International Social Service (ISS) Australia: Supporting Children and Families Across International Borders

Strategic Plan 2018 - 2020

Strategic Objectives

The World We Want

Children, young people and adults are safely connected to family anywhere in the world

SO1: Grow revenue and diversify income streams through properly planned and resourced fundraising and business development activity, to ensure ISSA's financial viability and sustainability

SO2: Meet existing and emerging client needs through extending existing services and identifying and building new services, and by ensuring service excellence is achieved

SO3: Enhance and strengthen organisational systems to ensure ISSA is fully capable of delivering on its mission

What We Do

We support children, young people and families separated across international borders

Our Focus

International:

- ➤ Adoption
- > Child Abduction
- > Family Tracing
- ➤ Child Safeguarding
- Surrogacy

Our Services

- ➤ Social Work
- ➤ Legal
- ➤ Mediation

Initiatives

- I1.1: Proactively seek out and respond to all opportunities for government funding in areas relevant to mission, including development and execution of a government engagement strategy
- I1.2: Establish a viable and sizeable philanthropic program
- I1.3: Establish and maintain donor programs to diversify ISSA's donor base and boost income
- I1.5: Develop a corporate partnerships program and establish at least two partnerships, including one with a major law firm

Initiatives

- I2.1: Extend existing services by developing viable models for ICA / post-adoption tracing and support services, legal services and child-focused projects in S/SE Asia and the Pacific
- I2.2: Build new services focusing on IPCA postreturn child support, international child contact, new forms of family formation and international child welfare (based on NSW FaCS-funded service)
- I2.3: Promote all services including to CALD communities, via a dedicated IPCA website and dedicated marketing of fee-based services
- 12.4: Develop new business opportunities using existing expertise / materials

Initiatives

- I3.1: Strengthen staff engagement in mission, SP implementation and business development
- I3.2: Build a positive organisational culture based on trust, collegial practice and transparency
- 13.3: Develop and document comprehensive policies / procedures in HR, finances, services etc
- I3.4: Develop flexible IT systems allowing staff to operate effectively, including casework databases
- I3.5: Develop systems and tools to assess client satisfaction and evaluate services and impact, including metrics on service usage and outcomes.
- I3.6: Ensure effective collaboration with and input into the ISS network, including in the A-P Region

What is Important to Us

- ➤ Children's rights and best interests
- ➤ Belonging to the ISS network of over 130 countries
- ➤ Caring for people in international family situations

Results

- R1.1: All government funding opportunities in relevant areas are identified and responded to
- R1.2: Links with key philanthropic bodies are established and submissions developed and made
- R1.3: One or more donor programs are developed, implemented and maintained

Results

- R2.1: Existing services are extended and strengthened via new funding or development of viable and suitable business models
- R2.2: New services are designed, developed and established via funding or development of viable and suitable business models
- R2.3: All services are effectively promoted, with dedicated marketing of fee-based service

Results

- R3.1/2: Staff engagement in mission is strengthened and a positive culture enhanced
- R3.3: A comprehensive Policies and Procedures manual is drafted, endorsed, shared and used
- R3.4: Casework databases and IT systems allowing staff to connect between offices are implemented
- R3.5: Tools to assess client satisfaction and evaluate service quality and impact are developed