Visualizing the Lives of Orphaned and Separated Children (OSC)

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Project Overview

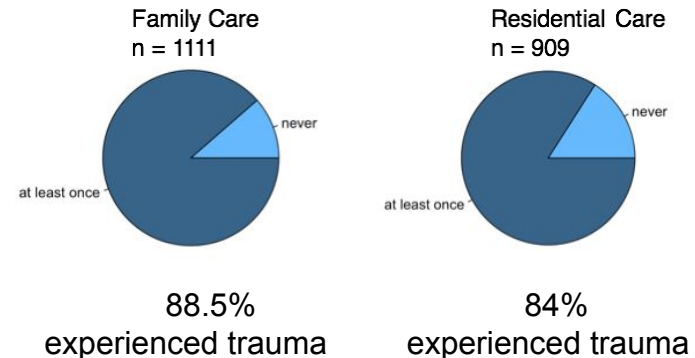We used data from the Positive Outcomes for Orphans Study (POFO) to create visualizations.

Our Data
- POFO is a longitudinal study of OSC conducted to understand the health and well-being of OSC in residential and family care in low- and middle-income countries.
- 6 sites: Cambodia, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nagaland (India), Hyderabad (India)
- Findings from POFO show that OSC in residential and family care experience comparable traumatic events.
- Traumatic events categories: disasters/accidents, abuse, war/riots/killings, family violence, forced to leave home, and witnessing family death.

Project Goals
- Create effective visualizations that highlight POFO's finding - OSC experience comparable trauma in residential as well as family care.
- Implement an interactive platform to inform child policy
- Explore variables within the collected data such as site, gender, and trauma types
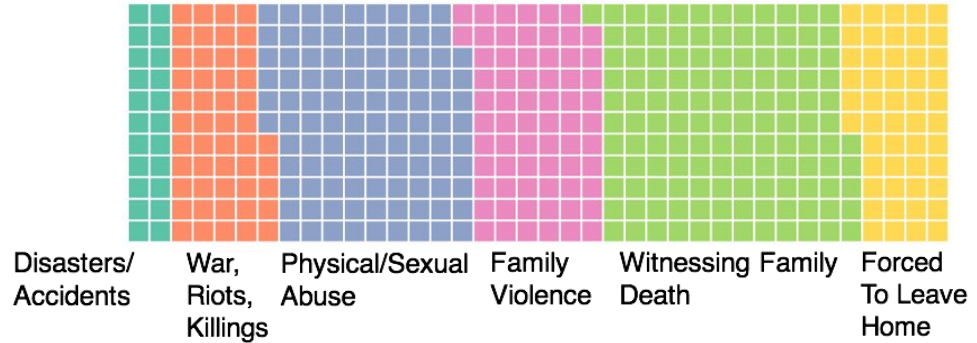
Total Number of OSC: 2020

Family Care
n = 1111

never

at least once

88.5%
experienced trauma

Residential Care
n = 909

never

at least once

84%
experienced trauma

Data+

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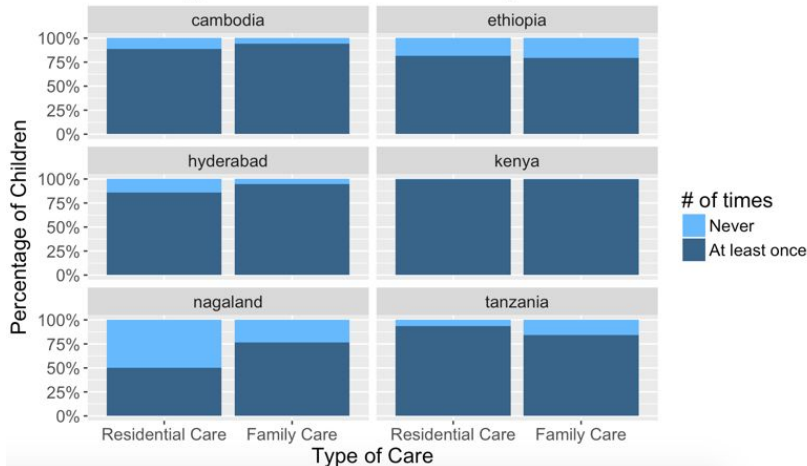
Sample Visualizations

Creating Visualizations
- R to process and clean data
- ggplot2 package in R to create visualizations
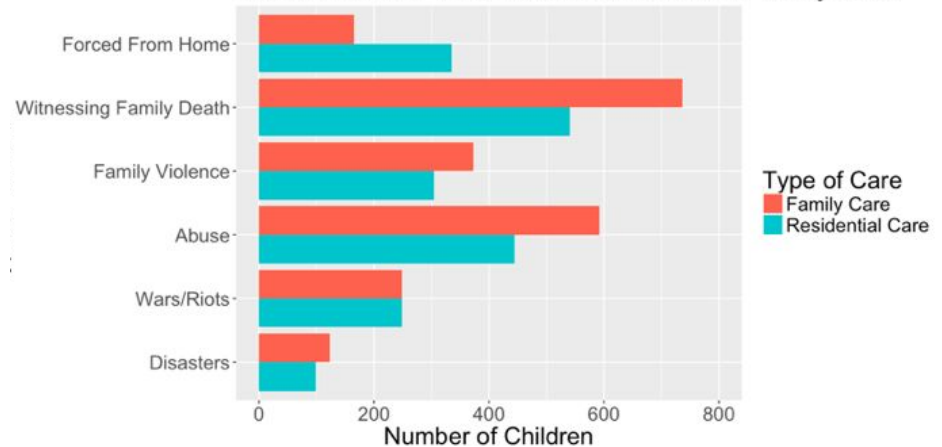- R Shiny to create interactive platform showcasing visualizations

Trauma types breakdown

Disasters/Accidents | War, Riots, Killings | Physical/Sexual Abuse | Family Violence | Witnessing Family Death | Forced To Leave Home

Percentage of Children That Have Experienced Trauma

# of times
Never
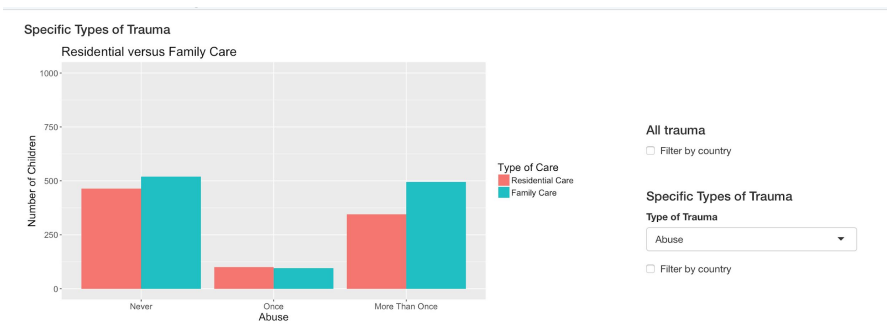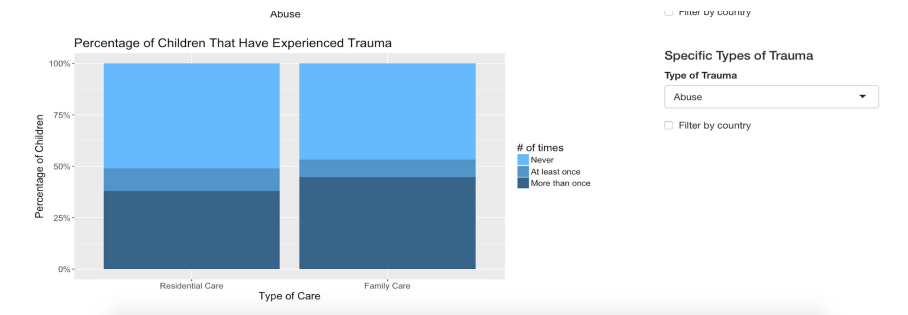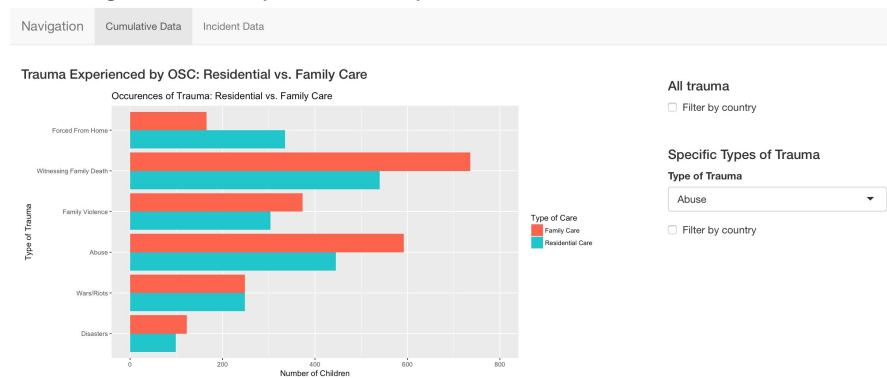At least once

Occurences of Trauma: Residential vs. Family Care

Type of Care
Family Care
Residential Care

R Shiny App

Below are screenshots of the R Shiny app we created. Users can filter visualizations based on sites, as well as choose to focus on specific types of trauma.