanage centers in Hai district, an increasingly important issue as the AIDS epidemic and poverty continues to cause its devastation to the people of Hai District.

The main objective of this study was to assess the provision of services in orphanage centers. Descriptive cross sectional study was conducted in three orphanage centers in Hai district, with the sample size of 13 administrators, 34 caretakers and 76 orphans who were subjected to interviewer administered questioners and focus group discussion for 33 community members around the orphanage centers. The study was carried out from January to May 2008.

The result revealed that there were low knowledge (47.09%) of care takers on orphans care, most of the assistance to orphanage centers were provided by donors, orphans get nutrition by 31.82% and shelter by 26.14% as their basic needs, most of the orphans 34 (44.74%) feels good on staying in the center and parents/relatives affirmed that orphanage centers are good institution which provides care and support to orphans and vulnerable children while community around had strong reflection toward orphanage centers. These findings from the study indicate that there is a need to build capacity of care takers through training, community sensitizations to orphans care, government involvement in service provision in orphanage centers and there is a need of caring orphans through extended families. BASNEF model is appropriate in this study.