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“The Story about helping Street Children”

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Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid is a pediatrician involved for the past two decades in the protection of vulnerable children. She is the founder and honorary president of the non-governmental organization BAYTI started in 1995, the first program addressing the situation of children living on the streets in Morocco.

As an international child rights expert, she has been involved in training social workers and students, and in conducting many studies on the situation of children who are victims of trafficking, violence and sexual or other forms of exploitation; children living in the streets; unaccompanied children; and children deprived of parental care. She has participated in the elaboration of national child protection policies in many countries, and is a member of the Moroccan National Human Rights Institution.

She has received numerous awards, including among others, the European Prize for Social Pediatrics in 1998, the Prize for Human Rights in 2000 and the Legion of Honor in 2003.

Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid was appointed UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography in May 2008.