

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 Morgan Terch, our India Program Manager (morgan.terch@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 acknowledge that the timeline may look different for each family, depending on the unique factors specific to their situation. The estimated timeline for an adoption to be completed from India is 24 to 36 months (or more).

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

A: We see children of all ages available for adoption from India. Families hoping to adopt younger children (1-4 years old) with more minor needs should be prepared to wait an extended amount of time to be matched with a child.

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

A: There are many licensed orphanages (SAAs) 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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- Q:** [Is there a limit to the number of children in our home already before we can adopt?](#)
- A:** According to CARA's guidelines, there is not a specific limit to the number of children in the home for families pursuing a special needs child.
- Q:** [What are the post adoption requirements for India?](#)
- A:** Post-adoption reports are required at 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months, 30 months, and 36 months from the date of arrival of the adopted child in the receiving country
- Q:** [When did Lifeline begin facilitating adoptions in India?](#)
- A:** Lifeline became licensed to facilitate adoptions in India in 2014, and our first "pilot" family began the process in 2015.
- Q:** [Are families able to adopt more than one child from India?](#)
- A:** Sibling adoptions are available from India and are considered on a case by case basis for families. Unrelated adoptions are not permitted from India.

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