



**OUR VISION:**  
ALL CHILDREN GROW UP IN  
SAFE AND LOVING FAMILIES

**OUR MISSION:**  
TO FIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD'S RIGHT TO A FAMILY BY  
TRANSFORMING CARE SYSTEMS AROUND THE WORLD

## WHY WE'RE FIGHTING FOR EVERY CHILD

Despite clear evidence of the harms of institutionalisation, an estimated **5.4 million children** around the world continue to live in orphanages and other harmful institutions, deprived of their basic rights and the chance to reach their full potential.

The COVID-19 pandemic is compounding the problem, by placing an unprecedented strain on families and child protection systems around the world. Millions of children will be affected, increasing vulnerability, the risk of family separation, and placement in institutions.

## HOW WE'LL DELIVER FOR CHILDREN

Lumos exists to light a path to a brighter future for these children. Founded by the author J.K. Rowling, we fight to tackle the causes of family separation and transform systems of care that take children away from their families and communities. We're committed to ending the institutionalisation of children, so every child enjoys the right to grow up in a loving family where they can thrive.

Over the next three years, we'll work hard to translate global commitments into local action, leading to lasting change for vulnerable children. We'll galvanise and support governments, civil society and other influential organisations to transform global policy intentions into action around the world. By sharing our learning and expertise, we'll also support locally led efforts that lead to lasting change and safe, quality care for vulnerable children.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.**

This is a call to join forces to fight for every child's right to a family.

## OUR THREE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ARE:

### 1 BUILDING GLOBAL EXPERTISE

We'll use our knowledge and experience to support those responsible for reforming care systems in their own countries. This will include learning exchanges where they can share experiences and challenges, and providing technical support, evidence and guidance to help design and run better care systems. Importantly, we'll make sure that people with lived experience of institutionalisation are included throughout the process.

### 2 CATALYSING CHANGE

We know that ending institutionalisation benefits children and society – and we'll use this evidence to motivate and press governments around the world to reform the way they care for children. This will involve leading targeted research and advocacy campaigns to identify and tackle the drivers of institutionalisation, promoting more accountability by tracking and highlighting progress, and influencing international funding, programmes and policy.

### 3 DEMONSTRATING & INNOVATING

Building on our heritage of successful programmes showing how care systems can be reformed, we'll use what we've learnt in the past to support partners with their own reform efforts. Over the next two years, as we complete our current country demonstration work in Eastern Europe, we'll identify programmes in new regions – building expertise and evidence of what good care reform looks like in challenging contexts, particularly for those children that typically get left behind.



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