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**HIV/ AIDS**- Human Immune Virus/ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

**NAZ**- National Archives of Zambia

**UN**- United Nations

**UNICEF**- United Nations Children’s Fund

**CMML**- Christian Missionaries in Many Lands.
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Adoption  This is the act by which relationships of paternity and affiliation are recognized as legally existing between persons not so related by nature.

Fostering  Caring for a child who is not one’s own but who has been formally placed in one’s home for a period of time by social workers

Orphanage  Orphan Asylum/ Institutions that were created to care for orphans

Orphan  Someone bereft of parents through death or disappearance of, abandonment or desertation by, or separation from both parents.