

Street Children in Vietnam

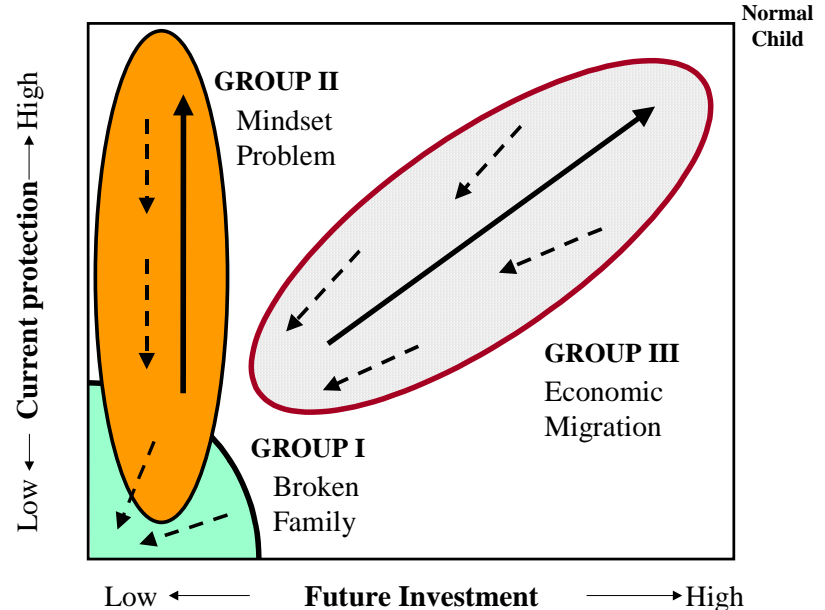


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Since the street children are not a homogeneous group, intervention must also be diversified according to the needs of each type of children. In this paper, we propose a new typology of street children based on *causes* and *situations*.

- The causes of driving school age children to the street can be divided onto 3 main groups which we shall call broken family, mindset problem, and economic migration.
- The situations that street children face to can be divided into two dimensions, namely, the degree of *current protection* and *investment for future*.
- There are 3 groups of street children who need different assistance and guidance.



The vertical and horizontal axes represent the two dimensions of the situation of street children. On the other hand, groups classify street children by their causes. The solid arrow indicates the aspiration of each group while the dashed arrow indicates