

Online Launch

Global Report on Children's Care and Protection

Understanding and Preventing the Separation of Children from their Families

On the International Day of Care and Support 2024, this report launch event will share the findings of extensive and participatory research on the factors driving the separation of children from their families and provide recommendations for governments and stakeholders to prevent it through integrated care and support systems.

[Global Report on Children's Care and Protection 2024 \(sos-childrensvillages.org\)](https://sos-childrensvillages.org)

Date of Event International Day of Care and Support, 29 October 2024
13:00-14:30 CET, [convert](#) time zone.

Venue Online (Zoom) in English with interpretation in Spanish, French and Arabic

Simultaneous live stream on selected social media channels and websites

Registration [Register](#) on Zoom

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Target Participants The webinar is open to anyone working to improve the care and protection of children and their families at national, regional, and international level:

- Policymakers and experts from governments and intergovernmental bodies
 - Development cooperation and implementation partners from bilateral and multilateral funding institutions, private sector, philanthropic foundations, and civil society
 - Experts from think tanks, universities, international and non-governmental organizations
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- Specialist media and opinion leaders
 - Practitioners
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- The experts**
- Dr. Claudia Arisi, Global Policy and Advocacy Advisor, SOS Children's Villages International
 - Dr. Chrissie Gale, International Child Protection Consultant, Child Consulting LTD
 - Hon. Anne Musiwa, Special Rapporteur for Children Without Parental Care, African Union
 - Dr. Roseline Olumbe, Researcher at Institute of Child Development, Daystar University, Kenya
 - Dr. Astrid Podsiadlowski, Head of Sector on Social Rights at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
 - Mr. Wanchai Roujanavong, Thailand's Representative to the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) for Children's Rights
 - Dr. Dominic Richardson, Managing Director, Learning for Well-being Institute
 - Ms. Rosalind Willi, Research and Learning Advisor, SOS Children's Villages International
 - Dr. Dereje Wordofa, President, SOS Children's Villages International
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Moderator Anne Mitaru, Director of Advocacy, SOS Children's Villages International [\[Link\]](#)

Objectives

The event releases to the public for the first time results of research conducted in the framework of the first SOS Children's Villages' global report on the factors behind the separation of children from their families.

The discussion aims at increasing understanding of the complex set of issues, within and beyond families' control, that may lead to separation in the absence of adequate care and support systems. The discussion will also address the meaning of the report findings to enhance preventative policies and practices through integrated and multisectoral approaches.

Format **Duration:** 90 mins

Presentation of the research findings and key recommendations; moderated dialogue with expert discussants from the fields of child protection, social policy, and international development.

Audience participants may engage in the dialogue during the Q&A session.

Summary

Join us on **29 October 2024** for the launch of the **2024 Global Report on Children's Care and Protection**, a groundbreaking study titled *"Understanding and Preventing the Separation of Children from their Families."* This comprehensive report delves into the global challenge of family separation, examining the driving factors behind why children are separated from their families and providing actionable recommendations to prevent unnecessary separations.

This launch date holds particular significance as it coincides with the **International Day for Care and Support**, a day dedicated to recognizing the critical role that care and support systems play in the well-being of children and families. The report's release on this day underscores the urgent need for stronger, more inclusive care systems worldwide to ensure that children grow up in safe, nurturing family environments.

The report draws on research from **over 1,100 participants** across eight countries, including children, parents, and child protection professionals. It highlights key findings on the complex social, economic, and systemic factors that contribute to family separation, emphasizing that with better family support systems, many separations could be prevented. Governments and stakeholders are urged to invest in integrated care systems that prioritize prevention, inclusive social protection, and evidence-driven decision-making.

By attending this launch, you'll gain valuable insights into how we can work together to protect children's rights, uphold family integrity, and build a future where no child is separated unnecessarily from their family.

Outputs

- Dissemination of the 2024 Global Report on Children's Care and Protection among policymakers and stakeholders, highlighting key findings and recommendations to prevent family separations.
- Call to action for enhancing of care and support systems focusing on inclusive and integrated child protection, social protection and family support.
- Insights from **experts in child protection research, policy and programming**, offering global and country-specific perspectives on improving care and support systems.
- Real-life case studies or testimonies shared by children, families, or practitioners to humanize the issues discussed in the report.
- Interactive sessions for attendees to engage with these stories, providing a platform for lived experiences to guide policy decisions.
- Launch of a dedicated website or portal to house the report, accompanying resources.
- Opportunities for networking among key stakeholders (NGOs, governments, UN agencies) to form partnerships aimed at addressing child protection and family separation.

Other events

Launch of the Global Report at the United Nations in the framework of International Day of Care and Support, 29 October (program forthcoming, time TBC)

[Register](#) to attend in-person in New York

[Sign up](#) to receive Updates on program and livestream

[Online Conference: Strengthening Families, Protecting Children](#)

30-31 October 2024

[Register](#) on Zoom

Relevant Publications from SOS Children's Villages

[Global Report on Children's Care and Protection 2024](#)

The report examines the factors behind child-family separations and offers recommendations to prevent them. Based on participatory research from eight countries, it calls for stronger family support and child protection systems, emphasizing the need for integrated care to uphold children's rights and ensure safe, nurturing environments while addressing policy gaps.

[Children Without Parental Care in Africa](#)

The study, conducted from 2020 to 2022, covered over 43 countries in all five regions of Africa with primary and secondary data collection methods, and involved various government entities, organizations, leading academicians, child rights advocacy groups, children and young people.

[How family strengthening can help prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families](#)

This document makes the case for the importance of investing in family strengthening in countries across Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. It has a particular focus on support for families so that any unnecessary separation of children from their families and placement in alternative care can be prevented.

[Consultation with children in care/ receiving family strengthening services](#)

These reports are the outcomes of consultations conducted with children in residential care and children in family strengthening programmes respectively. The aim of the study is to gather and share the perspectives of children on their realities. The detailed report of findings of children in residential care is [here](#) and the report of children in family strengthening programmes is [here](#). A summary report of the consultation is available [here](#).

[Towards the Right Care for Children: Orientations for reforming alternative care systems in Africa, Asia, Latin America](#)

This study summarises existing knowledge on deinstitutionalisation in six countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and provides guidelines for future EU strategies on deinstitutionalisation in developing countries.

[Care For Children is Care for Development: How SOS Children's Villages supports the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

The quality of childhood sets the stage for our future development - as individuals and societies. Childhood is when we plant the seeds of a new generation, which can flourish within a caring family environment. For a sustainable future, every child must be valued and included.

[75 Years of Impact](#)

Since our founding in 1949, SOS Children's Villages has been dedicated to ensuring that no child grows up alone. This publication represents an update of the social impact assessment data presented in our earlier report, 70 Years of Impact, but also expands the discussion to include results from our advocacy efforts in the last two decades.

Contacts

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