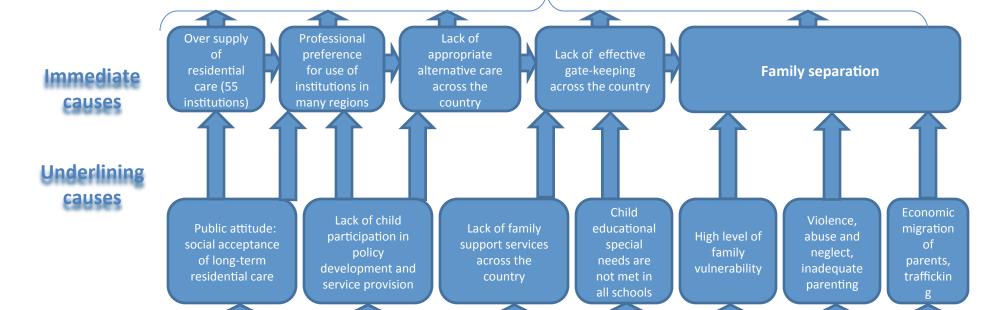
4500 children without parental care in long-term residential care



Basic

Quantity and quality of resources - human, economic and organisational

Lack of appropriate approved polices and legislations to prevent child-family separation and protection of children without parental care Lack of parent's employment opportunities

Poor public health and mainstream education

Poor integration of child care into the wider child protection and social protection fields

Lack of financial resources; poor reallocation of financial resources from residential to community-based social and educational services Low human and organisational capacities of local authorities, local communities to develop family based services to prevent family separation, develop family-based alternative care and to undertake reorganisation of residential care institutions

Political, economic and historical factors

Lack of political commitment to comprehensive child care reform in all regions of Moldova Poor economic development and poverty

Historical massive use of residential care for children and lack of family support in many regions of Moldova Lack of awareness of the effects of residential care on child development amongst general public and many professionals and decision-maker

Professional and public attitude supportive of residential care, tolerating child abuse and neglect