

# Brazil: Children Eligible for Adoption

Process:	Answer:	Notes:
Characteristics of Children Eligible for Adoption:	<p>Individual Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically, will be 8+ years old</li> <li>Older children (8+) can have a pre-identified medical need but not a requirement for adoption</li> <li>Younger children (0-8 years old) and children of all ages can have more moderate to significant medical special needs</li> </ul> <p>Siblings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sibling groups of two or more are in need to stay together with forever families</li> </ul>	<p>All children must be legally declared abandoned by the Central Authority before being matched with an adoptive family.</p> <p>Siblings Explanation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sibling Groups of 2: children will typically have at least one child 10+</li> <li>Sibling Groups of 3+: children can vary in all ages and medical needs</li> </ul>
What are common medical needs seen in this country?	<p>Thus far, we have seen children with medical needs such as global developmental delays, cognitive delays, lung development issues, Downs Syndrome, microcephaly, and more.</p>	<p>All children in international adoption will generally have developmental delay and potential malnutrition.</p> <p>There is always risk of incorrect diagnoses and/ or medical special needs developing later in the child's life.</p> <p>Currently, Lifeline is learning more about this as the program develops.</p>
How are families matched with child/ children?	<p>Family will be matched <b>directly</b> by central authority in various regions once dossier approved.</p>	<p>A family will be dossier approved by the central authority first. In the dossier, your home study will set the perimeters on the ages, needs, and number of children that you can be matched with.</p> <p>Exception: A family can petition for a potential waiting child at any point during their process; however, the match will only be officially considered after the family's dossier has been approved.</p>
Does this country have a waiting children's program?	<p>Technically, it does not in the sense that there is not a central list of children waiting for adoption. But the various regional offices will contact us when there are children in need of families. At that time, Lifeline can advocate to find a family to petition for these specific children.</p>	
Greatest Needs of Country (most common factors of children eligible for adoption)	<p>Individual children over the age of 8 years old.</p> <p>Children in larger and/or older sibling groups have most commonly.</p>	<p>Lifeline is currently learning more about younger children with pre-identified medical needs that may also need special advocacy.</p>
What happens after we are matched with our child?	<p>Family accepts match, applies for USCIS 800 approval, and plans for travel. This takes about 2-3 months to travel.</p>	<p>With 800 approval &amp; Article 5 approval, the family can travel to country to begin the adoption process.</p>