



**Care Reform is Possible:
A Case Study From
Catholic Sisters in Uganda**

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Catholic Sisters – Overview

650,000 sisters

2,000 “congregations”
or “institutes”

- ➔ many national associations of leaders
- ➔ a few regional associations of associations
- ➔ 1 international association:
International Union of Superiors General (UISG)



Catholic Sisters – Overview

The animating spark: CHARISM



Adapted from research from Míseán Cara at <http://www.miseancara.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/LB2018-02-Faith-based-and-Missionary-Approach-to-Development.pdf>



Catholic Landscape of Care

105,000+

Hospitals
Dispensaries



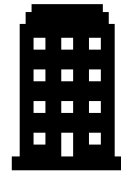
Leprosaries
Homes for elderly
Infirm



Homes for
disabled



Orphanages



Nurseries



Matrimonial
Advice
Centres



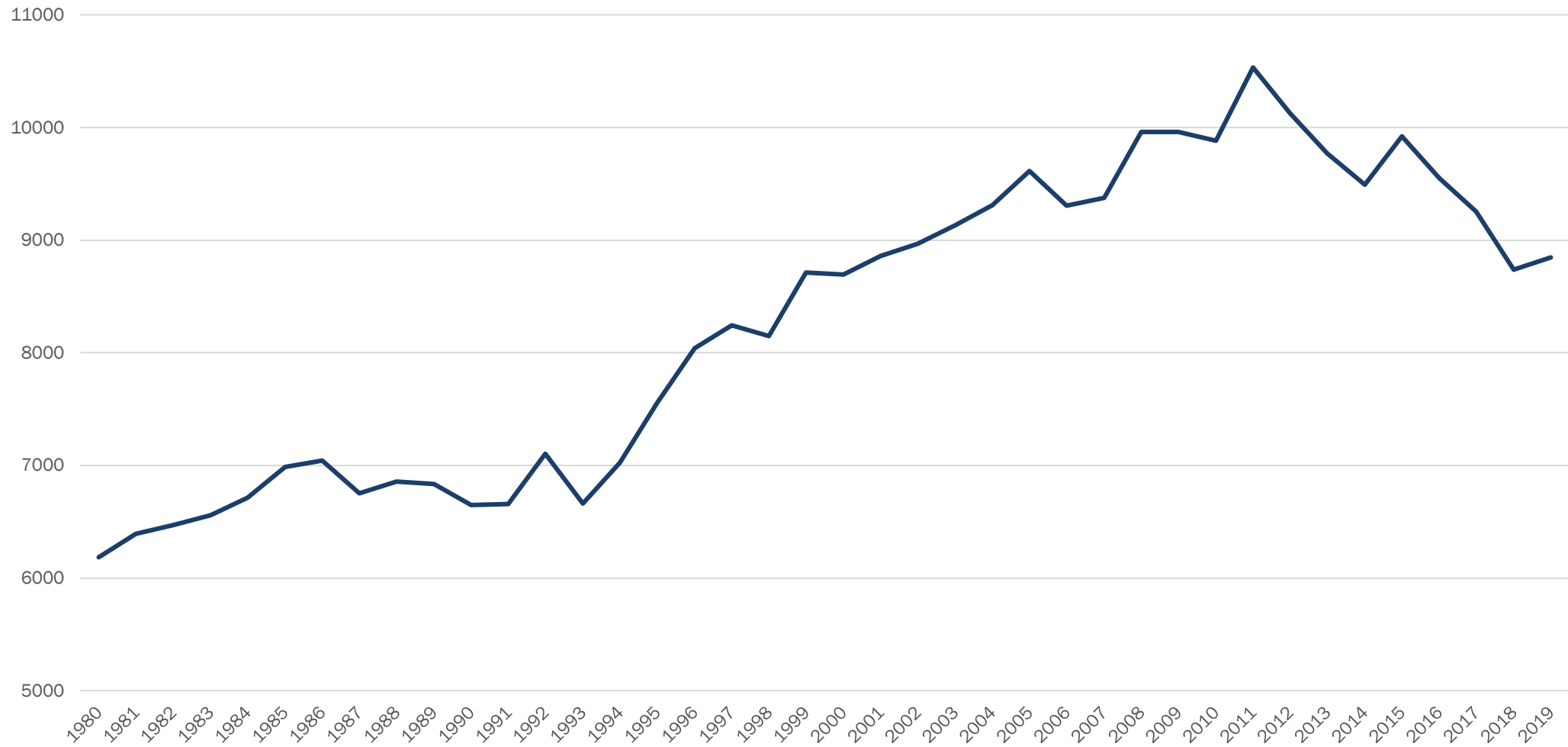
Centers for
Education



Annuario Ecclesiae Statisticum 2019



Chart 1: Number of Catholic orphanages, 1980 - 2019*

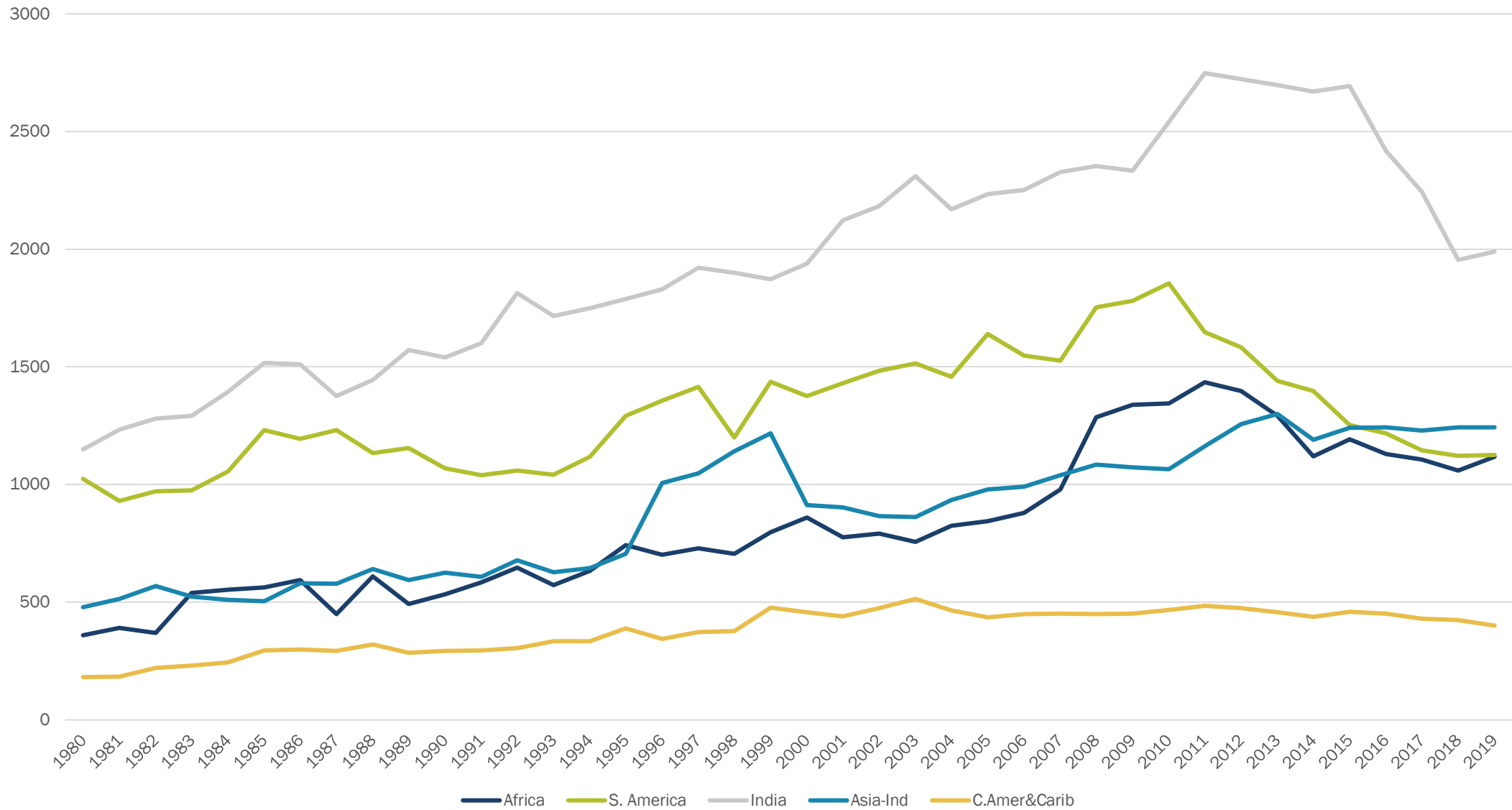


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— Orphanages



Chart 2: Number of Catholic orphanages key regions, 1980 - 2019*



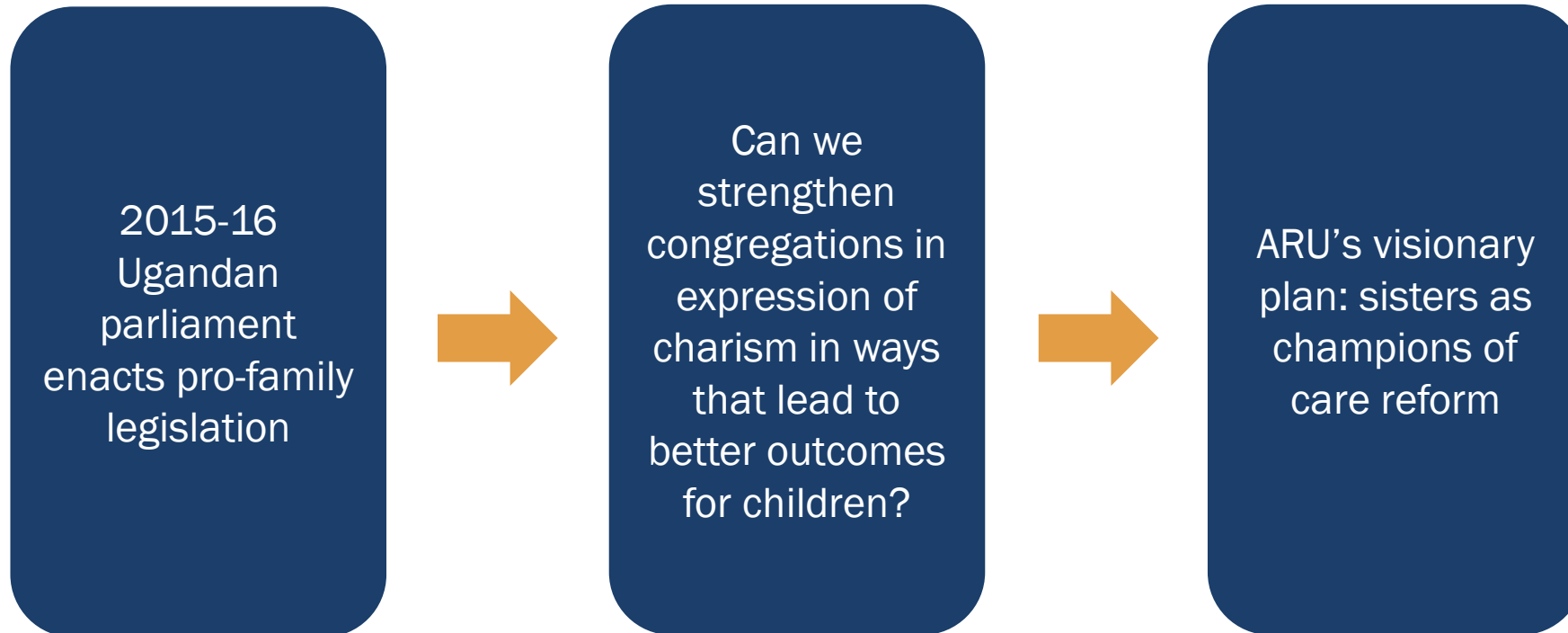
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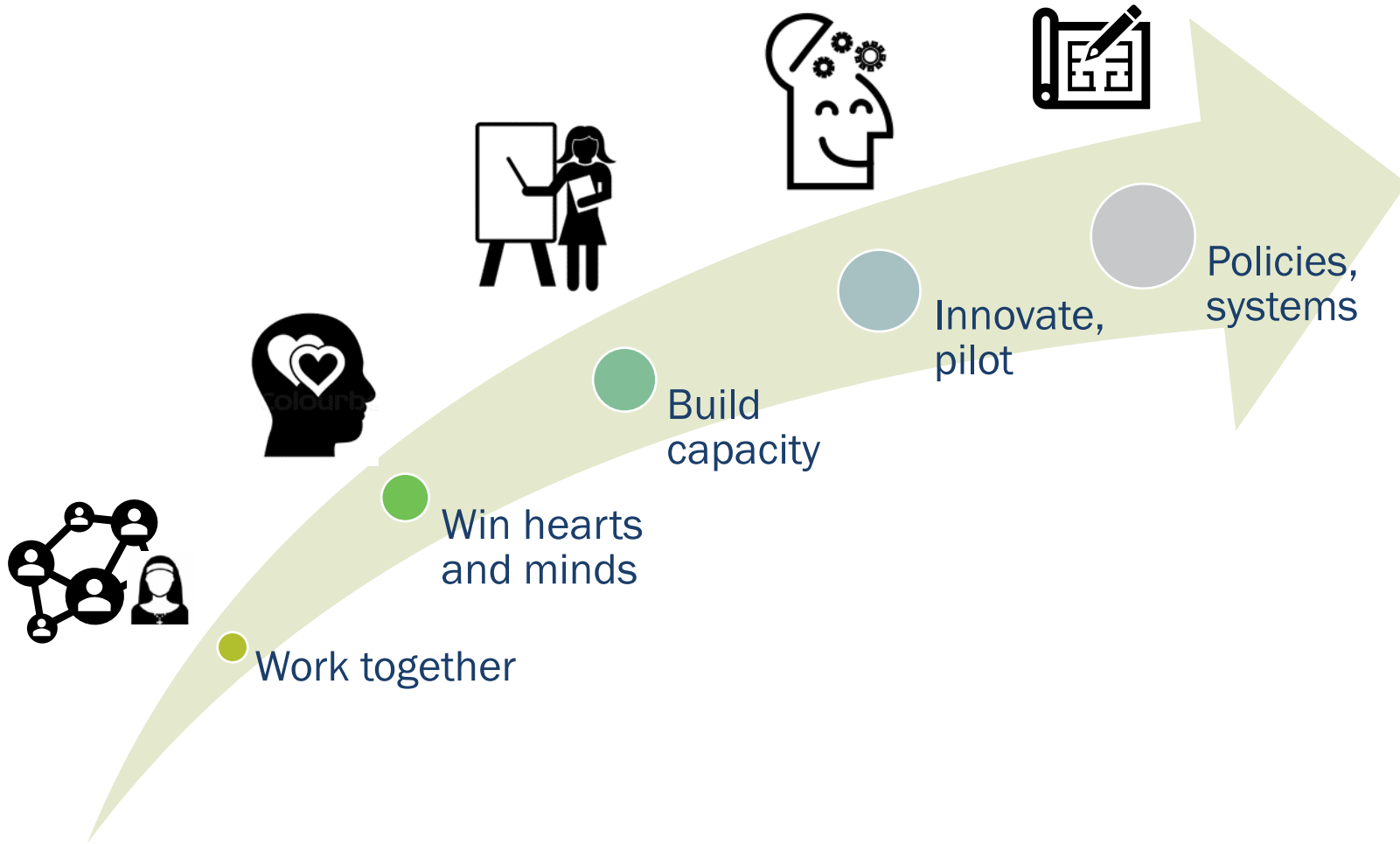
Catholic Care for Children in Uganda



Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU): Catholic Care for Children in Uganda (CCCU)



CCCU Approach and Strategy



Introductions

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Activities and Results

Win hearts and minds

- 700+ understand need for new approaches
- “Today, everyone speaks the language of family- and community-based care”

Capacity

- 80 scholarships for social work and allied fields
- Hundreds trained in case management, child protection...

Quality of care

- Fewer children in care; improved staff-child ratios
- 100% babies/children’s homes legally registered (from 2 to 21)

Charism

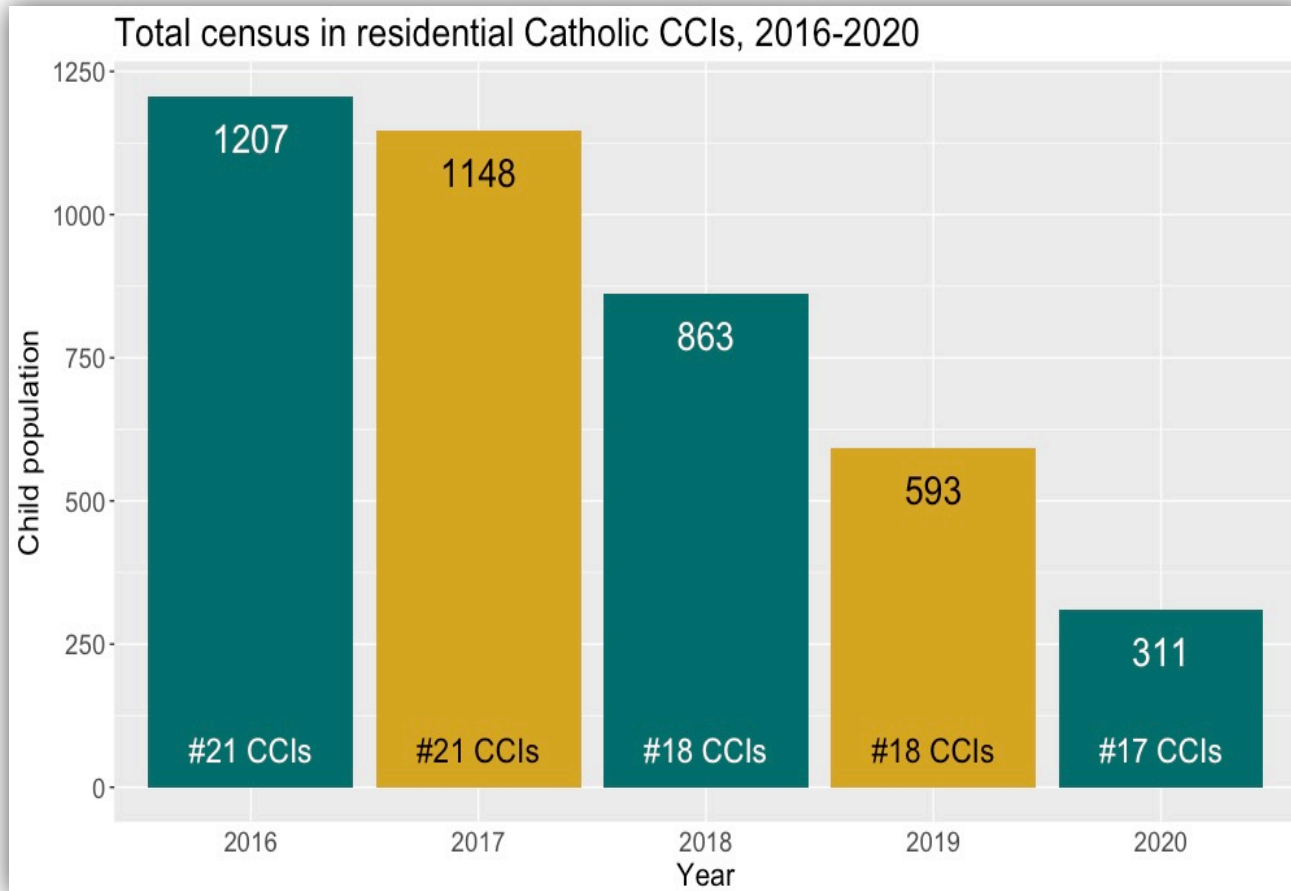
- 17 congregations with better prepared sisters
- Charism remains relevant: sisters as leaders

Children

- In 21 babies/children’s home: 75% decrease (from 1,207 to 311)
- 4 homes transitioning to new ministries



Results – empty dormitories and reunified families





Catholic Care for Children in Uganda (CCCU)
Association of the Religious in Uganda



Catholic Care for Children in Zambia (CCCZ)
Zambia Association of Sisterhoods



Catholic Care for Children in Kenya (CCCK)
Association of Sisterhoods Kenya



Catholic Care for Children International (CCCI)
International Union of Superiors General

A sister-led, charism-drive movement to see children in safe, nurturing families

Faith

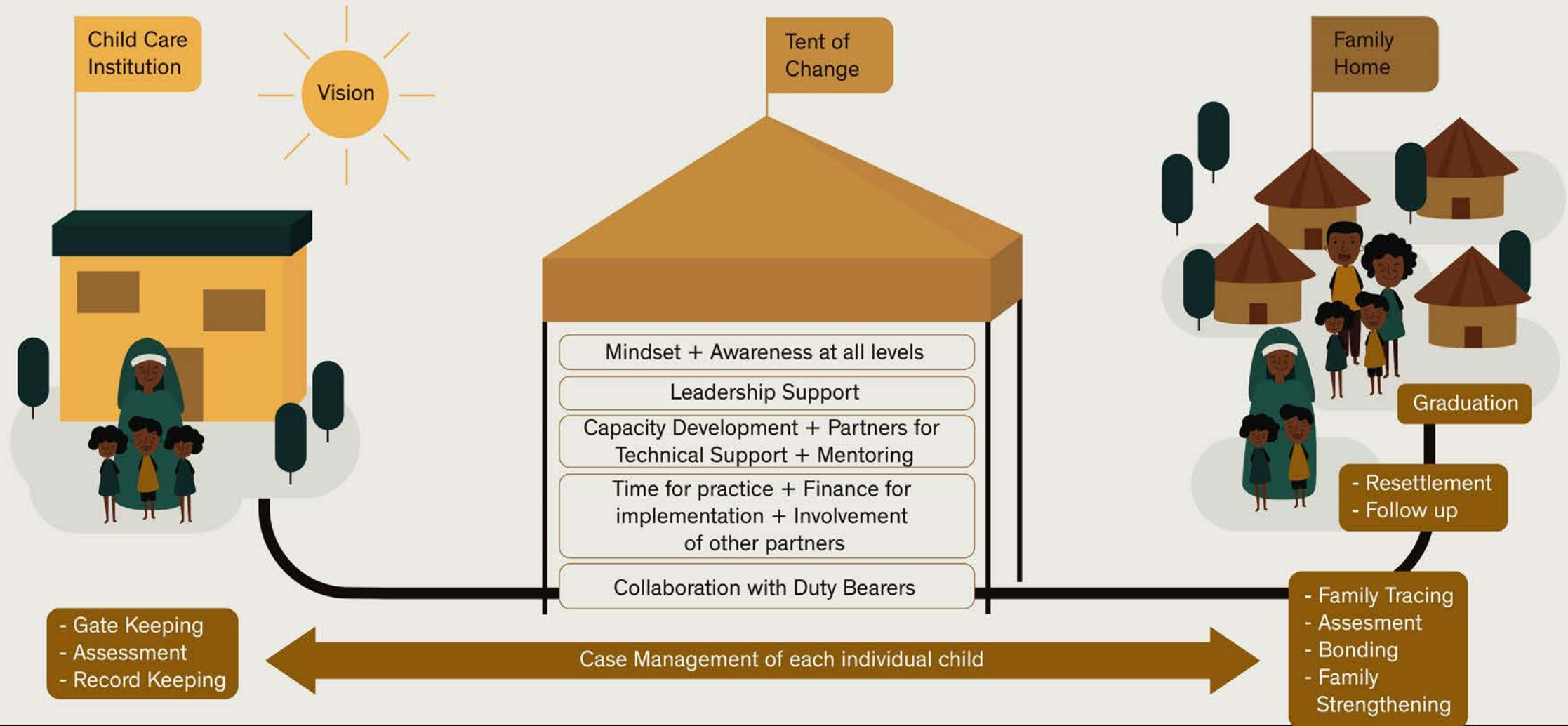
Social Sciences

UNCRC



Journey from Institutional to Family-based care: Gradual change process – step-by-step – in the best interests of the child


The tent as a symbol for a change process within a safe environment so that it is successful and without harm to the children



Charism of each Religious Institute

Children in Families Initiative – Learnings, Challenges, Questions

- Children with disabilities: how bold can we be?
 - Transition cost is high: how do we scale?
- Secular and faith-based groups working together: readiness?
 - Sustain a movement? Affect system change?



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is possible

