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# **Are Children Trafficked Into Residential Care Institutions? Understanding The Reasons Why Children Enter Residential Care Facilities In Nepal And Uganda.**

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The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child prescribes that children should be growing up in a nurturing family environment. However, many children around the world grow up in care facilities where they are exposed to a lack of care and serious harm, even though their parents are often still alive. To understand why these children do not live with their families, the present research examines the alternative care systems of Nepal and Uganda. Semi-structured expert interviews are conducted with key informants from both countries to find out more about the phenomena. The key finding of this research is that the combination of weak child protection systems in Nepal and Uganda paired with the continuous availability of foreign funding, fails to provide children with adequate care. It enables the business of residential care or orphanage trafficking to thrive and separates numerous children from growing up with their parents.