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Natalie made a great catch in a Children's House case today by finding a contract between a birth mother and an orphanage that called for a 1,000 birr fine if the birth mother reneged and decided she wanted the child back. We had Tsion call MOWCYA, and they were similarly alarmed that this placed a punitive fine on a birth mother for changing her mind, which is in direct contradiction to the idea that children should be reunited w/ birth families whenever possible. Only one case had a copy of that contract, but we received several others from CH from that orphanage on the same day and so we're holding them all until we hear from MOWCYA. We believe all of the cases originally had this contract, but they only "slipped up" and included the contract in our packet for one child.

Jeff has a lot to tell you about developments with Gladney this week, both on the local and US rep side and the orphanage side. Our conversation with Scott from Gladney US was especially enlightening, as he didn't seem to get the merit of following JCICS' advice to do a thorough 60-day audit of local operations because the majority of their cases were coming from the south, where "everyone spoke different languages and the process was just so confusing" that an audit would be "impossible". He said Gladney was "forced" to trust their local staff, provide them with training, and hope for the best.

When Jeff pointed out that the orphanage rep at Initiative in SNNPR, who receives a 20k birr per month (yep) stipend direct from Gladney for "capacity building and development," finally caved and admitted he could not account for all of the money Gladney gave him, Scott (I think) began to see that his agency's negligence was part of the problem.

Jeff has a lot of other info and developments to tell you about from the Initiative investigation, including a lot of new information on how the inducement process works for relinquishing parents, falsified death certs, etc but that will wait for next week. We did not/not share the majority of what we learned with Gladney or CA yet because we don't want to compromise what we believe to be a good developing source of info on the local process in SNNPR. We should be ready to report something in the next 3 weeks.

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Tsion – Jeff's going to take one last look then we're good to send...

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