

Appendix: Characteristics of the Interviewed Adopters and First Mothers

| Adopters (in alphabetical order) ^a | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Pseudonym | Marital status | Adoption continent |
| Aila | Single | Africa |
| Anna | Married | Asia, Latin America |
| Anniina | Married | Africa |
| Benjamin | Married | Asia |
| Eeva | Single | Asia, Eastern Europe |
| Elina | Married | Africa |
| Iiris | Married | Africa |
| Helena | Married | Latin America, Africa |
| Jenni and Paul | Married | Asia |
| Johanna | Married | Africa |
| Julia | Married | Eastern Europe |
| Katariina | Married | Latin America |
| Kerttu and Miko | Married | Asia |
| Liisa | Married | Asia |
| Linda | Married | Latin America |
| Martta | Married | Africa |
| Mia | Single | Africa |
| Monika | Married | Asia |
| Noora | Married | Africa |
| Paula and Timo | Married | Asia |
| Pete | Married | Asia |
| Piia and Sami | Married | Africa |

| Adopters (in alphabetical order) ^a | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Pseudonym | Marital status | Adoption continent |
| Rebekka | Married | Asia |
| Selma and Max | Married | Africa |
| Siiri | Single | Asia |
| Susanna | Married | Africa |
| Tanja and Daniel | Married | Asia, Africa |
| Tiina | Single | Africa |
| Ursula and Hans | Married | Africa |
| Veera | Single | Africa |

^aDue to the small number of transnational adoptive families in Finland, it is not possible to include more details here without compromising anonymity

| First mothers (in alphabetical order) | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pseudonym | Age | Adoption status | Number of other children |
| First mothers in difficult situations | | | |
| Agnes | 18 | Pregnant | – |
| Bontle | 18 | Child adopted a month earlier | 1 |
| Cathy | 30 | Child adopted 7 years earlier | 3 |
| Cindy | 22 | Child adopted a year earlier | – |
| Elsie | 27 | Child adopted a year earlier | 1 |
| Flora | 23 | Has signed consent form | 1 |
| Hope | 20 | Child adopted a week earlier | 1 |
| Lerato | 31 | Child adopted 5 years earlier | 1 |
| Lily | 37 | Has not yet signed consent form | 2 |
| Louisa | 25 | Has signed consent form | 1 |
| Lucille | 38 | Child adopted 12 years earlier | 5 |
| Margaret | 33 | Has signed consent form | 4 |
| Mary | 34 | Child adopted a month earlier | 3 |
| Miriam | 25 | Child adopted more than a year earlier | 1 |
| Molly | 20 | Child adopted a year earlier | – |
| Natie | 27 | Child adopted a year earlier | 2 |
| Noluphiwo | 15 | Pregnant | – |
| Pam | 14 | Pregnant | – |
| Petunia | 24 | Has signed consent form | 1 |
| Rose | 43 | Child adopted 3 years earlier | 3 |
| Rosina | 22 | Child adopted 8 months earlier | 1 |
| Simphiwe | 29 | Child adopted 2 years earlier | 1 |
| Yanelisa | 16 | Pregnant | – |
| Xara | 19 | Pregnant | – |

First mothers with more resources

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|---|
| Alice | 23 | Child adopted 6 months earlier | – |
| Dina | 19 | Pregnant | – |
| Gugu | 34 | Child adopted 1.5 years earlier | 1 |
| Lebohang | 19 | Pregnant | – |
| Meg | 22 | Child adopted 3 years earlier | 2 |
| Olive | 26 | Has signed consent form | – |
| Sibongele | 20 | Pregnant | 2 |
| Zandi | Late 20s | Children adopted 8 years and 3 years earlier | 1 |
| Keeping the baby | | | |
| Edith | 19 | Pregnant/would prefer temporary care | – |
| Sindiswa | 26 | Is keeping her baby | – |
| Vuyo | 16 | Is keeping her baby | – |

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