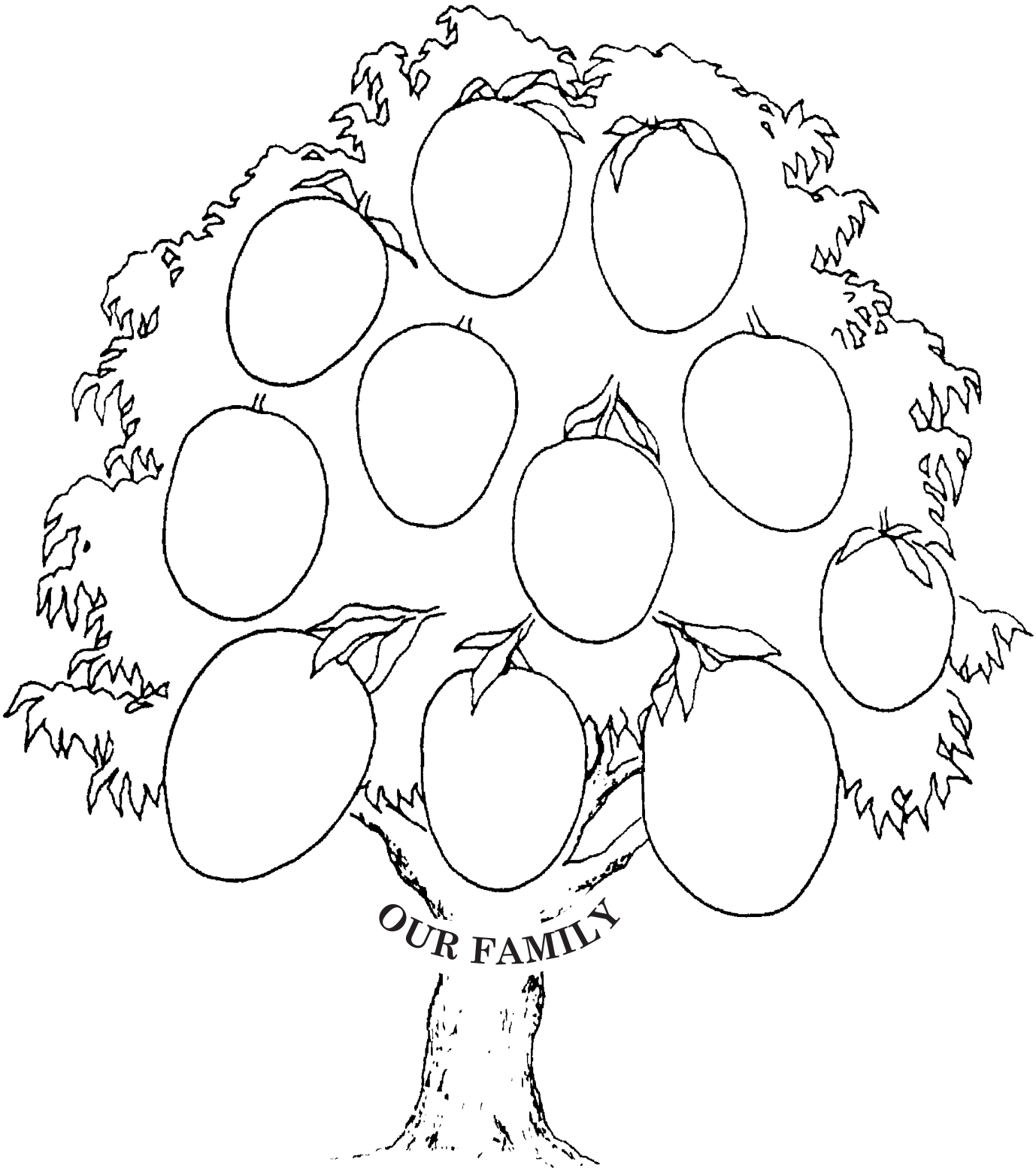
People and Organisations which can help us make plans for our children



MEMORY PROJECT

TOPIC 7 - PLANNING FOR OUR CHILDREN using the mango tree

GROUP ACTIVITY - Using The Mango Tree to help identify people and organisations which can help us make plans for our children.

The Mango Tree idea can be used in several ways in different parts of the Memory Project. For example:

- When parents are just getting started on collecting information to include in the Memory Book they are making for their children, the Mango Tree can be used to make a list of "people who can be asked for ideas and memories." This is the way it is used in Topic 4.
- When parents and children are working together to write a Memory Book, the Mango Tree can be used as an easy way for the chid to write or draw pictures of "Important people in your life."
- **When parents are starting to make plans for the future care of their children, the Mango Tree can be used as an easy way to list "People and Organisations which can help us make plans for our children." This is the way its used in Topic 7 which we are working on today**.

Using the Mango Tree in Topic 7.

- Make a copy of the Mango Tree outline for each member of the group.
- Explain the purpose of the activity: in Topic 7 the Mango Tree is being used as a way of helping people to think about people and organisations which might be able to help them make plans for the future care of children.
- Ask members of the group to call out suggestions of people or organisations and fill in some of the "mangoes."
- Keep an eye on the checklist below and make sure that important ideas are included in discussion.

OR if there is enough time:

- Divide up into small groups and ask people to share ideas so they can learn from each other. They don't have to name names but suggest the sort of people or organisations which could be asked for help.
- Bring the small groups together for feedback. (a check list is given at the end of this sheet.)
- Give out copies of the Planning Mango Tree to take home.

CHECKLIST FOR TRAINERS/WORKSHOP LEADERS:

Here are ideas of people who may be able to help in a practical way or with advice about making safe plans for future care of children:

- Father's relatives.
- Family elders and other extended family members including those living overseas.
- Religious leaders.
- Community leaders and Clan elders.
- The official legal and court system.
- Local, national and international organisations which may have support services for vulnerable children in the area (eg. Plan International, ActionAid, This needs research to find out what is going on locally.)
- Local support groups for parents, especially groups for people living with HIV/Aids. (As above this needs research into what is going on locally.)
- Education authority officials and school teachers who know the child (who may have information about school fee schemes.)
- Health workers.
- Employers, work friends.
- People still living in the village where the family came from.
- Relatives of parent or grandparent who has already died.
- Add other ideas that come from group members.

It is particularly important to make a list of organisations which work in the local area and contact names and addresses of official offices such as the District Administrator, the local Court offices etc. Keep adding to this list as new information comes up.