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Summary of findings

Department of Census and Statistics carried out Sri Lanka's first ever official census on Children in Child Care Institutions in November/December 2019. The census covered information on the institution itself, children living in those institutions, and on the staff of those institutions. In addition, perceptions/views of a sample of children were collected parallel to the complete enumeration of children.

Key findings on Child Care Institutions:

- There are 379 Child Care Institutions in Sri Lanka, out of which 331 (87.3%) are Voluntary Children's Homes.¹
- Western Province has the highest number of Child Care Institutions (121) with Gampaha, Colombo and Kalutara districts reporting 55, 44 and 22 institutions respectively.
- A majority of Child Care Institutions are funded by sources other than the government. 229 Child Care Institutions reported their major source of funding as non-government local funds.
- 349 Child Care Institutions provide library facilities within the institution while children in 318 Child Care Institutions are given access to receive and make telephone calls to their parents, relatives and friends.

Key findings on children in Child Care Institutions:

- There are 10,632 children in Child Care Institutions out of which 6,615 (62.2%) are female and 4,017 are male.
- More than 88% of these children are reported to be in Voluntary Children's Homes.
- Gampaha district reports the highest number of institutionalized children (1,393) followed by Colombo district with 1,052 children.
- Birth of 9,606 children have been registered but 329 of them are reported to have only a probable age certificate.
- 7,467 (71.3%) of children in Child Care Institutions were between the age 5-14 when they were first institutionalized.
- 7,446 (70%) of the children in these institutions had lived with a parent or both parents at the time of institutionalization and almost 20% had lived with a relative.
- The major contributor to a child being placed in an institution is from being destitute. Out of all institutionalized children, 70% (7,452) were reported to be institutionalized as they were destitute i.e. they were children in need of Care and Protection.
- A majority of destitute children (2,218) are reported to be in need of care and protection as their parents were separated, and the child's custodian had no fixed income to provide for the child.
- The census reports that there are 2,484 victimized children in these institutions, out of which 1,157 had been subjected to physical/psychological/sexual abuse at least once.
- 325 child suspects/ convicts are reported to be in institutions due to numerous reasons ranging from being a suspect/ convict of 'theft/ robbery/ burglary' and being beyond control to committing homicide.
- Of the institutionalized children aged 3 years and over, 93% are engaged in either formal or non-formal education activities, in formal schools and preschools, in higher education institutes or in vocational/ technical education activities.
- On average 93.7 percent of the institutionalized children aged 6 years and over are reported to be literate, which stands at 92.0 percent for male children compared to 94.7 percent for female children.
- Out of 2,780 children aged 16 years and over in Child Care Institutions, 294 (7.3%) have a recognized vocational qualification.

Key findings on the parents/guardians of institutionalized children:

- About 78% of the children in Child Care Institutions were born to married parents.
- 898 institutionalized children have been born when their mother was still a minor.
- 9,788 (92.1%) children had either one or both parents living at the time of institutionalization. Furthermore, 7,102 (66.8%) had either one or both their parents as their guardian at the time of institutionalization
- Of the 10,632 children in Child Care Institutions, 6,946 (65%) currently have a parent or both parents as their guardian.

¹ Child Care Institutions that have been established under the Orphanages Ordinance/ Children Development Charter to provide protection and care to orphaned, abandoned and destitute children which are run by volunteer organizations. Development Charter to provide protection and care to orphaned, abandoned and destitute children which are run by volunteer organizations.

- 6,738 (63.4% of the total) children were reported to have a father at the time of the census. Only 25% of them are employed/ has a permanent source of income, were predominantly healthy (45%) and not reported to have any health issues which made them unable to work. However, more than half of the fathers had never visited their offspring in institutions.
- 8,824 (83% of the total) children are reported to have a mother at the time of the census, out of whom only 2,051 are employed/has a permanent source of income. Majority of them (5,097) have no illness or disability. But only 2 in every 3 mothers had visited their children in the institutions.
- 1,829 children have someone other than the father or the mother as the guardian. In the absence of a mother/father or both parents, majority of them have a female relative as the guardian, mainly a grandmother or an aunt.
- Efforts have ever been made to reintegrate only 2,133 (20%) of the children out of which about 83% were attempted to be handed over back to the parents/ relatives/ a fit person.
- Currently there are 174 children waiting to be adopted by a local or a foreign party, 75 in the age group 0-4 years and 46 between the ages 5-9.

Key findings on the staff in Child Care Institutions:

- There are 2,874 employees working in Child Care Institutions of which 1,905 (66.3%) are females. Out of all employees, 1,824 are employed on permanent basis.
- 1,317 employees (46%) have passed G.C.E. (Advanced Level) or a higher qualification, but only 756 (26%) employees have a vocational qualification relevant to their current occupation.

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Key Information by District

Introduction

Institutionalization of children deprived of the protection and care of their biological family or extended family is one of the alternative care options practiced at present in Sri Lanka.

This practice came to our country during the colonial period and transformed into a formal system with the enforcement of child-related laws in the 1930s and 1940s. Since then, child suspects, child convicts, orphaned and abandoned children, as well as children who need care and protection are referred for institutional care by the court as an alternative.

Article 21 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child emphasizes that institutionalization should be the last resort, only when no other alternative care option is available for a child deprived of parental care. The United Nations Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children also highlights the fact and outlines the procedure that should be followed by a government to provide alternative care for a child if separated from his/her natural family.

Legal provisions in relation to providing institutional care for children have been set out by a number of ordinances available in Sri Lanka.

1. Act No.48 of 1939 (1956 Revision) – Children and Young Persons Ordinance
2. Act No. 22 of 1941 (1956 Revision) – Orphanages Ordinance/ Child Development Center Charter
3. Act No.5 of 1907 – House of Detention Ordinance
4. Act No.4 of 1841 – Vagrants Ordinance

There are two ways of institutionalizing children. One way is institutionalizing a child victim, child suspect or child offender below 16 years of age on court order. Provisions in this regard are available in the Children and Young Person's Ordinance. The manner all stakeholders should act with respect to a child victim after the child is brought before the court has been issued by the Health Ministry in the Case Managements Guidelines. The second way is institutionalizing an orphaned, abandoned, or destitute child under the provisions of the Child Development Center Charter at the request of the parents/ guardians/ or other relevant parties with the approval of the Provincial Commissioner of probation.

At present there are 379 state-run or non-governmental Child Care Institutions in Sri Lanka, established under the provisions of various Acts and Ordinances. The administration and supervision of these Child Care Institutions is carried out by the Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care Services since 1987 as a fully decentralized subject.

Types of Child Care Institutions currently in operation in Sri Lanka are given in below.

Types of Child Care Institutions

Type of Institution	Description
Remand Homes	These institutions have been established under the provisions available in Chapter III of the Children and Young Persons Ordinance. These are facilities for the temporary detention of child suspects and victims until the court decision of such children is made after been brought before the court.
Safe Homes	These institutions have been established under the provisions available in Chapter III of the Children and Young Persons Ordinance. These are facilities for the temporary detention of child suspects and victims until the court decision of such children is made after been brought before the court. Safe Homes are however located only in Northern and Eastern Provinces.
Certified Schools	Children who are convicted under the Children and Young Persons Ordinance are admitted to these institutions for a period of 3 years for institutional correction. Further, children who need care and protection are also admitted to these institutions for a period of 3 years to provide protection and care.
State Receiving Homes	These provide protection and care for orphaned, abandoned and destitute children aged between 0-5 years. There are 9 such centres in the country, with one per province. Orphaned and abandoned children in these centers are placed for adoption and provide other alternative care arrangements. However, if no alternative care arrangement can be found for a destitute child, he/ she will be transferred to a Voluntary Children's Home to receive school education. These Homes have been established under the provisions of the Orphanages Ordinance and Child Development Center Charter.
Approved Homes	Same as Certified Schools, this is an institution set up to rehabilitate child offenders convicted under the Children and Young Persons Ordinance.
Detention Homes	Institutions established under the House of Detention Ordinance to provide care and protection to vagrant children and street children. There is only one Detention Home in the country which is situated in Galle District. However, children are referred to this Detention Home under both the House of Detention Ordinance as well as the Vagrants Ordinance.
Training and Counseling Center	An institution established to provide psycho-social treatment and vocational training to abused children.
Voluntary Children's Homes	There are 331 Voluntary Children's Homes in the country. These are Child Care Institutions that have been established under the Orphanages Ordinance/ Children Development Charter to provide protection and care to orphaned, abandoned and destitute children. They are run by volunteer organizations, and all matters from admission to social reintegration of children are handled by the Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care Services. These institutions are maintained under the direct supervision of the Provincial Commissioners of Probation and Probation Officers. These institutions provide care for children from 0-18 years of age. Children are admitted to these homes for a period of 03 years and are expected to be reintegrated into the society before the completion of this period, and the decision for reintegration is made by the Placement Committee.

Table 1: Number of child care institutions by district and type of institution 2019

District	Type of institution	Number of institutions	District	Type of institution	Number of institutions
Colombo	Total	44	Batticaloa	Total	32
	Voluntary children home	44		Safe house	1
Gampaha	Total	55		Voluntary children home	31
	Remand home	2	Ampara	Total	12
	Certified school	2		Safe house	1
	Voluntary children home	51		Certified school	2
Kalutara	Total	22		Voluntary children home	9
	Approved school	1	Trincomalee	Total	17
	State receiving home	1		Safe house	1
	Training and counseling center	1		State receiving home	1
	Voluntary children home	19		Training and counseling center	1
Kandy	Total	22		Voluntary children home	14
	Remand home	2	Kurunegala	Total	19
	State receiving home	1		Remand home	1
	Voluntary children home	19		State receiving home	1
Matale	Total	8		Voluntary children home	17
	Voluntary children home	8	Puttalam	Total	17
Nuwaraeliya	Total	8		Voluntary children home	17
	Voluntary children home	8	Anuradhapura	Total	11
Galle	Total	20		Remand home	2
	Remand home	2		Certified school	1
	Certified school	2		State receiving home	1
	State receiving home	1		Training and counseling center	1
	Detention home	1		Voluntary children home	5
	Voluntary children home	14		Other	1
Matara	Total	6	Polonnaruwa	Total	4
	Voluntary children home	6		Voluntary children home	3
Hambantota	Total	5		Other	1
	Voluntary children home	4	Badulla	Total	12
	Other	1		Remand home	2
Jaffna	Total	14		Certified school	1
	Remand home	1		State receiving home	1
	Certified school	1		Training and counseling center	1
	State receiving home	1	Voluntary children home	7	
	Voluntary children home	11	Moneragala	Total	5
Mannar	Total	6		Voluntary children home	2
	Voluntary children home	6		Other	3
Vavuniya	Total	5	Ratnapura	Total	12
	Voluntary children home	5		Remand home	1
Mullaitivu	Total	5		State receiving home	1
	Voluntary children home	5		Voluntary children home	10
Kilinochchi	Total	11	Kegalle	Total	7
	Safe house	1		Remand home	1
	Voluntary children home	10		Voluntary children home	6
Total Number of institutions					379

Table 2: Child care institutions by district and major source of funding 2019

District	Major source of funding	Number of institutions	District	Major source of funding	Number of institutions	
Colombo	Total	44	Kilinochchi	Total	11	
	Non-government - local funds	35		Government funds	1	
	Non-government - foreign funds	8		Non-government - local funds	6	
	Other source of funding	1		Non-government - foreign funds	3	
Gampaha	Total	55		Other source of funding	1	
	Government funds	4	Batticaloa	Total	32	
	Non-government - local funds	41		Government funds	1	
	Non-government - foreign funds	9		Non-government - local funds	17	
	Other source of funding	1		Non-government - foreign funds	13	
Kalutara	Total	22		Other source of funding	1	
	Government funds	2	Ampara	Total	12	
	Non-government - local funds	15		Government funds	3	
	Non-government - foreign funds	3		Non-government - local funds	6	
	Other source of funding	2		Other source of funding	3	
Kandy	Total	22		Trincomalee	Total	17
	Government funds	3	Government funds		3	
	Non-government - local funds	11	Non-government - local funds		9	
	Non-government - foreign funds	8	Non-government - foreign funds		4	
Matale	Total	8	Other source of funding		1	
	Non-government - local funds	7	Kurunegala	Total	19	
	Non-government - foreign funds	1		Government funds	2	
Nuwaraeliya	Total	8		Non-government - local funds	16	
	Non-government - local funds	2		Non-government - foreign funds	1	
	Non-government - foreign funds	6	Puttalam	Total	17	
Galle	Total	20		Non-government - local funds	10	
	Government funds	6		Non-government - foreign funds	7	
	Non-government - local funds	8	Anuradhapura	Total	11	
	Non-government - foreign funds	6		Government funds	6	
Matara	Total	6		Non-government - local funds	4	
	Non-government - local funds	3		Non-government - foreign funds	1	
	Non-government - foreign funds	3	Polonnaruwa	Total	4	
Hambantota	Total	5		Government funds	1	
	Government funds	1		Non-government - local funds	3	
	Non-government - local funds	1	Badulla	Total	12	
	Non-government - foreign funds	3		Government funds	5	
Jaffna	Total	14		Non-government - local funds	5	
	Government funds	3		Non-government - foreign funds	2	
	Non-government - local funds	10	Moneragala	Total	5	
	Other source of funding	1		Government funds	3	
Mannar	Total	6		Non-government - local funds	1	
	Non-government - local funds	1		Non-government - foreign funds	1	
	Non-government - foreign funds	5	Ratnapura	Total	12	
Vavuniya	Total	5		Government funds	2	
	Non-government - local funds	3		Non-government - local funds	8	
	Non-government - foreign funds	2		Non-government - foreign funds	2	
Mullaitivu	Total	5	Kegalle	Total	7	
	Non-government - local funds	2		Government funds	1	
	Non-government - foreign funds	3		Non-government - local funds	5	
					Non-government - foreign funds	1
Total Number of institutions					379	

Table 3: Child care institutions with library facilities and additional reading materials for children by district 2019

District	Total	Library facilities		Papers/ magazines	
		Provided within the institution	Not provided within the institution	purchased for children's use	Not purchased for children's use
Colombo	44	39	5	32	12
Gampaha	55	48	7	45	10
Kalutara	22	20	2	17	5
Kandy	22	21	1	18	4
Matale	8	8	-	7	1
Nuwaraeliya	8	8	-	7	1
Galle	20	19	1	16	4
Matara	6	6	-	5	1
Hambantota	5	5	-	2	3
Jaffna	14	13	1	12	2
Mannar	6	6	-	5	1
Vavuniya	5	5	-	5	-
Mullaitivu	5	5	-	4	1
Kilinochchi	11	11	-	11	-
Batticaloa	32	30	2	29	3
Ampara	12	8	4	6	6
Trincomalee	17	13	4	10	7
Kurunegala	19	18	1	17	2
Puttalam	17	16	1	13	4
Anuradhapura	11	11	-	6	5
Polonnaruwa	4	4	-	4	-
Badulla	12	12	-	8	4
Moneragala	5	5	-	4	1
Ratnapura	12	11	1	8	4
Kegalle	7	7	-	5	2
Total	379	349	30	296	83

Table 4: Child care institutions by main source of drinking water and district 2019

District	Total	Pipe water	Protected well	Unprotected well	Tube well	Bottled water	Rural water project	Water bowser	Spring water	Refined water	Stream water
Colombo	44	35	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gampaha	55	22	25	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kalutara	22	12	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kandy	22	17	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	-
Matale	8	5	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwaraeliya	8	5	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Galle	20	13	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	6	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jaffna	14	-	11	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mannar	6	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Vavuniya	5	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mullaitivu	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	11	1	8	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	32	17	11	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ampara	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trincomalee	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	19	2	12	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-
Puttalam	17	2	3	-	9	-	-	2	-	1	-
Anuradhapura	11	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
Polonnaruwa	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Badulla	12	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Moneragala	5	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ratnapura	12	4	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Kegalle	7	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	379	195	120	3	37	4	3	4	3	9	1

Table 5: Children in child care institutions by district, Type of institution and sex 2019

District	Type of institution	Total	Male	Female	District	Type of institution	Total	Male	Female
Colombo	Total	1,052	336	716	Batticaloa	Total	869	369	500
	Voluntary children home	1,052	336	716		Safe house	5	1	4
Gampaha	Total	1,393	702	691		Voluntary children home	864	368	496
	Remand home	40	20	20	Ampara	Total	195	44	151
	Certified school	64	41	23		Safe house	3	1	2
	Voluntary children home	1,289	641	648		Voluntary children home	192	43	149
Kalutara	Total	641	389	252	Trincomalee	Total	280	111	169
	Approved school	105	105	-		Safe house	3	2	1
	State receiving home	26	12	14		State receiving home	4	3	1
	Training and counseling center	20	-	20		Training and counseling center	5	-	5
	Voluntary children home	490	272	218		Voluntary children home	268	106	162
Kandy	Total	656	185	471	Kurunegala	Total	493	195	298
	Remand home	17	10	7		Remand home	71	-	71
	State receiving home	27	11	16		State receiving home	28	11	17
	Voluntary children home	612	164	448		Voluntary children home	394	184	210
Matale	Total	160	93	67	Puttalam	Total	482	103	379
	Voluntary children home	160	93	67		Voluntary children home	482	103	379
Nuwaraeliya	Total	229	104	125	Anuradhapura	Total	375	99	276
	Voluntary children home	229	104	125		Remand home	19	2	17
Galle	Total	725	270	455		Certified school	23	-	23
	Remand home	31	8	23		State receiving home	21	7	14
	Certified school	115	50	65		Training and counseling center	17	-	17
	State receiving home	79	45	34		Voluntary children home	260	90	170
	Detention home	93	47	46		Other	35	-	35
	Voluntary children home	407	120	287	Polonnaruwa	Total	106	18	88
Matara	Total	97	15	82		Voluntary children home	60	18	42
	Voluntary children home	97	15	82		Other	46	-	46
Hambantota	Total	99	39	60	Badulla	Total	366	122	244
	Voluntary children home	79	25	54		Remand home	19	8	11
	Other	20	14	6		Certified school	41	41	-
Jaffna	Total	637	228	409		State receiving home	34	15	19
	Remand home	13	13	-		Training and counseling center	15	-	15
	Certified school	48	48	-		Voluntary children home	257	58	199
	State receiving home	25	11	14	Moneragala	Total	213	81	132
	Voluntary children home	551	156	395		Voluntary children home	130	68	62
Mannar	Total	178	73	105		Other	83	13	70
	Voluntary children home	178	73	105	Ratnapura	Total	269	47	222
Vavuniya	Total	274	92	182		Remand home	8	-	8
	Voluntary children home	274	92	182		State receiving home	20	11	9
Mullaitivu	Total	180	11	169		Voluntary children home	241	36	205
	Voluntary children home	180	11	169	Kegalle	Total	145	87	58
Kilinochchi	Total	518	204	314		Remand home	3	3	-
	Safe house	24	3	21		Voluntary children home	142	84	58
	Voluntary children home	494	201	293	Total number of children				
							10,632	4,017	6,615

Table 6: Children in child care institution by district, age and sex 2019

District	Age	Total	Male	Female	District	Age	Total	Male	Female	District	Age	Total	Male	Female
Colombo	Total	1,052	336	716	Matale	Total	160	93	67	Hambantota	Total	99	39	60
	<1	20	9	11		<1	-	-	-		<1	-	-	-
	1	12	8	4		1	-	-	-		1	-	-	-
	2	14	9	5		2	-	-	-		2	-	-	-
	3	20	11	9		3	2	2	-		3	-	-	-
	4	30	16	14		4	-	-	-		4	1	1	-
	5	32	14	18		5	4	2	2		5	2	1	1
	6	32	17	15		6	3	3	-		6	5	1	4
	7	41	19	22		7	6	5	1		7	10	8	2
	8	41	15	26		8	5	5	-		8	5	2	3
	9	49	15	34		9	10	8	2		9	4	1	3
	10-14	408	122	286		10-14	79	47	32		10-14	50	18	32
	15-17	266	57	209		15-17	45	19	26		15-17	19	5	14
	18+	87	24	63		18+	6	2	4		18+	3	2	1
Gampaha	Total	1,393	702	691	Nuwara -eliya	Total	229	104	125	Jaffna	Total	637	228	409
	<1	1	-	1		<1	-	-	-		<1	4	1	3
	1	2	2	-		1	-	-	-		1	5	1	4
	2	4	2	2		2	1	1	-		2	5	3	2
	3	8	4	4		3	2	1	1		3	3	1	2
	4	9	7	2		4	2	2	-		4	10	4	6
	5	17	12	5		5	4	2	2		5	6	4	2
	6	39	19	20		6	14	10	4		6	4	-	4
	7	33	11	22		7	8	3	5		7	15	9	6
	8	63	30	33		8	10	4	6		8	21	10	11
	9	73	32	41		9	14	10	4		9	20	7	13
	10-14	622	336	286		10-14	104	46	58		10-14	229	84	145
	15-17	432	208	224		15-17	50	16	34		15-17	223	86	137
	18+	90	39	51		18+	20	9	11		18+	92	18	74
Kalutara	Total	641	389	252	Galle	Total	725	270	455	Mannar	Total	178	73	105
	<1	12	6	6		<1	9	3	6		<1	-	-	-
	1	11	6	5		1	14	8	6		1	-	-	-
	2	1	-	1		2	8	5	3		2	-	-	-
	3	1	-	1		3	15	9	6		3	-	-	-
	4	2	1	1		4	21	10	11		4	-	-	-
	5	2	2	-		5	18	12	6		5	2	1	1
	6	16	8	8		6	10	4	6		6	2	-	2
	7	18	9	9		7	27	11	16		7	3	2	1
	8	23	14	9		8	30	10	20		8	3	3	-
	9	33	18	15		9	26	11	15		9	6	2	4
	10-14	295	175	120		10-14	255	101	154		10-14	52	27	25
	15-17	201	132	69		15-17	259	79	180		15-17	55	24	31
	18+	26	18	8		18+	33	7	26		18+	55	14	41
Kandy	Total	656	185	471	Matara	Total	97	15	82	Vavuniya	Total	274	92	182
	<1	23	8	15		<1	-	-	-		<1	-	-	-
	1	10	3	7		1	-	-	-		1	-	-	-
	2	13	6	7		2	-	-	-		2	-	-	-
	3	12	6	6		3	-	-	-		3	1	1	-
	4	6	1	5		4	-	-	-		4	1	1	-
	5	15	5	10		5	2	-	2		5	2	1	1
	6	18	11	7		6	6	3	3		6	4	2	2
	7	21	10	11		7	4	1	3		7	8	2	6
	8	20	10	10		8	1	-	1		8	12	7	5
	9	31	14	17		9	8	2	6		9	9	1	8
	10-14	254	78	176		10-14	40	5	35		10-14	100	40	60
	15-17	184	24	160		15-17	30	3	27		15-17	74	24	50
	18+	49	9	40		18+	6	1	5		18+	63	13	50

Table 7: Children in child care institution by district, age and sex 2019

District	Age	Total	Male	Female	District	Age	Total	Male	Female	District	Age	Total	Male	Female
Mullaitivu	Total	180	11	169	Kurunegala	Total	493	195	298	Badulla	Total	366	122	244
	<1	-	-	-		<1	3	1	2		<1	9	4	5
	1	-	-	-		1	7	3	4		1	7	3	4
	2	-	-	-		2	3	3	-		2	8	4	4
	3	-	-	-		3	7	2	5		3	4	1	3
	4	-	-	-		4	9	3	6		4	3	2	1
	5	-	-	-		5	9	3	6		5	6	3	3
	6	1	-	1		6	8	7	1		6	9	4	5
	7	3	-	3		7	13	7	6		7	6	3	3
	8	2	-	2		8	18	9	9		8	19	7	12
	9	7	-	7		9	30	18	12		9	6	3	3
	10-14	74	-	74		10-14	211	72	139		10-14	144	40	104
	15-17	70	11	59		15-17	146	55	91		15-17	128	45	83
	18+	23	-	23		18+	29	12	17		18+	17	3	14
Kilinochchi	Total	518	204	314	Puttalam	Total	482	103	379	Moneragala	Total	213	81	132
	<1	6	2	4		<1	-	-	-		<1	-	-	-
	1	2	1	1		1	-	-	-		1	-	-	-
	2	-	-	-		2	-	-	-		2	2	1	1
	3	-	-	-		3	-	-	-		3	-	-	-
	4	-	-	-		4	-	-	-		4	1	1	-
	5	5	2	3		5	2	2	-		5	2	-	2
	6	7	3	4		6	17	6	11		6	2	-	2
	7	16	12	4		7	22	5	17		7	6	4	2
	8	22	14	8		8	28	11	17		8	10	4	6
	9	38	18	20		9	26	6	20		9	9	5	4
	10-14	251	114	137		10-14	228	49	179		10-14	96	46	50
	15-17	148	36	112		15-17	135	19	116		15-17	71	17	54
	18+	23	2	21		18+	24	5	19		18+	14	3	11
Batticaloa	Total	869	369	500	Anuradhapura	Total	375	99	276	Ratnapura	Total	269	47	222
	<1	-	-	-		<1	5	4	1		<1	8	4	4
	5	3	2	1		1	3	1	2		1	7	5	2
	6	3	2	1		2	1	-	1		2	2	2	-
	7	11	4	7		3	4	1	3		3	2	-	2
	8	8	3	5		4	2	-	2		4	2	1	1
	9	24	15	9		5	6	1	5		5	6	3	3
	10-14	433	218	215		6	9	6	3		6	8	4	4
	15-17	299	95	204		7	15	5	10		7	9	3	6
	18+	88	30	58		8	14	7	7		8	12	3	9
Ampara	Total	195	44	151	Polonnaruwa	Total	106	18	88	Kegalle	Total	145	87	58
	<1	-	-	-		<1	-	-	-		<1	-	-	-
	5	1	1	-		1	-	-	-		1	-	-	-
	6	2	-	2		2	-	-	-		2	-	-	-
	7	-	-	-		3	-	-	-		3	-	-	-
	8	5	1	4		4	-	-	-		4	-	-	-
	9	6	2	4		5	-	-	-		5	5	2	3
	10-14	103	18	85		6	2	-	2		6	3	2	1
	15-17	59	20	39		7	4	2	2		7	3	1	2
	18+	19	2	17		8	3	-	3		8	9	7	2
Trincomalee	Total	280	111	169	Total number of children	9	8	1	7	Total number of children	9	11	6	5
	<1	4	3	1		10-14	51	12	39		10-14	72	49	23
	5	2	2	-		15-17	30	3	27		15-17	38	18	20
	6	1	1	-		18+	8	-	8		18+	4	2	2
	7	1	-	1										
	8	3	2	1										
	9	10	2	8										
	10-14	152	60	92										
	15-17	92	37	55										
	18+	15	4	11										

Table 8: Children in child care institutions by reason for institutionalization, sex and district 2019

District	Total		Being an orphan		Being an abandoned child		Being a destitute child		Being a child victim		Being a child suspect		Being a child offender		Other									
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female						
Colombo	1,052	336	716	12	1	11	93	45	48	847	275	572	92	9	83	3	2	1	1	1	-	4	3	1
Gampaha	1,393	702	691	16	10	6	161	68	93	933	520	413	220	46	174	27	25	2	17	17	-	19	16	3
Kalutara	641	389	252	5	4	1	88	56	32	453	288	165	65	16	49	5	4	1	6	6	-	19	15	4
Kandy	656	185	471	5	1	4	65	21	44	431	131	300	138	19	119	8	8	-	5	4	1	4	1	3
Matale	160	93	67	3	2	1	12	9	3	141	81	60	3	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Nuwareliya	229	104	125	8	6	2	33	9	24	178	87	91	10	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galle	725	270	455	2	2	-	84	38	46	408	151	257	166	20	146	17	15	2	45	44	1	3	-	3
Matara	97	15	82	2	-	2	12	4	8	62	10	52	19	-	19	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hambantota	99	39	60	1	-	1	8	3	5	54	19	35	19	4	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	13	4
Jaffna	637	228	409	25	11	14	59	19	40	438	128	310	48	4	44	14	14	-	44	44	-	9	8	1
Mannar	178	73	105	26	20	6	12	-	12	131	51	80	7	-	7	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	274	92	182	54	13	41	50	20	30	148	56	92	19	3	16	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
Mullaitivu	180	11	169	9	3	6	7	1	6	154	7	147	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	518	204	314	35	14	21	33	14	19	420	163	257	20	8	12	1	1	-	8	3	5	1	1	-
Batticaloa	869	369	500	19	10	9	51	18	33	761	332	429	32	6	26	3	2	1	-	-	-	3	1	2
Ampara	195	44	151	1	-	1	6	3	3	156	37	119	26	-	26	1	1	-	2	1	1	3	2	1
Trincomalee	280	111	169	20	10	10	14	5	9	220	90	130	24	4	20	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	493	195	298	7	4	3	73	33	40	282	126	156	107	9	98	17	17	-	4	4	-	3	2	1
Puttalam	482	103	379	2	-	2	67	17	50	326	77	249	83	6	77	1	1	-	2	2	-	1	-	1
Anuradhapura	375	99	276	4	2	2	30	9	21	230	72	158	78	8	70	4	1	3	27	7	20	2	-	2
Polonnaruwa	106	18	88	-	-	-	4	2	2	73	11	62	25	2	23	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Badulla	366	122	244	5	2	3	70	16	54	195	53	142	50	6	44	6	5	1	39	39	-	1	1	-
Moneragala	213	81	132	1	-	1	38	26	12	130	48	82	41	5	36	1	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
Ratnapura	269	47	222	3	-	3	27	6	21	161	38	123	76	1	75	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kegalle	145	87	58	2	1	1	15	8	7	120	74	46	5	1	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Total	10,632	4,017	6,615	267	116	151	1,112	450	662	7,452	2,925	4,527	1,383	179	1,204	118	104	14	207	179	28	93	64	29

Table 9: Children in child care institutions suffering from chronic illnesses/ disability by sex and district 2019

District	Total			suffering from chronic illnesses/ disability					
	Total	Male	Female	Total		Male		Female	
				Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Colombo	1,052	336	716	98	9.3	31	9.2	58	8.1
Gampaha	1,393	702	691	125	8.9	74	10.5	40	5.8
Kalutara	641	389	252	52	8.2	21	5.4	26	10.3
Kandy	656	185	471	73	11.1	29	15.7	28	5.9
Matale	160	93	67	3	1.9	-	-	3	4.5
Nuwaraeliya	229	104	125	8	3.5	2	1.9	4	3.2
Galle	725	270	455	58	8.0	27	10.0	21	4.6
Matara	97	15	82	26	26.8	3	20.0	3	3.7
Hambantota	99	39	60	65	66.1	15	38.5	12	20.0
Jaffna	637	228	409	50	7.8	20	8.8	21	5.1
Mannar	178	73	105	1	0.6	-	-	1	1.0
Vavuniya	274	92	182	14	5.3	5	5.4	4	2.2
Mullaitivu	180	11	169	5	2.8	-	-	5	3.0
Kilinochchi	518	204	314	41	8.0	19	9.3	13	4.1
Batticaloa	869	369	500	28	3.2	10	2.7	15	3.0
Ampara	195	44	151	37	18.8	10	22.7	4	2.6
Trincomalee	280	111	169	37	13.2	11	9.9	16	9.5
Kurunegala	493	195	298	38	7.7	21	10.8	6	2.0
Puttalam	482	103	379	26	5.4	6	5.8	14	3.7
Anuradhapura	375	99	276	27	7.2	5	5.1	17	6.2
Polonnaruwa	106	18	88	16	15.2	2	11.1	3	3.4
Badulla	366	122	244	34	9.2	7	5.7	21	8.6
Moneragala	213	81	132	20	9.6	6	7.4	7	5.3
Ratnapura	269	47	222	29	10.6	4	8.5	16	7.2
Kegalle	145	87	58	2	1.5	1	1.1	-	-
Total	10,632	4,017	6,615	913	8.6	329		358	5.4

Table 10: Children in child care institutions by current education activity, sex and district 2019

District	Total		Pre school				School				University				Vocational/ Technical (NVQ)				Vocational/ Technical (Non NVQ)				Other				Not specified			
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female			
Colombo	1,052	336	716	67	36	31	829	243	586	2	1	1	12	2	10	15	5	10	10	3	7	117	46	71						
Gampaha	1,393	702	691	21	13	8	1,211	594	617	-	-	-	13	8	5	3	3	-	31	20	11	114	64	50						
Kalutara	641	389	252	3	3	-	536	325	211	-	-	-	18	18	-	42	22	20	1	1	-	41	20	21						
Kandy	656	185	471	18	5	13	486	138	348	1	-	1	5	-	5	20	9	11	9	4	5	117	29	88						
Matale	160	93	67	3	3	-	141	75	66	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	5	4	1						
Nuwaraeliya	229	104	125	4	3	1	193	84	109	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	3	26	16	10						
Galle	725	270	455	52	31	21	487	149	338	1	-	1	40	23	17	38	23	15	4	-	4	103	44	59						
Matara	97	15	82	-	-	-	92	14	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	3	1	2						
Hambantota	99	39	60	1	1	-	75	23	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	15	8						
Jaffna	637	228	409	18	9	9	531	167	364	6	-	6	9	6	3	2	-	2	9	2	7	62	44	18						
Mannar	178	73	105	2	1	1	155	66	89	11	5	6	4	-	4	1	1	-	3	-	3	2	-	2						
Vavuniya	274	92	182	3	2	1	214	76	138	6	1	5	2	-	2	10	-	10	1	-	1	38	13	25						
Mullaitivu	180	11	169	-	-	-	171	10	161	2	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	-	5						
Kilinochchi	518	204	314	4	3	1	475	190	285	-	-	-	10	3	7	6	-	6	4	3	1	19	5	14						
Batticaloa	869	369	500	4	2	2	839	363	476	1	-	1	7	2	5	1	-	1	4	1	3	13	1	12						
Ampara	195	44	151	-	-	-	181	42	139	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	1	3	8	1	7						
Trincomalee	280	111	169	1	1	-	259	104	155	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	6	13						
Kurunegala	493	195	298	18	7	11	386	160	226	-	-	-	3	2	1	5	3	2	4	1	3	77	22	55						
Puttalam	482	103	379	2	1	1	446	92	354	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	32	9	23						
Anuradhapura	375	99	276	10	2	8	244	72	172	4	4	-	13	3	10	35	1	34	6	2	4	63	15	48						
Polonnaruwa	106	18	88	-	-	-	99	17	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	6						
Badulla	366	122	244	7	5	2	248	61	187	1	-	1	1	-	1	64	38	26	3	-	3	42	18	24						
Moneragala	213	81	132	3	1	2	204	75	129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	4	3	1						
Ratnapura	269	47	222	9	4	5	197	30	167	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	1	6	-	6	54	13	41						
Kegalle	145	87	58	2	1	1	136	80	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	6	1						
Total	10,632	4,017	6,615	252	134	118	8,835	3,250	5,585	39	11	28	141	68	73	249	108	141	115	50	65	1,001	396	605						

Table 11: Children in child care institutions by current guardian of the child, sex and district 2019

District	Total			Both parents are guardians			Only father is a guardian			Only mother is a guardian			Someone else is the guardian			No guardian/ not known/ not specified		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Colombo	1,052	336	716	78	28	50	138	41	97	413	111	302	170	50	120	253	106	147
Gampaha	1,393	702	691	93	47	46	181	74	107	627	343	284	292	127	165	200	111	89
Kalutara	641	389	252	64	44	20	86	41	45	265	186	79	108	56	52	118	62	56
Kandy	656	185	471	51	14	37	90	22	68	302	83	219	85	31	54	128	35	93
Matale	160	93	67	26	7	19	26	20	6	64	37	27	20	10	10	24	19	5
Nuwareliya	229	104	125	11	3	8	21	9	12	83	42	41	59	21	38	55	29	26
Galle	725	270	455	79	31	48	118	35	83	255	95	160	102	36	66	171	73	98
Matara	97	15	82	5	5	5	16	2	14	42	5	37	12	3	9	22	5	17
Hambantota	99	39	60	8	3	5	20	7	13	29	12	17	18	6	12	24	11	13
Jaffna	637	228	409	92	40	52	79	39	40	251	79	172	138	37	101	77	33	44
Mannar	178	73	105	17	5	12	18	12	6	77	25	52	41	13	28	25	18	7
Vavuniya	274	92	182	10	3	7	32	6	26	80	28	52	46	4	42	106	51	55
Mullaitivu	180	11	169	18		18	30	1	29	101	6	95	20	1	19	11	3	8
Kilinochchi	518	204	314	66	36	30	86	23	63	234	96	138	54	24	30	78	25	53
Batticaloa	869	369	500	200	77	123	58	17	41	424	199	225	143	63	80	44	13	31
Ampara	195	44	151	59	15	44	20	3	17	89	20	69	22	5	17	5	1	4
Trincomalee	280	111	169	25	12	13	32	9	23	122	44	78	86	42	44	15	4	11
Kurunegala	493	195	298	31	18	13	95	39	56	177	69	108	89	26	63	101	43	58
Puttalam	482	103	379	21	3	18	82	17	65	204	44	160	132	27	105	43	12	31
Anuradhapura	375	99	276	40	8	32	71	21	50	152	34	118	35	9	26	77	27	50
Polonnaruwa	106	18	88	25	8	17	15	2	13	39	5	34	17	2	15	10	1	9
Badulla	366	122	244	53	21	32	48	14	34	112	33	79	51	16	35	102	38	64
Moneragala	213	81	132	17	6	11	31	7	24	58	17	41	33	10	23	74	41	33
Ratnapura	269	47	222	26	4	22	61	5	56	71	15	56	34	2	32	77	21	56
Kegalle	145	87	58	12	2	10	27	14	13	67	46	21	22	12	10	17	13	4
Total	10,632	4,017	6,615	1,127	435	692	1,481	480	1,001	4,338	1,674	2,664	1,829	633	1,196	1,857	795	1,062

Table 12: Employees in child care institutions by district, Type of institution and sex 2019

District	Type of institution	Total	Male	Female	District	Type of institution	Total	Male	Female
Colombo	Total	318	70	248	Batticaloa	Total	223	101	122
	Voluntary children home	318	70	248		Safe house	5	-	5
Gampaha	Total	372	144	228		Voluntary children home	218	101	117
	Remand home	31	17	14	Ampara	Total	74	23	51
	Certified school	38	15	23		Safe house	6	1	5
	Voluntary children home	303	112	191		Certified school	8	3	5
Kalutara	Total	157	66	91		Voluntary children home	60	19	41
	Approved school	12	7	5	Trincomalee	Total	85	33	52
	State receiving home	27	2	25		Safe house	4	1	3
	Training and counseling center	13	5	8		State receiving home	6	-	6
	Voluntary children home	105	52	53		Training and counseling center	4	2	2
Kandy	Total	174	50	124		Voluntary children home	71	30	41
	Remand home	10	3	7	Kurunegala	Total	123	40	83
	State receiving home	15	3	12		Remand home	18	2	16
	Voluntary children home	149	44	105		State receiving home	23	4	19
Matale	Total	31	8	23		Voluntary children home	82	34	48
	Voluntary children home	31	8	23	Puttalam	Total	76	15	61
Nuwaraeliya	Total	72	29	43		Voluntary children home	76	15	61
	Voluntary children home	72	29	43	Anuradhapura	Total	115	31	84
Galle	Total	226	73	153		Remand home	12	7	5
	Remand home	8	8	-		Certified school	10	-	10
	Certified school	40	22	18		State receiving home	16	-	16
	State receiving home	34	3	31		Training and counseling center	6	1	5
	Detention home	27	11	16		Voluntary children home	64	22	42
	Voluntary children home	117	29	88		Other	7	1	6
Matara	Total	27	6	21	Polonnaruwa	Total	13	1	12
	Voluntary children home	27	6	21		Voluntary children home	10	1	9
Hambantota	Total	41	20	21		Other	3	-	3
	Voluntary children home	21	10	11	Badulla	Total	135	43	92
	Other	20	10	10		Remand home	19	9	10
Jaffna	Total	187	63	124		Certified school	21	18	3
	Remand home/Certified school	17	14	3		State receiving home	34	4	30
	State receiving home	23	1	22		Training and counseling center	14	-	14
	Voluntary children home	147	48	99		Voluntary children home	47	12	35
Mannar	Total	34	8	26	Moneragala	Total	64	26	38
	Voluntary children home	34	8	26		Voluntary children home	41	17	24
Vavuniya	Total	55	18	37		Other	23	9	14
	Voluntary children home	55	18	37	Ratnapura	Total	71	13	58
Mullaitivu	Total	46	17	29		Remand home	11	2	9
	Voluntary children home	46	17	29		State receiving home	25	3	22
Kilinochchi	Total	108	41	67		Voluntary children home	35	8	27
	Safe house	4	1	3	Kegalle	Total	47	30	17
	Voluntary children home	104	40	64		Remand home	7	7	-
						Voluntary children home	40	23	17
					Total number of staff		2,874	969	1,905

Table 13: Employees in childcare institutions by highest level of education, sex and district 2019

District	Total		Never Attended School		Passed grade 1-5		Passed grade 6-10		Passed G.C.E. O/L		Passed G.C.E. A/L		Degree & Above		Not specified									
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female						
Colombo	318	70	248	12	3	9	26	6	20	70	18	52	86	16	70	85	14	71	37	13	24	2	-	2
Gampaha	372	144	228	2	-	2	30	12	18	61	27	34	111	39	72	122	46	76	45	19	26	1	1	-
Kalutara	157	66	91	-	-	-	11	8	3	33	13	20	35	18	17	59	16	43	19	11	8	-	-	-
Kandy	174	50	124	3	1	2	9	6	3	39	14	25	44	12	32	65	9	56	14	8	6	-	-	-
Matale	31	8	23	-	-	-	5	1	4	4	-	4	9	3	6	12	4	8	1	-	1	-	-	-
Nuwareliya	72	29	43	2	1	1	6	-	6	16	6	10	21	10	11	23	8	15	4	4	-	-	-	-
Galle	226	73	153	-	-	-	6	5	1	51	19	32	57	23	34	83	19	64	27	6	21	2	1	1
Matara	27	6	21	-	-	-	2	1	1	5	1	4	6	1	5	14	3	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	41	20	21	-	-	-	2	1	1	5	2	3	13	7	6	19	8	11	2	2	-	-	-	-
Jaffna	187	63	124	-	-	-	5	1	4	32	16	16	67	17	50	54	16	38	23	11	12	6	2	4
Mannar	34	8	26	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	2	9	3	6	15	3	12	4	2	2	2	-	2
Vavuniya	55	18	37	-	-	-	12	3	9	13	4	9	10	3	7	17	7	10	3	1	2	-	-	-
Mullaitivu	46	17	29	1	-	1	4	3	1	9	2	7	10	3	7	10	1	9	10	6	4	2	2	-
Kilinochchi	108	41	67	1	-	1	16	10	6	19	7	12	24	9	15	38	11	27	7	1	6	3	3	-
Batticaloa	223	101	122	7	1	6	26	9	17	36	14	22	47	23	24	67	27	40	37	25	12	3	2	1
Ampara	74	23	51	1	-	1	2	1	1	17	5	12	12	3	9	34	9	25	8	5	3	-	-	-
Trincomalee	85	33	52	-	-	-	5	1	4	17	12	5	18	5	13	34	9	25	7	4	3	4	2	2
Kurunegala	123	40	83	3	1	2	3	1	2	14	7	7	33	10	23	58	12	46	12	9	3	-	-	-
Puttalam	76	15	61	3	-	3	5	1	4	18	4	14	21	5	16	22	1	21	5	3	2	2	1	1
Anuradhapura	115	31	84	-	-	-	2	-	2	19	7	12	37	8	29	46	12	34	11	4	7	-	-	-
Polonnaruwa	13	1	12	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2	2	-	2	8	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badulla	135	43	92	3	-	3	4	2	2	30	9	21	39	16	23	56	15	41	2	1	1	1	-	1
Moneragala	64	26	38	1	1	-	1	1	-	8	6	2	9	7	2	40	10	30	5	1	4	-	-	-
Ratnapura	71	13	58	1	-	1	7	2	5	17	3	14	19	4	15	23	2	21	4	2	2	-	-	-
Kegalle	47	30	17	1	-	1	1	1	-	10	3	7	9	7	2	15	12	3	11	8	3	-	-	-
Total	2,874	969	1,905	41	8	33	193	75	118	547	199	348	748	252	496	1,019	275	744	298	146	152	28	14	14

List of Terminology

Child

Any person under the age of 18, in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Institutionalization of a child

To place a human being in the care of an institution, such as those providing care for a child

De-institutionalization

Deinstitutionalization is the process of reforming child care systems and minimizing the institutionalization of children, finding new placements for children currently resident and setting up replacement services to support vulnerable families in non-institutional ways.

Caregiver

An individual including not limited to a biological parent, kin, foster parent or head of a household who attends to the needs of a child and those who provide care and protection in the institutional setting.

Orphaned child

When applied to a legitimate child, means a child, both of whose parents are dead, or one of whose parents is dead, the other being incapable of acting as a parent; and when applied to an illegitimate child, means a child whose mother is dead.

Abandoned child

When applied to a legitimate child, means a child abandoned by both parents, or abandoned by one parent, the other being dead or incapable of acting as a parent, or a child, both of whose parents are incapable of acting as parents; and when applied to an illegitimate child, means a child abandoned by its mother, or a child whose mother is incapable of acting as a parent.

Destitute child

A child whose father and mother is dead who is deserted by one of the parents and the other is unable to function as parent and needs care and safety, whose parents are receiving public assistance from the Government or from of Local Government Institution; one parent of whom is permanently ill and the other has no fixed income; one parent of whom is in prison and other has fixed income, one of the parents of whom is a mental patient and the other has a court order and having no fixed income. Whose parents are separated by some other way and either mother or father is in custody of the children and both parents do not have any fixed income.

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Extract from the Convention on the Rights of the Child:

1. A child temporarily or permanently deprived of his or her family environment, or in whose own best interests cannot be allowed to remain in that environment, shall be entitled to special protection and assistance provided by the State.
2. States Parties shall in accordance with their national laws ensure alternative care for such a child.
3. Such care could include, inter alia, foster placement, kafalah of Islamic law, adoption or if necessary placement in suitable institutions for the care of children. When considering solutions, due regard shall be paid to the desirability of continuity in a child's upbringing and to the child's ethnic, religious, cultural and linguistic background.

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