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Programs Summary Chart

	South Africa	Haiti	Guyana	Ethiopia	Nigeria	Ghana	Kenya
Age of Applicants	25 - 55 years old	30 – 50 years old If married, one applicant can be under 30 Single aps > 35 yrs	18 - 65 years old No more than 50, no less than 17 years between child and adopter	25 - 65 years old	25 years old. Applicants must be 21 years older than the child. For married couples, at least one parent must meet the age requirement.	Relative adoptions are permitted. Non-relative adoptions are not permitted currently	25 - 65 years old At least one applicant must be under 50 yrs
Marital Status	Minimum of two (2) years. Does not recognize common law	Married at least 5 years or Common law (with proof) for more than 5 years (*no combination of marriage and common law is permitted)	Common Law or Married for minimum 5 years	No minimum Does not recognize common law	No minimum. Both applicants must be Nigerian citizens.	No minimum	Married at least 5 years
Accepts Single Applicants	Case by Case Basis. Please contact FBA.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by case basis. Please contact FBA	Yes (under Special Conditions). Please contact FBA.
Can Relatives apply to adopt?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Eligibility Criteria	Body Mass Index (BMI) of 32 or under	Must obtain a Psychological Evaluation Report which is in addition to the homestudy.	Letter from doctor if a history of health issue	Letter from doctor if a history of health issue	Must be Nigerian Citizens. Each Nigerian state may have different adoption criteria.	Unknown due to program suspension	Letter from doctor if a history of health issue

Is the Agency Accepting New Applicants for this program?	No, due to overwhelming interest in the program we are not accepting new applicants at this time. Please contact our office to be put on our South Africa waitlist.	Yes	Yes	No, we are not accepting new applicants into the program at this time.	No, we are not accepting new applicants into the program at this time. Please contact our office to be put on our Nigeria waitlist.	Yes, for Relative adoptions only. The Ghanaian government suspended intercountry adoptions for non-relatives in 2013.	No, the Kenyan government suspended intercountry adoptions in 2013.
Timeline to receive a child proposal	15- 24 months once dossier is in South Africa	15+ months once dossier is in Haiti	18-24 months once dossier is in Guyana	24- 36 month once dossier is in Ethiopia	12+ months from the time the Ontario Letter of Approval is issued	Unknown due to program suspension	
Age of Children	12 months to 5 years	12 months to 8 years	36 months to 10 years	12 months to 17 years	12 months to 17 years	12 months to 17 years	12 months to 8 years
Estimated Cost*	Program costs range from \$26,000 to \$39,000.						
Trips/ Stay Overseas	One trip for a total of 5 weeks	Two Trips: Trip 1: 2 weeks mandatory socialization visit Trip 2: 1 week stay to transition child into parents care	Two Trips: Trip 1: 2 weeks Trip 2: 3 - 4 weeks. (Guyana law stipulates a 3 month residency period before any adoption can be finalized in Guyana, which may be waived by court for an international adoption)	One or Two Trip Option: One trip: 4-6 month stay Two Trip: Trip 1: 5 day minimum stay Trip 2: no requirement	Nigerian law requires that a parent-child relationship be established before the court decision can be considered final. Each state determines the length of time it takes to establish the parent-child relationship, which can range from a few months to two years.	Unknown due to program suspension for non-relative adoptions	One Trip Long Term Stay: 9- 12 months (3 month supervised placement Must stay in country until adoption is finalized and IMM concludes)
Hague or Non Hague Country	Hague	Hague	Non Hague	Non Hague	Non Hague	Non Hague	Hague

*Includes total local and foreign FBA agency fees. Does not include travel, accommodation, homestudy or other third party fees. Costs vary for relative adoptions.