Alternative Care Thailand

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STATEMENT **UPDATE TO THE REPORT:**

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND:
NO LESS THAN 120,000 CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE IN THAILAND

This report was published in April 2023.

In January 2025 a new study was published, entitled Situation Analysis of Alternative Care Provision In the Context of Southern Border Provinces of Thailand.[1]

This study has identified more than 15,000 children living in institutional care who were not identified during the 2023 report.

The Alternative Care Thailand group is now confident to revise our findings such that:

NO LESS THAN 135,000 CHILDREN ARE LIVING IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE IN THAILAND.

We know that the true number is higher than this and we will continue to revise the total number as we gather further evidence.

This update is endorsed by the original research team:

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