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Information on the legal requirements/procedures regarding adoption in South Sudan

A report issued in March 2014 by *Humanitarian Response* notes that:

“In South Sudan, the Child Act of 2008 regulates adoption under certain circumstances.” (Humanitarian Response (5 March 2014) *South Sudan Child Protection Actors’ Position Paper on Protection and care for separated and unaccompanied children and children without appropriate care during emergencies*, p.2)

In October 2008 the *Government of Southern Sudan* states:

“An application for an adoption order shall be made to a Court, which may, subject to the provisions of this Act, grant the application; provided that, no arrangement shall be commenced for the adoption of a child unless the child has been declared available for adoption by an authorized person.” (Government of Southern Sudan (13 October 2008) *Sudan: Child Act, 2008 (Southern Sudan*, p.48)

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