

The Ladder Approach: Transforming Children's Residential Care

(A practice-based approach in Nepal)

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BACKGROUND

VOC has been implementing an innovative **Ladder Approach** to reintegrate street-connected, sexually abused, and vulnerable children from outreach through therapeutic care to biological parents, kinship care, or community reintegration.

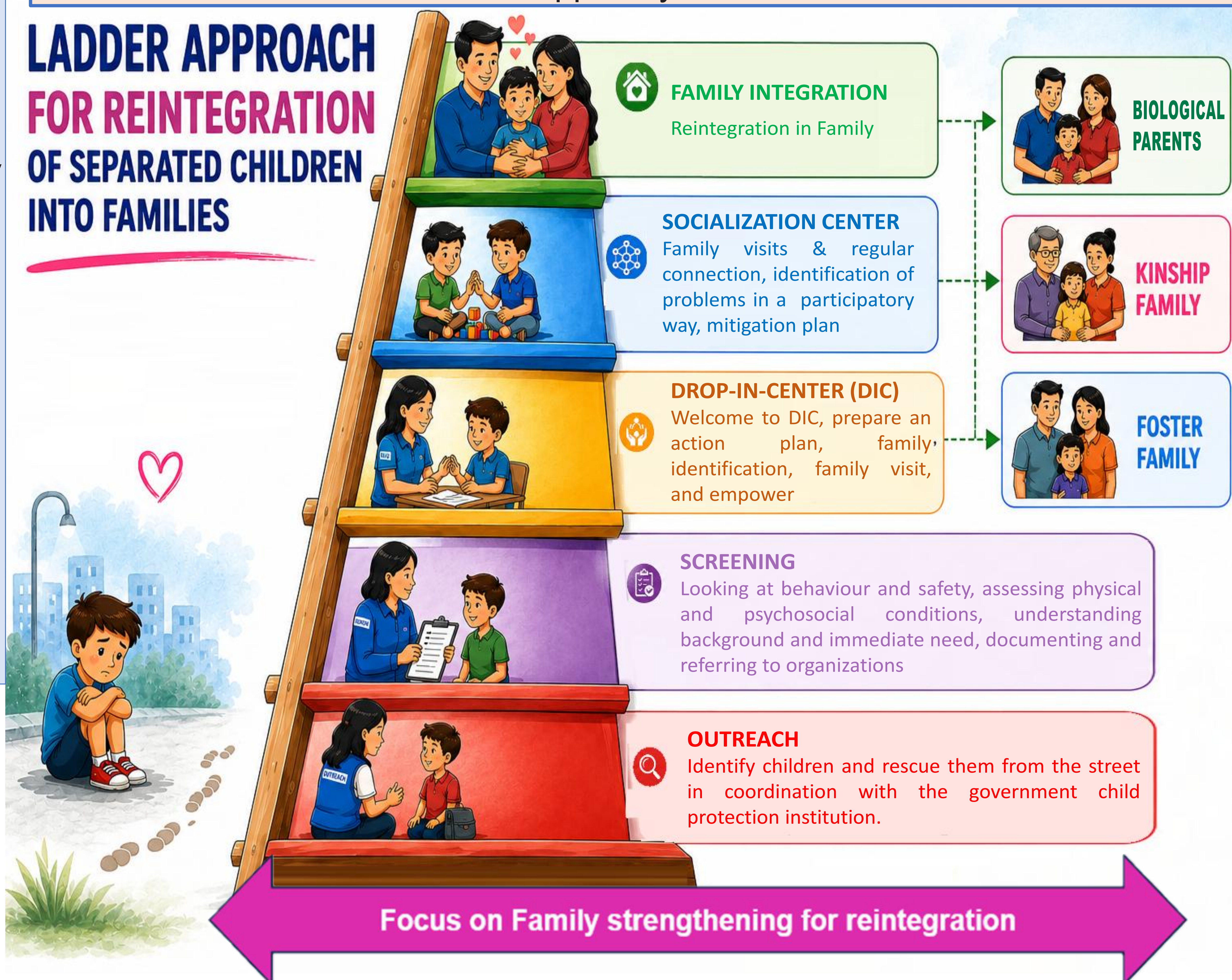


Prevention
From separation

OBJECTIVE OF LADDER APPROACH

VOC's Ladder Approach integrates therapeutic residential care, including psychosocial counselling, trauma-informed care, art and game therapy, peer support, education, and life-skills training to build resilience. It strengthens reintegration through family tracing, follow-up, counselling, and community support systems.

LADDER APPROACH FOR REINTEGRATION OF SEPARATED CHILDREN INTO FAMILIES



REINTEGRATION OUTCOMES



81% Reintegrated with Biological Parents

14% Reintegrated with Kinship Families

5% Reintegrated within Communities

The Ladder Approach demonstrates that therapeutic, child-centered reintegration can transform residential care.

IMPACT



150,000+
Children positively impacted



25,000+
Families supported



Replicated by the Government of Nepal (MoWCSC) for the management of street-connected children

Way Forward

Scale the Ladder Approach through government systems, strengthen family- and community-based care, generate evidence, and promote deinstitutionalization to ensure sustainable reintegration and every child's right to family life.



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