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We will present the results of the programme for the prevention of juvenile delinquency for foreign unaccompanied minors on street situations in Ceuta (PREMECE). This pilot intervention and research programme is the result of an agreement between Ceuta (Spanish city in the north of Morocco) and the University of Malaga, developed between April 2018 and July 2019. The methodology consisted of a triangulation of quantitative and qualitative data, collected by the psychosocial intervention team during 15 months with the Moroccan minors who have been spending the night on the streets of Ceuta. The results of this public policy programme show that street intervention improves the protection of particularly vulnerable minors, relieves tension on the streets, reduces the risk of victimisation and contributes to a decrease in registered delinquency. This highlights the need for public policies for street intervention and their usefulness not only for the child protection system, as a tool to make effective the protection of minors who do not join the system, but also for the police and judicial systems, since the programme facilitates formal intervention with them.