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Lumos is a spell I created in Harry Potter that brings light to a desperately dark and frightening place. At Lumos this is just what we do: we reveal the hidden children locked away behind closed doors and forgotten by the world, so that everyone first of all understands the problem and then works together to fix it.

J.K. Rowling

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# OUT OF THE SHADOWS

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#### End Notes:

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## A GLOBAL PROBLEM

8M

8 million children & young people live in institutions worldwide<sup>1</sup>

80%

have at least one living parent<sup>2</sup>

80 YEARS

of research proves orphanages severely harm children<sup>3</sup>



Most parents want their children but feel they have **no option**<sup>4</sup>

## INSTITUTIONS DELIVER POOR OUTCOMES

They expose children to serious harm & abuse...



Many children who were placed in institutions at an early age show delays in brain development<sup>5</sup>



They are often more expensive than community-based care...

1 in 3 become homeless  
1 in 5 have a criminal record  
1 in 7 become involved in prostitution  
1 in 10 commit suicide<sup>6</sup>

100 x higher mortality rate for children with disabilities than for children without disabilities in institutions<sup>7</sup>



A study in East and Central Africa shows that it is significantly cheaper to care for a child in the community<sup>8</sup>

## WHY DO THEY CONTINUE TO PROLIFERATE?



1200 years of history does not change overnight...

Inertia



Large bureaucratic systems do not change themselves...

They must be acted upon by a significant force to change direction.

Common Misconceptions<sup>9</sup>



Most people believe Institutions are a social good, or at least necessary. However, they seriously harm children's health, development and future life chances. It is significantly cheaper to support children in families. Most children can live in families if provided with the right support.

Vested Interests<sup>10</sup>

**Local Economy Model:**

Institution stays open to keep staff employed.

**Misguided Volunteering Opportunity:**

Well-intended people establish & run an orphanage with private funding - ad hoc, piece meal.

**Entrepreneurial Business Model:**

Institution actively recruits children to receive funding.

**Organised Crime Model**

Institution purchases children & exploits them for money.

The child becomes a commodity



## HOW DO WE END THIS GLOBAL INJUSTICE AGAINST CHILDREN?

Lumos' first 10 years

Lumos' next 10 years

### DEMONSTRATE

- Systems of care transformed in 3 countries
- 17,720 children prevented from entering institutions
- 17,754 children moved from institutions & into families
- 3,163 interventions made to save the lives of children
- Family care proven to be less expensive & achieve better outcomes



- Systems of care transformed in 6 regions of the world
- Family-based care as an alternative to institutions evidenced for all children, including children who are: refugees, trafficked, HIV+, with a disability, living in conflict or post-war settings

### EDUCATE

- 30,818 professionals & policy makers trained
- Training & guidance provided in 34 countries
- Research evidence published on outcomes for children, cost effectiveness & process of system change



- 100,000 professionals & policy makers trained
- Evidence that all children can live in families collected & disseminated
- Clear cost benefit proven in low, middle & high income countries
- Clear evidence made available on outcomes for children & on regional best practice in reforming systems of care

### ADVOCATE

- EU persuaded to prioritise & fund community-based care
- \$500 million of EU funding redirected from institutions towards community services
- Importance of families recognised in the SDGs
- Orphanage business recognised as trafficking by the European Parliament



- Nations with many children in institutions committed to ending institutionalisation
- At least \$3bn from major donors leveraged to transform the way we care for children
- UN General Assembly, regional structures & major donors committed to end the institutionalisation of children
- All children outside families are counted & included in SDGs

### COMMUNICATE

- Public opinion transformed in 3 countries
- Stigma of children with disabilities significantly reduced
- 2 million social media users reached



- Public opinion transformed in at least 30 countries
- Global campaign launched to end the institutionalisation of children
- Living memorial to institutionalised children created, so the world never forgets

