



MONGOLIA: HOMELESS CHILDREN OF ULAN BATOR

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They sleep in dark underground tunnels or in the parks. They search the rubbish bins for food or beg in shops and markets. They are the thousands of homeless children of Ulan Bator, Mongolia's capital. They fled the misery, hunger and violence of their homes and alcoholic parents to face the misery of the streets, just like Enkbald, Bulan, Erdené and Bataa, aged between 9 and 14. They live in groups to protect each other and they even know the few places where to get a hot meal. And once a year, just once, they have the opportunity to be children again: during the National Holiday of the Naadam, dedicated to the horse. They have fun and may even touch the horse that won the race - just for luck.

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