

PERU

FAQ



QUESTION & ANSWER

- Q:** How long has Lifeline been working in this country?
- A:** Lifeline has been working in Peru since 2008.
- Q:** How are you matched or referred to a child in this country?
- A:** Once dossier approved, families submit letter of intent for child off priority adoption wait list (issued by central authority each month). DGA assesses and approves match.
- Q:** My spouse and I have not yet been married the length of time for the marriage requirement. Can we go ahead and begin the home study?
- A:** This time is set forth by the central authority. Although Lifeline cannot waive any of the requirements, if you have been married close to the requirements, we would encourage you to start your home study process. Your dossier cannot be submitted until you have reached the minimum for length of time married.
- Q:** What if I or my spouse has heritage from this country and/or is a dual citizen? Would we get any special exceptions in the adoption process?
- A:** Peruvian-descent families may receive special exceptions (for example: the adoptive children's ages/ needs or timelines of dossier review/ approval by central authority). You will need to show evidence of your Peruvian birth certificate, passport, and ID.
- Q:** Is this country Hague or Non Hague?
- A:** This country is Hague.

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Q: Do children reside in foster homes or orphanages?

A: Children reside in either public-run orphanages or privately-run orphanages.

Q: We would like to adopt a specific child (whether family member or someone we met once on a trip to the country). Is this possible?

A: Technically, this is not permitted unless a special exception is made by the central authority. Families in this situation will need to consult with Lifeline staff and understand that there will be inherent risks until the adoption is finalized in country. In addition, all children to be adopted internationally must first be declared abandoned in this country.

Q: How do families afford the adoption process or take time away from work for so long to finalize in country?

A: Lifeline seeks to be a resource and support to each family throughout the process. If finances are a concern, please speak to one of our intake workers or program points. Lifeline would encourage families to apply for grants/ scholarships and will be here to assist in any way possible. For the time in country, many families use vacation/sick time, FMLA leave, or work out an agreement with employers to work part time from "home" in the country.

Q: What is the ethnicity of the children?

A: The ethnicities of children vary significantly from Peruvian, Native American, European, African, or biracial descent.

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