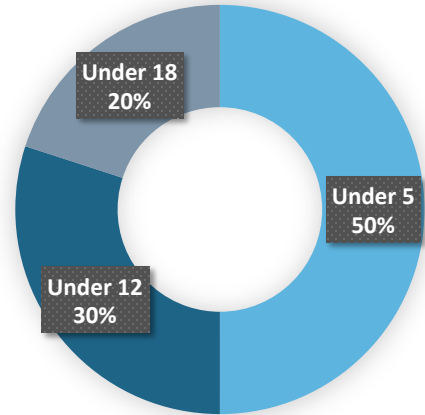


The Repatriation of ISIS Children



Age of Children in Camps

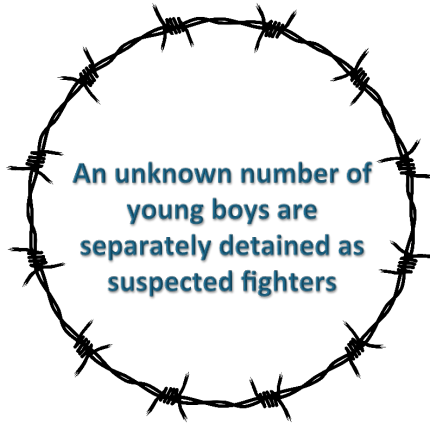


650 children have been repatriated to 17 countries...

Thousands more remain in dire conditions

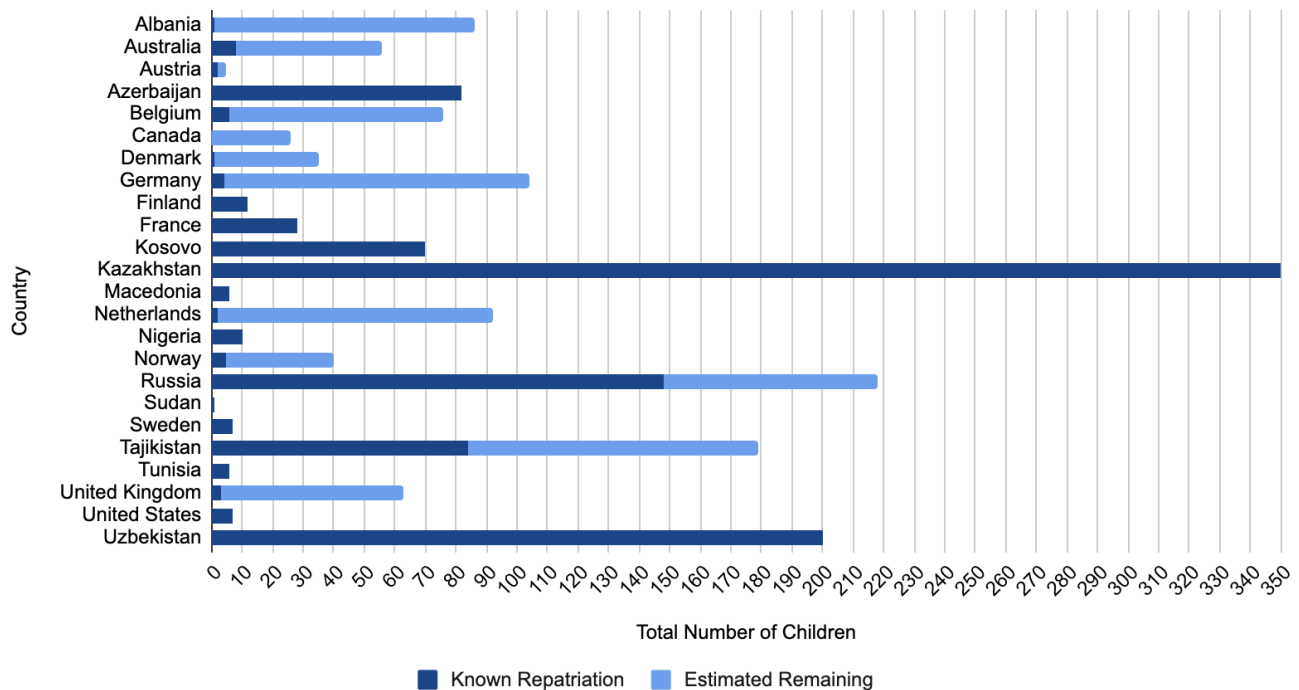
In 2019, nearly 400 children were killed as a result of malnutrition, exposure & poor camp conditions.

In July 2020, the UN recorded nearly 700 deaths since December 2019



66 new births recorded in Al Hol in July 2020

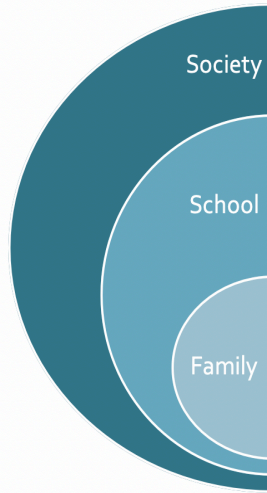
Number of Children Repatriated By Country



Best Practices for Reintegration & Rehabilitation

Trauma Systems
Therapy provides a framework for:

- 1) **Developing a multidisciplinary approach** to address interrelated needs, across multiple domains of development
- 2) **Reducing environmental stressors** and signals of threat
- 3) **Addressing a child's dysregulation** and distorted cognition related to the self, to others & the world around him/her.



SOURCES OF THREAT UNDER ISIS CONTROL

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing exposure to conflict/war - Public executions - Resource deprivation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Violence in K-12 curriculum - Communication of out-group threat - Physical training for violence -
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents as both protectors and sources of danger - Parental loss and separation - Parental fear and dysregulation

SOURCES OF THREAT IN REINTEGRATION CONTEXT

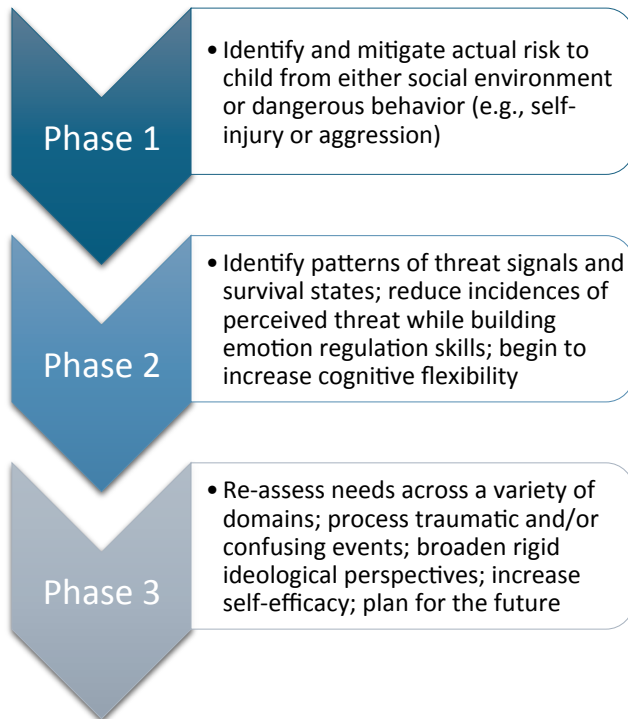
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stigma and discrimination - Negative messaging in media
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disruptions to traditional education that result in learning difficulties and/or developmental delays - Social skills deficits resulting in biased threat perception - Exposure to non-sectarian curriculum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideological or acculturative conflict - Maternal mental health - Financial and resource strain

SURVIVAL RESPONSES DRIVEN BY PHYSIOLOGICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND COGNITIVE DYSREGULATION

- Mobilizing** (submissive or overbright behavior)
- Dominant** (anger, hostility, aggression)
- Demobilizing** (freezing, numbing/masking, submission, lethargy)



A 3 Phase Approach



A child stands in queue in a HoI camp, housing relatives of ISIS members, northeastern Syria (Photo: Giuseppe Cacace via Getty)

Contact Us

Professor Mia Bloom
Georgia State University
Atlanta, GA 30303
United States

Dr. B. Heidi Ellis
Boston Children's Hospital (BCH)
Boston, MA 01451
United States

This research is supported by a grant from the Office of Naval Research (ONR), US Department of the Navy No N00014-16-12693. Any opinions, findings, or recommendations expressed in this material are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Office of Naval Research.

<https://miaomibloom.com/the-next-generation/>
www.bch.harvard.edu/