

# International Alternative Care Conference

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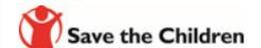


## Establishing a Foster Care Program in Cambodia Rebecca Nhep

### Hosts



### Partners



# Range of CIF Programs

- **Family-based care services**
  - Kinship care
  - Long-term foster care
  - Short-term foster care
  - Emergency foster care
  - Respite foster care
  - Specialised foster care

## Range of CIF Programs

- **Support services**
  - ABLE- community-based disability support program
  - Family Strengthening
  - Outreach Program-transitioning institutions

## Foster Care Cluster Model

- New cluster is established once:
  - Community assessment has been conducted
  - Support of local authorities secured
  - Community presentation conducted
  - Minimum of 3-4 foster families have been approved.

## Foster Care Cluster Model

- Families clustered in groups of 10 called 'communities of care'.
- Clusters meet monthly.
- Training conducted at cluster meetings.
- Clusters improve informal social support and problem solving.

## Fast Facts

- 294 children in foster and kinship care
- 30 children with disabilities in foster care
- Age of children ranges from 0-15 years old
- 1 placement breakdown (medical reasons)

## Fast Facts

- 1 child referred to therapeutic residential care
- Average of 1.4 children per family
- Average cost of kinship care is US\$24 per month
- Average cost of foster care is US\$51 per month

## Fast Facts

- Foster care and kinship care placements monitored minimum 1 x per month.
- Emergency foster care placements monitored 3 x per month.
- Training provided to caregivers 3 x per year
- Bilingual digital case management system developed in 2016