

Briefing note:

Moving Forward – Implementing the “Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children”

Web Access: The clickable version of the handbook in English, French and Spanish can be downloaded on www.alternativecareguidelines.org operated by CELCIS. The Russian version will soon be available. Organisations are welcome to put direct links to different versions on their internal websites, although it is strongly recommended that a link to www.alternativecareguidelines.org also be included.

Hardcopy Access: Free hardcopies of 'Moving Forward' are available (within a reasonable limit) by contacting Mia Dambach at mia.dambach@iss-ssi.org. Please note postage and handling will be charged and copies will not be sent until payment has been received. For an estimation of delivery fees, please contact Mia directly as this will depend on the number of copies you are requesting and where you are located.

Dissemination of hardcopies within organisations:

A focal point for a number of organisations has been identified for distributing copies of the handbook. Please contact mia.dambach@iss-ssi.org to see if this is the case for your organisation.

Dissemination of hardcopies to governments:

A *collective approach*¹ by actors within the country in handing 'Moving Forward' to governments at national, regional and local levels is strongly encouraged. An *introductory letter*² has been drafted to accompany each handbook that is given to a government representative signed on behalf of multiple organisations to show the united and combined support behind this handbook. **Before you intend to approach a particular government**, please contact mia.dambach@iss-ssi.org and Alan.Kikuchi-White@sos-kd.org so that they can link you up with other organisations who may be interested in communicating with the same government.

Other translations: Translations of 'Moving Forward' into other languages are more than welcome, so long as the final document uses the terminology in the official translated UN texts of the Guidelines. It is the responsibility of the organisation undertaking the translation to fund the final “design” version of the translated text to ensure that all existing versions have the same format (i.e.: immediately recognisable as the same document, simply translated) which will cost approximately 1000 pounds.

Launches: Official launches of the handbook have been organised in Geneva and New York with an international audience. Other launches are in the pipeline for Ethiopia, Viet Nam, Netherlands, Mexico, Switzerland, India and Nepal. We encourage organisations within other countries to organise “launches” by taking opportunities of existing events/training/meetings to present the handbook. For more information on planned launches or other possibilities, please contact mia.dambach@iss-ssi.org and Alan.Kikuchi-White@sos-kd.org so that they can link you up with other partner organisations who may also be interested in such an initiative.

¹ See Annex 2 – letter explaining what is meant by a collective approach

² See Annex 1 – letter to government