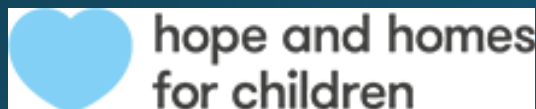# Measuring Progress in the Implementation of the Alternative Care Guidelines

With support from Oak Foundation

Background to the Tracking Tool

- **Adoption of *Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children* by UN General Assembly (2009)**

- **Greater awareness of harmful impact of institutionalisation**

- **Focus on preventing child-family separation and ensuring alternative care used ONLY when <u>necessary</u> and <u>appropriate</u>**

- **Support for national level implementation of the Guidelines.**

Inter-agency support to implement Guidelines

The Handbook
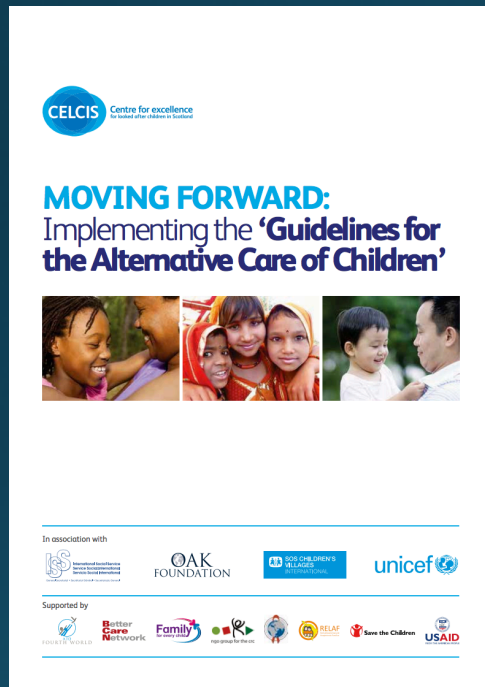
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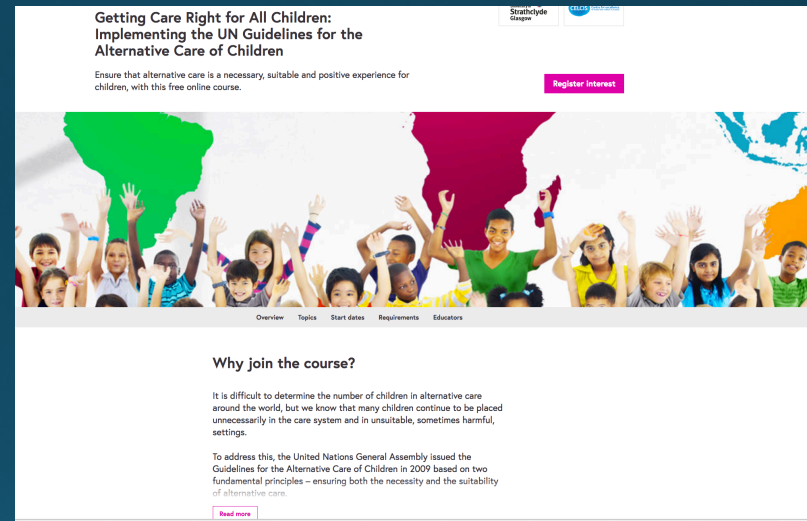
The Tracking Tool

Overview of the tool

- **Tracking progress tool developed by inter-agency group**

- **To support <u>national level actors</u> measure progress in the implementation of the Guidelines**

- **Designed for diverse range of country contexts (i.e. type of child welfare system, stage of development of care system, economic development and political commitment)**

WEB BASED INTERACTIVE TOOL

OPEN SOURCE

FRAMED BY THE ALTERNATIVE CARE GUIDELINES

Q1
Is care genuinely needed?

Reduce the perceived need for formal alternative care

Discourage recourse to alternative care

The Necessity Principle

Q2
Is the care appropriate for the child?

Ensure formal alternative care settings meet minimum standards

Ensure that the care settings meets the needs of the child

The Suitability Principle

FOUR OVERARCHING THEMES

TO INPUT AND SHARE DATA (Qualitative and Quantitative)

TO IDENTIFY GAPS IN DATA

TO IDENTIFY PRIORITIES and HOW TO ADDRESS THEM

Tracking Progress initiative

Resume later

Q6. What are the main reasons for children entering alternative care?

- [ ] Poverty
- [ ] Family relinquishment
- [ ] Disability of child
- [ ] Disability
- [ ] Removal abuse or neglec
- [ ] Child left,

- [ ] Abandonment
- [ ] Parental migration
- [ ] Death of parent(s)
- [ ] Conflict (war)
- [ ] Natural disasters
- [ ] Access to education

- [ ] Recruitment by care providers of residential care or other facilities
- [ ] Other I
- [ ] Other II
- [ ] Other III
- [ ] Other IV
- [ ] Other V

Disability

'Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others' Article 1, Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

ANALYSE THE DATA OVER TIME

REPORT DATA REPEATEDLY

MEASURE CHANGE TRACKING PROGRESS
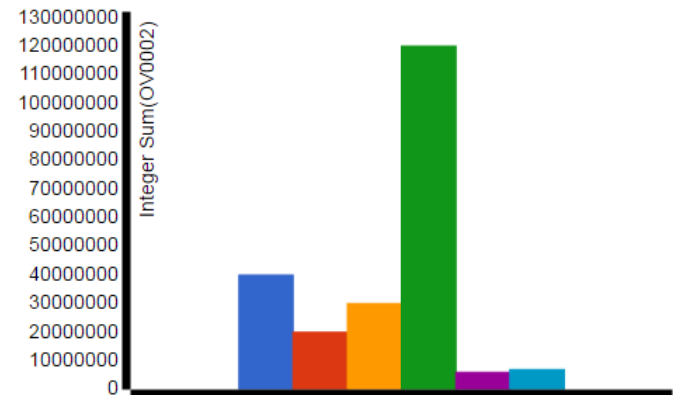
UNDER EACH KEY THEMES

Using the Tracking Tool

- **Best supported by national Working Group of key actors working on children's care and care reforms**

- **Working group ideally brings together Government, UN Agencies and civil society organisations**

- **Free and open source means tool can also be evolve with needs in context and over time**

- **Owned and managed at the national level: Data and tool can be hosted on local server or global server**

Piloting of the tool

- **Piloting of tool will take place in 5 countries**
- **Countries selected identified according to ensure geographical representation, socio-economic contexts, types of care systems at different stages of development or reforms**
- **Some support provided for 1 year (IT, technical)**
- **Contribute to learning and further development of the tool, including guidance.**
- **Other countries invited to test tool outside of formal pilot**

Any question?

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