

# *Canada reaches \$31 billion settlement with First Nations over child welfare abuses*

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Ottawa, January 6 (RHC)-- The Canadian government has agreed to give over \$15 billion to Indigenous children harmed by Canada's child welfare system, including tens of thousands of children who were taken from their families and put into the system.

In addition, Canada has pledged to spend another \$15 billion to reform the nation's child welfare system.

First Nations Manitoba Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse praised the unprecedented settlement, telling reporters: “We have a long way to go to address the poverty in our nations, and no amount of money will ever be the right amount, nor will it bring back a childhood lost. But today is about acknowledgment, about being seen and heard.”

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