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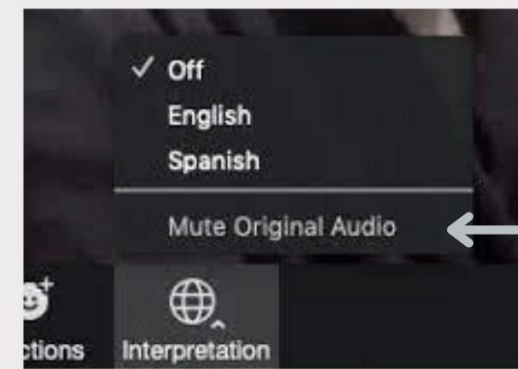


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THE WAY WE  
*care*<sup>SM</sup>



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# AGENDA

Welcome

Presentations on Catholics advancing family care around the world

- Global
- Zambia
- India
- Haiti
- Mexico
- Sri Lanka

Q & A



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# GLOBAL CATHOLIC HISTORY AND FOUNDATION

Serving vulnerable children

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ACRS Maestral



# Catholic commitment to the vulnerable, especially the widow and orphan

- Based on Scripture, Tradition, Teaching and Values
- Missions, ministries and charisms based on serving women & children
- Generosity and dedication of Catholic donors and volunteers/missionaries



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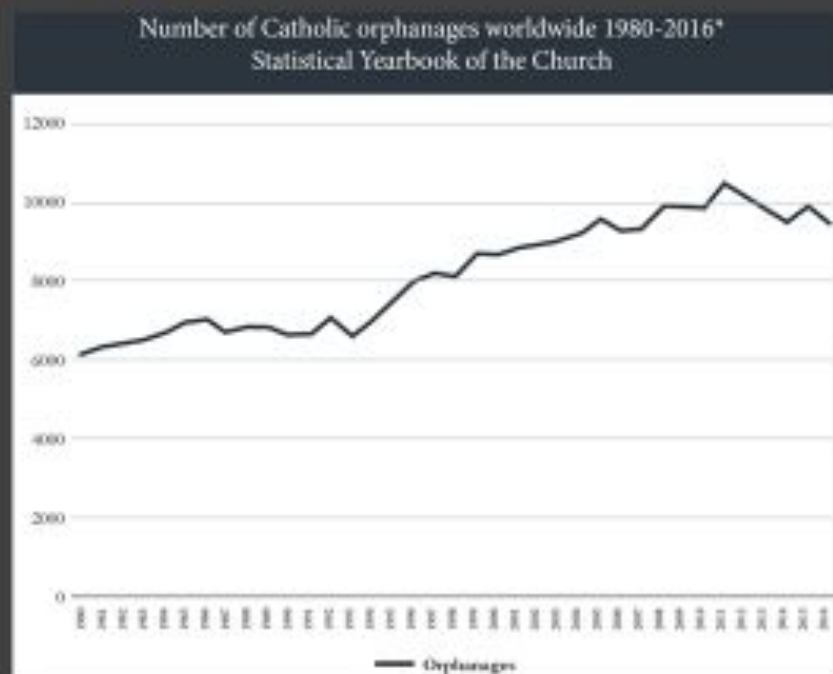
CRS Maestral



## Current Catholic Investment in Residential Care for Children

Residential model of care > U.S. and Western Europe, while < Eastern Europe, Russia and China

- Later, grew in Global South in response to major emergencies and epidemics (HIV & AIDS crisis)



Source: Sowing Hope for Children in Our Care (2020)

The protection of the fundamental rights of children to **grow up in a family environment**, to receive nutrition, education and support, are duties of the family and society. Such duties must be guaranteed and protected so that they are not overlooked or denied to any child in any part of the world. All those practices that violate the dignity and rights of children must be denounced.

— Pope Francis,  
**HUMAN FRATERNITY**  
FOR WORLD PEACE AND LIVING TOGETHER



# Children and COVID-19: The Pandemic's Most Vulnerable Victims

Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

December 2021

“Ensuring safe and nurturing family-based care should be a Church priority. Parish members can mobilize support to ensure COVID-19-impacted children remain in family care. In the event of parent or caregiver death, churches can also help to identify and support kin to care for the child or support the foster care or adoption of the child.”



“Redouble efforts to find a family for every child. The International Union of Superiors General (UISG) has launched Catholics Care for Children International (CCCI), which is addressing the needs of an estimated 5.6 million children in Catholic residential care facilities. The aim is to find a loving family for as many of those children as possible and transition orphanages to other community assets such as daycare facilities or other social service providers.”

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Video  
presentation from  
Catholic Care for  
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# Family and Faith

*An Initiative by Tamil Nadu Social Service Society and  
Changing The Way We Care*





# About the Organization



## About us

***Tamil Nadu Social Service  
Society***

*Social Wing of Tamil Nadu  
Bishop's Conference*



## Vision

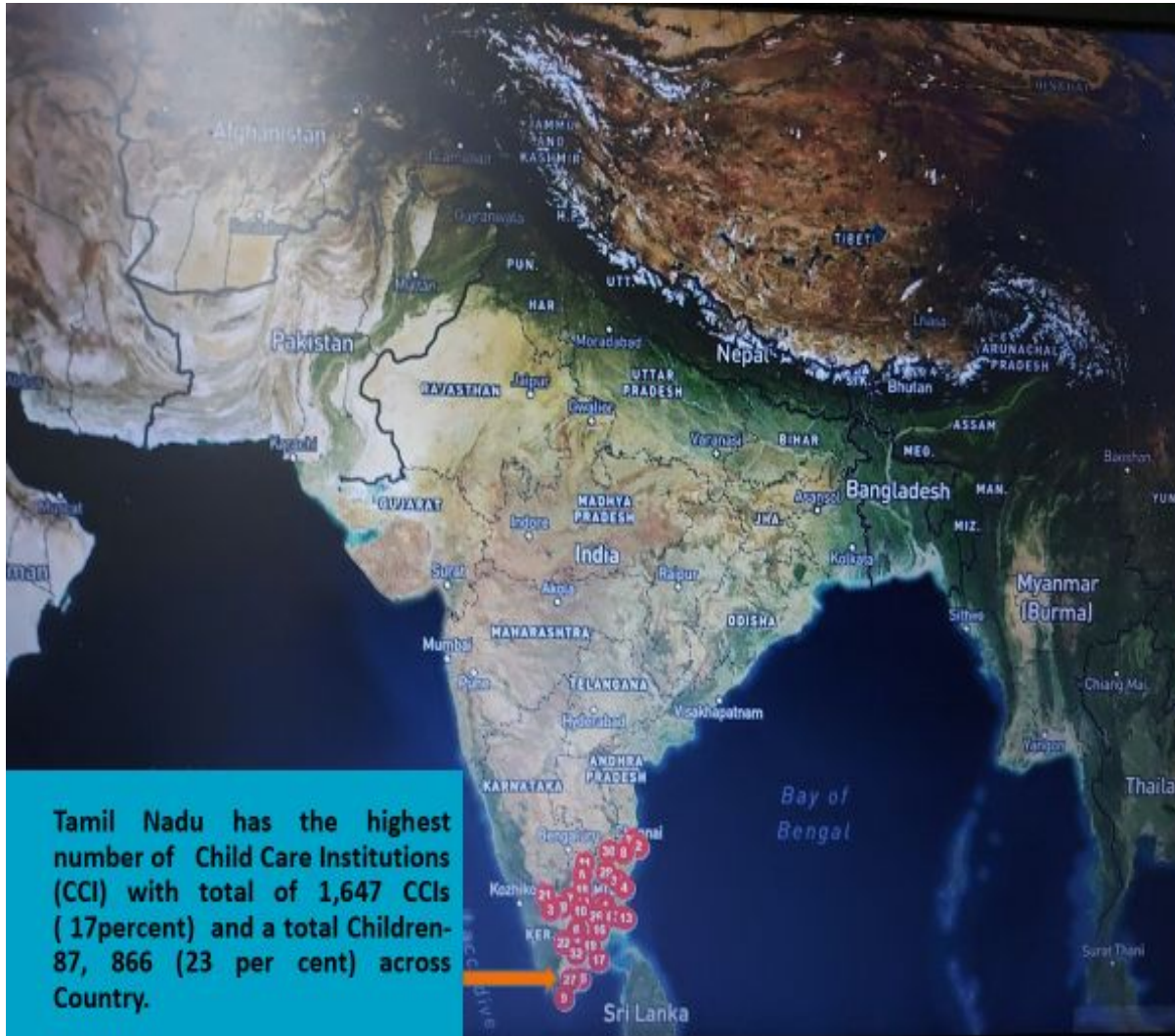
*Building an equitable society  
wherein people live with human  
values like peace, human  
rights, dignity and equality.*



## Our Commitment

*Strengthen Church's  
commitment and actions to  
strengthen families to prevent  
separation of children from  
their families*

# Context



**Significant proportion of homes managed by Church institutions**

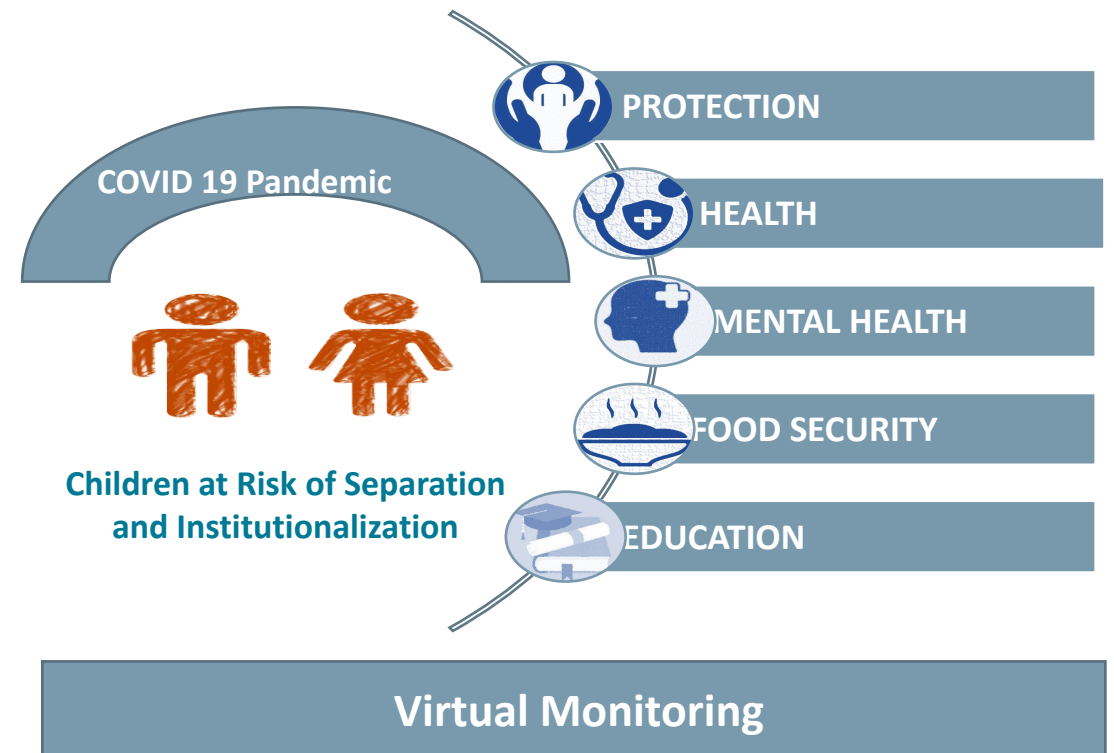


**Children losing parent or care givers to COVID**



**Directive to send children back to families during Pandemic**

# Protection of Children



# Engagement with the Church



Concept clarity to the key stakeholders & influencers



Engagement through existing Church Structures



Social and Behaviour Change Communication



Advocacy through key church leaders from different rites



Campaign for Family Strengthening



# Key Success



- Church strategic shift from Isolation to **collaborative approach**\* for child care
- Creating **Support Systems**\* to strengthen the Family
- **Allocation of resource** from Institution to Family
- **Inclusive approach**\* with special attention to vulnerable children reduced the PUSH factors towards CCI
- Parents **understand the importance** children being at home\*

# Continued effort to “strengthen Church’s commitment and actions to strengthen families to prevent separation of children from their families.”



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**Capacitate** the key influencers to enable them to bring about Social and Behavior changes

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**Converge** potential stakeholders to synergize their actions to support families

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Promote **Community based family support** programs to be strengthened

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Promote **Champions within Church** to lead the advocacy efforts



**Thank you !**

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Centre Alta Visita  
(residential care facility)  
to  
Alta Visita Centre de Stimulation  
et de Nutrition  
(*transformed*: Stimulation and Nutrition Center)

Rivière-Froide (Carrefour), Haïti  
« Family Care for Haitian Children »



## Residential Care Facilities in Haiti



- Post 2010 EQ, 150% increase in orphanages
- ~30,000 children in over 750 RCFs
- At least 80% with at least one living parent.

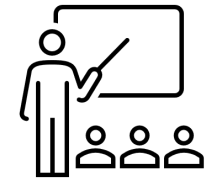
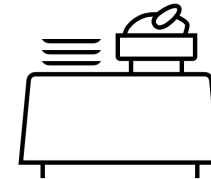
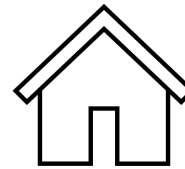


## Selection of Alta Visita

# Alta Visita



- Les Petites Sœurs de Sainte Thérèse de L'enfant Jésus (*Congregation of the Little Sisters of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus*)
- Riviere Froide, Carrefour
- 26 children and youth
  - 54% female
  - 46% with a physical and/or mental disability.



# Transformation

**Support to families**



**Community-level protection**

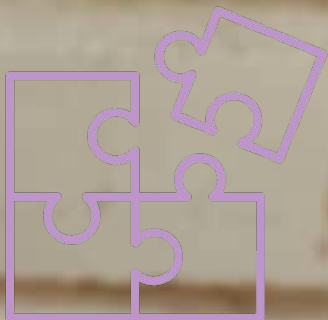


**Case Management**



**Transformation of Alta Visita**





# Case Management





## Post-Reintegration Follow Up

**CRS**  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES





**Training with Community Leaders**



## Support to Alta Visita



# Rehabilitation Center

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Good Shepherd International  
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Latin America Region



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## *Una respuesta Global a los desafíos en la Misión*



- Construcción de Planes Estratégicos para impulsar una visión común en las Provincias, que permita consolidar la Misión, hacia modelos de intervención que respondan a las nuevas necesidades tanto en las/los participantes de los programas, como también a los Recursos existentes.
- Promover el Desarrollo de Capacidades en Partners en la Misión, adquiriendo nuevos conocimientos, para moverse al cambio.
- Apertura al trabajo con socios Estratégicos.



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## *A Global Response to Mission Challenges*



- Develop Strategic Plans to promote a common vision in the Provinces, allowing us to consolidate our Mission and become models that respond to current needs of the programs and participants whilst also being good stewards of resources.
- Strengthen the capacity partners in the Mission, to acquire new knowledge and progress towards change.
- A desire to work with strategic partners.



# COMPARTIENDO EXPERIENCIAS EN EL CAMBIO DEL CUIDADO DE LA NIÑEZ Y ADOLESCENCIA

Congregación Nuestra Señora de  
la Caridad del Buen Pastor en  
México



**Cambiando**  
LA FORMA EN QUE  
*cuidamos*



## ¿Quiénes somos?

- Somos una Congregación presente en 72 países.
- Estamos en México **desde 1900**.
- Desde nuestra fundación en 1641, **nuestra carisma** se ha venido **adaptando** a cada época, en las diferentes circunstancias.
- Actualmente en México, **estamos cambiando nuestro modelo de atención** en 5 casas hogar.
- La decisión se **fundamenta en las directrices Congregacionales**, es parte de un **proceso global**, que ha requerido **varios años de planeación y discernimiento**.



# Abordando el cambio



- Abordamos el cambio a través del **fortalecimiento familiar**.
- Los NNA tienen derecho a **crecer dentro de un ambiente protector y acogedor**, evitando ser separado de manera innecesaria de su familia.
- La Congregación nos impulsa a trabajar implementando **las mejores practicas**, con un enfoque de derechos e implementando políticas de salvaguarda infantil.
- Hemos colaborado con Cambiando la Forma en que Cuidamos desde el junio 2021.

¿Qué cambios necesitamos en la transformación?

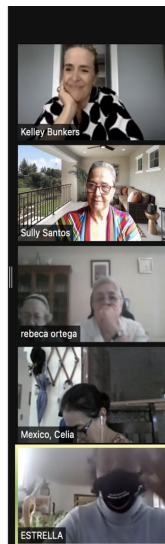
Nuestra propia pensamiento y sentimientos sobre la transformación

Organización & Operaciones

Alianzas

Modelo de Servicio

Cuidado de la niñez y adolescencia



# Transición a nuevos modelos de atención

- A consecuencia de la pandemia de COVID-19, las niñas y adolescentes regresaron a sus hogares con su familia.
- Actualmente **dos casas** han transitado a un nuevo modelo de atención, el resto continua en discernimiento y solo una de continua acogiendo niñas.
  1. Casa Eudes de **Tijuana** Baja California
  2. En Casa Eudes de **Ciudad Juárez**



# Juntas, vamos caminamos rumbo a:

- Confiadas, desafiadas, sostenidas mutuamente, co-aprendiendo una de las otras.
- *"Pues yo voy a realizar una cosa nueva, que ya aparece. ¿No la notan? Sí, trazaré una ruta en las soledades y pondré praderas en el desierto."* Is. 43,19
- *"No te contentes con amar con tu pequeño corazón humano; eso es bien poco... Ama con todo el amor de tu gran Corazón."* SJE
- *"Dejo el Instituto en tus manos. Tú lo sostendrás."* (Santa María Eufrasia)





# SHARING EXPERIENCES OF TRANSFORMING THE CARE OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Congregation of Our Lady of  
Charity of the Good Shepherd in  
Mexico



**Cambiando**  
LA FORMA EN QUE  
*cuidamos*

# Who are we?

- We are a Congregation present in 72 countries.
- We have been in Mexico since 1900.
- Since our foundation in 1641, our charism has been adapted to each era, to reflect the changing and different circumstances.
- Currently in Mexico, we are changing our model of care in five residential care facilities for girls.
- The decision is based on congregational guidelines. It is part of a global process, which has required several years of planning and discernment.



# Addressing change



- We address change through family strengthening.
- Children have the right to grow up within a protective and welcoming environment, avoiding being unnecessarily separated from their family.
- The Congregation encourages us to work by implementing best practices, with a rights-based approach and implementing policies to safeguard children.
- We have collaborated with Changing the Way We Care since June 2021.

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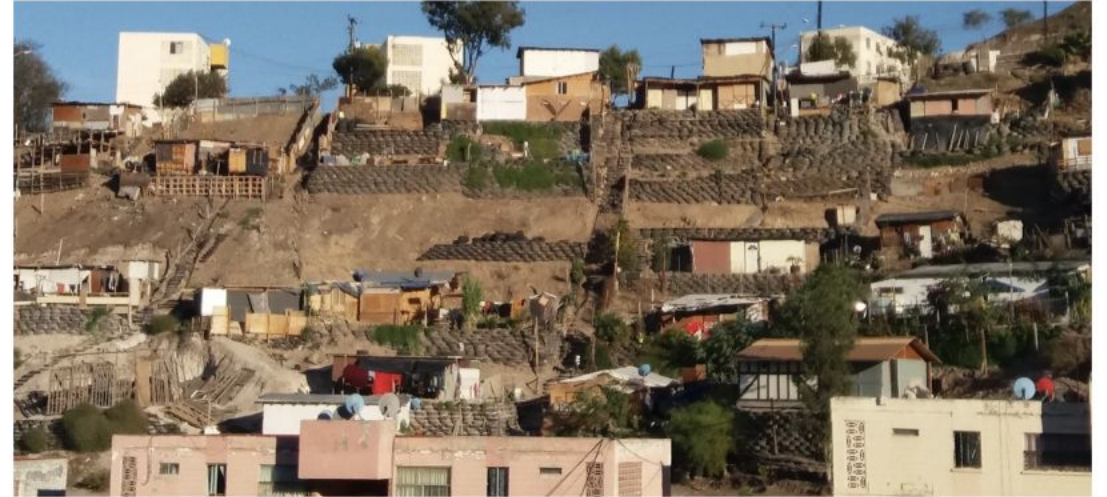
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# Transition to new models of care

- As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, girls returned home to their families.
- Currently two of our facilities have moved to a new model of care.
- Three are in a stage of discernment and are in the process of identifying a new service model.
- Only one is currently caring for children
- Casa Eudes de Tijuana Baja California (family strengthening)
- At Casa Eudes in Ciudad Juárez (families on the move)



# Together, we walk towards

- We, as a community, are confident, challenged, mutually supportive, co-learning from each other.
- *"Well, I'm going to do a new thing, which already appears. Don't you notice it? Yes, I will chart a route in the solitudes and put meadows in the wilderness." Isa. 43:19*
- *"Do not be content to love with your little human heart; that's very little... Love with all the love of your great heart." SJE*
- *"I leave the Institute in your hands. You will hold it." (Saint Mary Euphrasia)*





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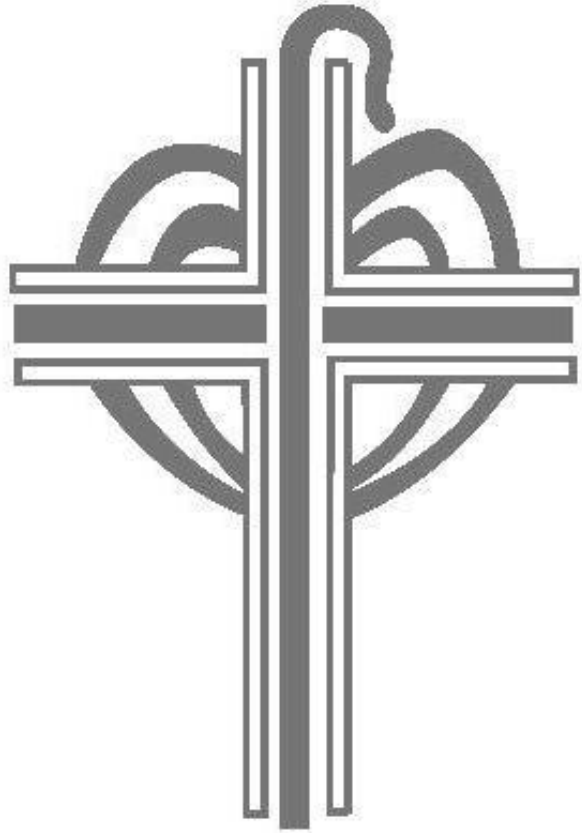


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Video presentation  
from Congregation of  
Our Lady of Charity of  
the Good Shepherd in  
Sri Lanka





**TRANSITIONING CARE of CHILDREN**  
**Good Shepherd**  
**Sri Lanka**

Presentation by  
Sr. Shamindani Fernando (RGS)  
23 June 2022

# Adopted Strategies

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- **Self Help Approach (SHA)**
  - **Child Representative Approach (CRA)**
  - **Child Protection Approach (CPA)**



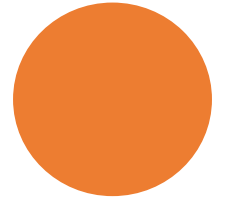
# Why SELF-HELP Approach?

SELF HELP Approach (SHA) is designed to work with women.



## Focus of **SELF-HELP** Approach

- **Best parenting skills and practices**
- **Family strengthening**
- **Financial stability**
- **Capacitate the community**
- **Economic, social, political and spiritual wellbeing of the community**
- **Community a safe space for children**



## **CHILD REPRESENTATIVE Approach (CRA)?**

**The most vulnerable children in the community are identified**

- **Special status in the project**
- **Regular visits**
- **Providing opportunities with the other children**
- **safety network for the child**



# Child Protection Approach-CPA



## Collaboration and network with the Stakeholders

- Stakeholders are updated on children's issues
- Connect and draw their services to the community
- Process of institutionalization is closely monitored



# Outcome of the TRANSITION PROCESS

**2016**

**17** Residential Centres  
800 Children

**0** CBCP Programmes



**2022**

**16** Residential Centres  
357 children

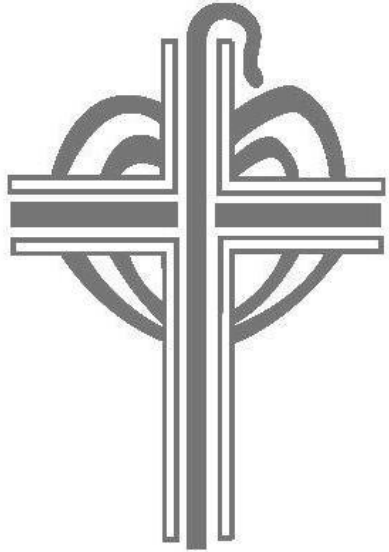
**5** CBCP Programmes  
1410 children



# CHALLENGES encountered in transitioning



- Attitudes and resistance from our own sisters towards the change
- Fear of change and lack of trust
- Lack of skills and capacity in applying the best practices
- Lack of cooperation from the government officers.
- Slow process in applying rights-based approach
- Lack of skillful personnel
- Resistance from institutional church



thank you

Q&A



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