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Programs Summary Chart

	South Africa	Haiti	Guyana	Lagos State, Nigeria	Nigeria	Ghana
Age of Applicants	25 - 44 years old at time of application	30 – 46 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	At least 25 years old; must be 21 years older than the child; a married couple's combined ages cannot exceed 100.	At least 25 years old; must be 21 years older than the child	Relative adoptions are permitted. Non-relative adoptions are not permitted until Hague new process in Ghana is confirmed (2018)
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 or combination of both for minimum 5 years	No minimum time married.	No minimum time married.	No minimum number of years
Accepts Single Applicants	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can Relatives apply to adopt?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Eligibility Criteria	Body Mass Index (BMI) of 32 or under No more than 2 biological children to apply	Must obtain a Psychological Evaluation Report, is in addition to the homestudy.	Letter from doctor if a history of health issue	Do not need to be a Nigerian national to adopt from Lagos State.	Must be a Nigerian national to adopt from most states.	

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Is the Agency Accepting New Applicants for this program?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes. Please contact our office.	Yes.	Yes, for relative adoptions and for applicants who receive permission to proceed from the Ghanaian Department of Social Development.
Timeline to receive a child proposal	24- 30 months once dossier is in South Africa	24 months once dossier is in Haiti	18-24 months once dossier is in Guyana	12 - 18 months from the time the provincial Letter of Approval is issued		Unknown due to program suspension
Age of Children	12 months to 6 years	12 months to 8 years	36 months to 10 years	12 months to 10 years unless the child is a relative	12 months to 10 years unless the child is a relative	12 months to 17 years
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: 8 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 trip. Adoption will be completed within 4 – 6 weeks of arrival. Immigration process timeline varies, is undetermined and may take 3 or more months.	Most Nigeria states require a 3 month residency period prior to the adoption of a child. Immigration process is independent of the adoption and may take 3 or more months.	Unknown due to program suspension for non-relative adoptions
Hague or Non Hague Country	Hague	Hague	Non Hague	Non Hague	Non Hague	Non Hague

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

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overseas is an estimate of the time until adoption is finalized in court in the child's country and does not include the time line for the adoptive parents to fulfill immigration requirements to bring their child home to Canada. Following completion of the adoption, the time line for the review of the child's immigration documents by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) varies by country.