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Programs Summary Chart

	South Africa	Haiti	Guyana	Lagos State, Nigeria	Nigeria
Age of Applicants	Age 25 - 44 at time of application	Age 30 - 50. If married, one spouse can be under 30 Single applicants must be over age 35 to apply.	Age 18 – 65. No more than 50, no less than 17 years between child and adopter.	At least age 25 to apply to adopt. Must be 21 years older than the child; a married couple's combined ages cannot exceed 100.	At least age 25 to apply. Must be 21 years older than the child
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.
Accepts Single Applicants	Yes with quota limit. Please contact FBA.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can Relatives apply to adopt?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Eligibility Criteria	Body Mass Index (BMI) of 32 or under	Must obtain a Psychological Evaluation Report	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.

Are new Applicants accepted for this program?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes. Please contact our office.	Yes.
Timeline to receive a child proposal	24- 30 months once dossier is in South Africa	3 years once dossier is in Haiti	24 – 36 months once dossier is in Guyana	24 – 30 months once dossier is in Lagos	24 – 30 months once dossier is in Nigerian state
Age of Children	18 months to 6 years	2 years to 6 years	3 years to 10 years	3 years to 10 years unless the child is a relative	12 months to 10 years unless the child is a relative
Agency and foreign fees are paid in 4 stages over 2+ years	\$25,000 CND and \$5,500 CND	\$21,000 CND and \$12,000 USD, paid through 4 stages over 3 years	\$24,500 CDN and \$4,000 CDN	\$20,300 CDN and \$10,185 USD	\$18,500 CND and \$6,000 USD
Trips/ Stay Overseas **	One trip for a total of 6 weeks	Two Trips: Trip 1: 2 weeks mandatory socialization visit Trip 2: One week to transition the child to the parents and travel home	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 following adoption may is independent of the adoption and may take 6 or more months.

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

** The time line for the trip 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.