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To all AFAAs/IDMs/Central Authorities

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Sub: Post Adoption Reports (PARs) and Home Study Reports (HSRs) during the Lockdown and due to the Social Distancing Measures in the prevailing COVID 19 Pandemic.

1. In light of lockdown and social distancing regulations in place, due to the prevailing COVID 19 Pandemic, the PARs are avoidable and the post placement status of the adoptive families may be taken on-line till the situation improves. However, the PARs shall be prepared and submitted by the AFAAs only after the physical home visits have been made by the social workers, as proper assessment of the situation can't be made through online interactions.
2. In cases of HSRs, where State/Local & Central Authority requirements, including assessment through physical home visits by the social workers have been made, the case may be processed and registration of the PAPs can be done on CARINGS. However, HSRs should not be prepared without undertaking the Home Visits physically. Further, the proper assessment of the suitability and eligibility of the PAPs is the responsibility of the Receiving State as per Articles 5 & 15 of the Hague Convention for Inter Country Adoptions, which is being monitored by the respective Central Authorities.



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