

HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN ARE ABANDONED AND COME FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. SOCIAL WORKERS DO THEIR BEST TO TRACE BIRTH FAMILIES BUT SOMETIMES NO FAMILY CAN BE FOUND. THESE ARE THE CHILDREN WHO NEED ADOPTING. REGARDLESS OF THEIR BACKGROUNDS, ALL CHILDREN DESERVE THE CHANCE TO BE LOVED.

“It’s been an amazing journey not just for me and my little girl but my family as well. I have absolutely no regrets. Would we do it again? Absolutely.”

– Rukh-Shana,  
NTV news anchor and  
adoptive parent



### Interview with Rukh-shana, news anchor on the NTV Uganda Weekend Edition News and adoptive Mum who is passionate about her country Uganda.

#### What does Adoption mean to you?

Adoption to me simply means giving to a little child of no blood relation a chance at the life I had, with a decent home, loving family, an identity. A chance to belong. A chance to grow into his or her destiny. A chance to truly live.

#### What advice would you give to other people who are thinking of adopting a child?

I think many people get stuck at the adoption-desirous stage and never move to the adoption-readiness stage. If it’s something you are thinking about, regardless of your reasons, you need to get information on the how, why, where, what, so you can be comfortable that you are ready to open your heart and home to a new member of the family. It can be challenging so it’s important that you are prepared because once you take the plunge there is no turning back. It is, in my considered opinion, one of the greatest acts of sacrifice but also the most rewarding.

#### What are your last words to every Ugandan individual or family reading this brochure?

Some children come from mummy’s womb and others come from mummy’s heart. You don’t need to be wealthy to adopt a child all you need is the heart for even one child. If you are reading this then my guess is there is a desire to make a difference. You can’t keep all the children out of institutions but you can keep one out, and this makes a huge difference to that child.



## EVERY CHILD IN UGANDA DESERVES TO GROW UP IN LOVING FAMILY.

### 9 Steps to Adoption

1. Fill out of an expression of interest form.
2. A social worker will call you within 48 hours to set up an initial meeting.
3. An adoption assessment is carried out by a social worker. The assessment includes 2-5 interviews with you and your family separately and together, and with any children or adults living in your household. Interviews with three separate referees are also carried out.
4. You'll attend trainings, which include a one day preparation course and optional coffee mornings with other adoptive parents.
5. An independent social worker or probation officer will visit you for a second opinion and report.
6. Your application will be presented to the independent Alternative Care Panel. The Panel will interview you and make a decision. Once approved, a match will be made with a child.
7. A bonding period will commence, which lasts up to four weeks. After this period, the child is placed in your care.
8. A social worker will continue visiting, assessing and working with you during the three-year foster period.
9. Upon completion of the three-year foster period, a court order is issued finalising the adoption process.

## ADOPTION IS A HUGE LIFE-CHANGING DECISION. WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

Ugandans Adopt is here to support you  
every step of the way by providing:

1. Ongoing post-adoption placement visits depending on your family and your child's needs.
2. Coffee mornings for adoptive parents and prospective adoptive parents.
3. Drop-in sessions with specialist post-adoption support workers to address challenges, such as:
  - Telling a child they are adopted;
  - Telling relatives about a child adopted into the family;
  - Identifying needs for external intervention, such as therapy.
4. A listening ear to adoptive parents, especially those that may be isolated or with limited local support network.



Prospective adoptive parents training

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