

Are there still children in Australian-run immigration detention?

While the Australian government and their staff keep saying “there are no children in detention”, there certainly still are, notably those held on Nauru.

The number of children held on Nauru has remained stable at around 45–51 – with apparently almost no processing of asylum claims over the last fourteen months.

Some children have been moved to Australia for medical treatment, and the fate of those children is still uncertain. Many of us fight to #LetThemStay. None should be sent back to Nauru.

From 4 July 2013, children of all ages began to be sent to Nauru for processing.

The majority of children currently on Nauru were moved there from Christmas Island Detention Centre in 2013.

By April 2017, 124 children have been found to be refugees and are held indefinitely on Nauru.

Forty-five children are seeking asylum and are held in the detention centre.

Children on average have spent over 995 days held on Nauru. Official numbers do not record how long they spent detained in Australia prior to their transfers. So many of the children held on Nauru have been held for over three years of their precious lives.

People on Nauru may now be part of a ‘people swap’ deal with the United States. Some were interviewed by US officials in December 2016 and January 2017. We do not know how long this process might take, nor how many people will be accepted, nor what will happen to those left behind. We do know that people cannot continue to be held on Nauru.

Australia must stand up to its responsibility.

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NOW.

More information:

Amnesty International, [End their Suffering and #BringThemHere now](#)

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