

Program/projects beneficiaries as identified in the applicable special provisions:

Program beneficiaries on the intercountry adoption program:

I. Children

- a. A Filipino child below fifteen (15) years old;
- b. A child who is voluntarily or involuntarily committed to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) or to a duly licensed and accredited Child Caring Agency freed of parental authority of his/her biological parent/s or guardians or adopter/s in case of rescission of adoption;
- c. A child who was granted/issued by the DSWD a Certification Declaring a Child Legally Free for Adoption per RA 9523;
- d. A child who cannot be placed with any available local adoptive family in the Philippines and the DSWD issued an Intercountry Adoption (ICA) Clearance.
- e. A Filipino child with Special Needs who is difficult to place in view of some physical, psychological and/or social limitations including but not limited to being an older child, belonging to a sibling group or those who may be under such analogous circumstances.
- f. A Filipino child who is to be adopted by a relative within the 4th degree of consanguinity or affinity.

II. Adoptive Parents

- a. A married couple or single person who files an adoption application with the Intercountry Adoption Board through ICAB's accredited foreign adoption agencies or Central Authorities.
- b. At least twenty-seven (27) years of age and is at least sixteen (16) years older than the child to be adopted at the time of the filing of the application, unless the applicant is the parent by nature of the child to be adopted or is the spouse of such parent by nature;
- c. Has the capacity to act and assume all rights and responsibilities incidental to parental authority under his/her national law;
- d. Has undergone appropriate counselling from an accredited counsellor in his/her country;
- e. Has not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude;
- f. Is eligible to adopt under his/her national law;
- g. Can provide the proper care and support and give the necessary moral values and example to the child and in the proper case, to all his/her other children;
- h. Comes from the country:
 - i. With whom the Philippines has diplomatic relations

- ii. Whose government maintains a foreign adoption agency; and
 - iii. Whose laws allows adoption
 - i. Files jointly with his/her spouse, if any, who shall have the same qualifications and none of the disqualifications to adopt; and
 - j. A former Filipino who is adopting a relative child within the 4th degree of consanguinity or affinity.
- III. Central Authority refers to the key government entity which is responsible for carrying out the provisions of The Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption.
- IV. Foreign Adoption Agency refers to the State Welfare Agency or the licensed and accredited agency in the country of the foreign adoptive parents that provide comprehensive social services and is duly recognized by the Board.
- V. Child Caring Agency refers to a welfare agency that provides a twenty-four (24) hours residential group care services for the physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being of nine (9) or more mentally gifted, abandoned, neglected, disabled or disturbed children or youth offenders.
- VI. Child Placing Agency an institution licensed and accredited by the DSWD to assume the care, custody, protection and maintenance of children for the purpose of foster care, guardianship or adoption.
- VII. Liaison Service Agency is a licensed and accredited Child Caring or Child Placing Agency which effectively facilitates the delivery of social services to represent a Foreign Adoption Agency.