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The Orphans of Eritrea: What Are the Choices?

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The author investigated the Orphans in Eritrea. They examined emotional well-being, adaptability, and emotional distress in Orphans using two survey methods, "Behavioral Assessment System" and "Informal interviews" to orphans aged 10 to 13 years. They researched three different social environments (Reunified with expanded families, Small-group homes, Large institutions) and home-related children(raised by their parents in their home). Orphans raised in Reunified families were more socially resistant than children in Large institutions (Orphanage). However, the number of mental distress was the same as Orphanage. Orphans in Small-group homes had less mental distress than children in Reunified families and Orphanages, and adaptability was higher than Reunified families and Orphanages. There was also less mental distress than home-related children. As a result, they found child care in small group homes is the best for children. But the, Small-group homes are more expensive than child care in Reunified families and Orphanages. So it might be challenging to do in impoverished developing countries. This report's research can be used for general parenting and social parenting, sharing household responsibilities, school education, and reintegrating activities into single-parent homes. People can also use this report to protect homeless children in large cities affected by social issues from commercial and political problems in Western countries.

I thought this report was an excellent survey. I have often seen comparisons between Orphanages and adopted children / foster children or home-related children, but I have never seen comparisons between Small-group homes. I didn't know what type of family the author mentioned about Reunified Family. Because the author did not describe in detail what it was. As my conjecture, they are probably orphans raised with their children in any relative biological families. In this report, I was very interested in that children raised in Small-group homes had less mental distress than children raised by their parents at home. This report would be proof that parents are not necessarily the best child caregivers. I think that this result can give courage and confidence to the children of the victims of abuse and the adoptive and foster caregivers.