

INSTITUTIONALISED CHILDREN EXPLORATIONS AND BEYOND (ICB)

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Tracing the evolution of Alternative Care in the South Asian countries in the last decade (2014-2024) and the Way forward

Brief for Contributors

ICB is an international, multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed academic journal on alternative care for out-of-home-care (OHC) children and youth and family strengthening focused on the South Asia region. Along with addressing issues that can influence policy reforms, decision-making and improve practices and standards of care, *ICB, in partnership with SAGE publications*, aspires to strengthen research, knowledge, and counselling practices currently prevalent in the region. To know more about ICB, click here: <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/ICB>

It's our immense pleasure to invite you to contribute to the 20th Issue of our journal, ICB. On the jubilant occasion of completing a decade of academic engagement, the 20th issue of ICB is presenting an enriched resource to **understand the full spectrum of alternative care, various aspects covered under this theme and its progress in the SAARC countries over a decade in your respective country.**

Suggestive Template of Country Contributions:

Country papers on alternative care are being sought (maximum 3000 words) with the following sections”

- ***Title of the paper:*** *The Evolution of Alternative Care in (name of country) over the last decade and way forward.*
- ***Abstract:***
- ***Introduction (One paragraph):***
Introduce your paper's topic, provide overview of children without parental care, and briefly explain the overall situation and the significance of alternative care for children in need of care and protection in your country.
- ***Scope of alternative care and different forms of alt care in your country (three – four lines)***
Provide a definition of alternative care and an account of its various forms prevailing in your country (including Family Strengthening – gatekeeping, foster care, adoption, aftercare and care leavers, kinship care, sponsorship, child care institutions or care homes (as the last resort)
- ***History and evolution of alternative care in the country (four paragraphs):***
Mention what are the current laws, policies, schemes, programs and government regulations, their history of evolution and trace the progress or changes in law driven alternative care practices in the country over a decade
- ***Role of stakeholders involved in alternative care (three paragraphs):***

Explain the role and contribution of stakeholders at different levels in alternative care with examples

- *Good practices on alternative care (three paragraphs):*

Illustrate some of the good practices, best models of alternative care which developed in your country, highlighting how your country is moving towards non-institutional forms of alternative care over the last decade

- *Country specific challenges in alternative care (two paragraphs):*

Briefly explain the challenges in the country in assuring quality alternative care for children without parental care

- *Recommendations and Way Forward (two paragraphs):*

* Mental health and issues of disabilities perspectives, caregiving, and concerns of the children should be highlighted in the paper across the sections wherever possible.

Some of the other important considerations for contributions are:

- Abstracts (last date for receiving is: 10th March, 2023.) are subject to review, revisions and final acceptance by the editorial board
- For all accepted abstracts, full papers must be submitted by 20th April, 2023
- All contributions must comprehensively capture the Alternative Care landscape at country level

Please refer to the Submission Guidelines closely, which can be found at <https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/manuscript-submission-guidelines>

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