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Resolution on Residential Care

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Noted with concern that there are an estimated 8 million children worldwide living in residential care, despite 80% of these children having one or both living parents¹.

In consideration of the proliferation of residential care in developing countries and the damaging effects it can have on children's development and wellbeing ACFID calls;

1. **On members** to take measures to ensure they are not, directly or indirectly, contributing towards the unnecessary institutionalisation of children through programming, funding or volunteering activities.
2. **On the Australian Government** to work with NGO policy and practice experts to address the issues contributing to the overuse of residential care overseas within Australia's aid program, charities sector and volunteering and tourism sectors.

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¹ ACFID Child Rights Community of Practice 2016, 'Position Paper on Residential Care and Orphanage in International Development'.