

INDIA

FAQ



QUESTION & ANSWER

Q: Does India have a waiting child list?

A: India does have waiting children listed on CARINGS; however, CARA has very strict guidelines about waiting children and protecting the confidentiality of these children as they wait to be legally adopted. If you have specific questions about children available for adoption from India, please contact Meredith Campbell, our India Program Director (meredith.campbell@lifelinechild.org).

Q: What is the average timeline for an adoption from India?

A: It is important to note that the amount of time it takes for an adoption to be completed from India depends on many different factors, including the amount of time it takes for a family to gather paperwork, the amount of time it takes for CARA to issue the family's initial approval, and the amount of time it takes for CARA to officially approve the match. Some other factors that may contribute to wait time include (but are not limited to) the family's child preferences and openness to special needs, along with the number of children available for adoption within those preferences. It is important for families to know that the timeline may look different for each family, depending on the unique factors specific to their situation. At this time, the estimated timeline for an adoption to be completed from India is around 24 to 36 months (or more).

Q: What are the most common ages of children that you see being adopted from India?

A: This is considered on a case by case basis, but India typically does like to see families maintaining the birth order of their children. With that in mind, we are seeing children as young as 6 months old to 16 years of age being adopted.

Q: Do you work with specific partnering orphanages in India?

A: There are many licensed orphanages in India, and we are able to work with all of these orphanages for adoption. We do not have official partnerships for adoption in India as all adoptions are facilitated by CARA. However, we are able to work with any of these licensed orphanages for adoption.

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