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YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN

Thanks to people like you who listen, care and take action, in 2014...

83,500 families (with 240,600 children) that were once at risk of falling apart grew stable and strong together.

78,700 children and young people who once had no one to care for them, had loving families and opportunities for a bright future.

134,700 children, young people and adults who once had little or no access to education were in school.

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THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT **THE WORLD'S CHILDREN**



Child Friendly Space, Philippines. © SOS Archives

SOS Children's Villages has a clear focus: to provide sustained support to children who have lost parental care and those who are at risk of losing it. We pursue this focus, encouraged by your care and support.

Through this annual report we share with you where and how our focus takes us into many different areas of support for children and their families, such as education, health care, counselling, and building vocational skills. Nevertheless the core of our work will always be to make sure that every child has a loving home.

A loving home is a child's right, as reflected in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). 2014 marked the 25th anniversary of the UNCRC, which has been adopted by nearly every government, and the 5th anniversary of the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, which SOS Children's Villages helped to formulate and which provides the tools to help child care professionals and governments fulfil the rights of children in alternative care. Everything we do in SOS Children's Villages is in one way or another aimed at making sure that governments and others live up to the promises they made in the convention to ensure these rights for all children

and young people. The promises made to children in the convention are vast and serious. One that is highlighted in this report is #12, the right of children and young people to give their opinion, and for adults to listen to them and take them seriously.

CEO Richard Pichler with students at an SOS Herman

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ner School, Sri Lanka, © Sebastian Posingi

As SOS Children's Villages listens actively to children and young people, it has the conviction to take strong positions on their behalf. As an organisation that listens and *responds*, it helps to build relationships and trust with its stakeholders. As an organisation that listens to children, young people and to its supporters, it is able to improve on its actions and have positive, long-term impact for the young people and families who need support.

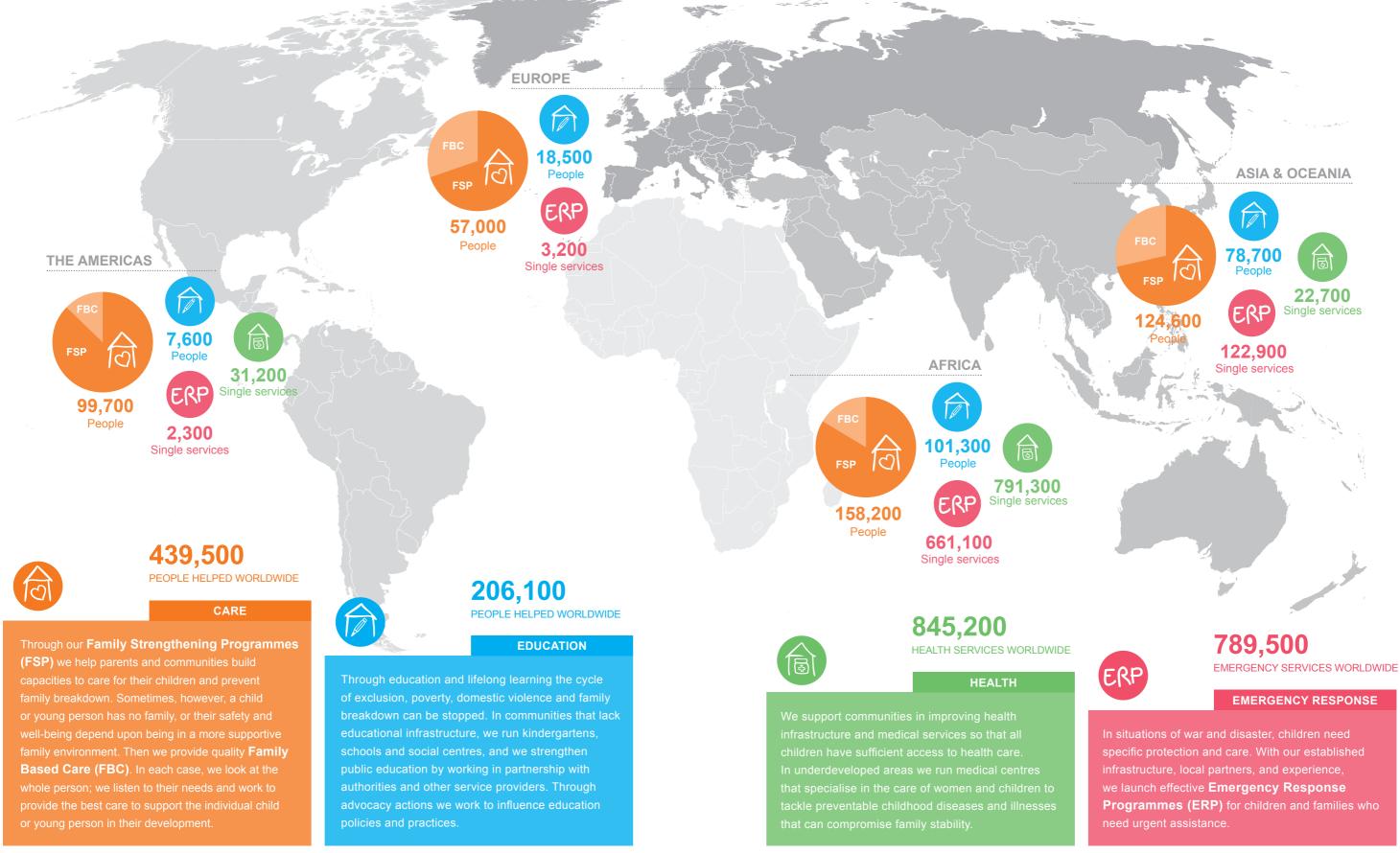
SOS Children's Villages hopes that through this annual report we can communicate the stories and insights of our supporters, co-workers, and most importantly of the children and young people. We ask you to listen to children and young people and join us at SOS Children's Villages to act for them and on their behalf.

> Siddhartha Kaul President

Richard Pichler Chief Executive Officer



OUR HELP IN 2014



specific protection and care. With our established Programmes (ERP) for children and families who

See Programme Statistics on pages 44-45 for more details about our programmes and the people we helped in 2014.

NECESSITY & APPROPRIATENESS

If you are a kind person, you might give your The internationally recognised Guidelines coat to a boy freezing at a bus stop. This for the Alternative Care of Children shows is the spirit that underpins SOS Children's the way: The priority is to enable families to Villages: We see a need and we respond take care of their children; but if a child needs to it.

if he had one already. This is the principle of necessity. And you wouldn't give him a coat if you were in the tropics. Whatever the boy's needs are, they probably don't include a winter coat. This is the principle of appropriateness.

Just as common sense says you only give your coat to a boy if it is both necessary and appropriate, SOS Children's Villages only provides alternative care for a child at risk as a last resort, because it is both necessary and appropriate for that child. These aren't easy decisions. They're a lot tougher than deciding whether to give a boy a coat.

Children and young people around the world face threats of hunger, illness, abuse, violence and other types of harm. Governments are responsible for meeting their needs. We campaign to hold governments to account. And where governments need help, we listen and partner with them to respond with practical and long-lasting support for children and families who need it.

Different threats, different government support systems, different local capacities, different cultures. And the care of children has to be tailored to each situation and child.

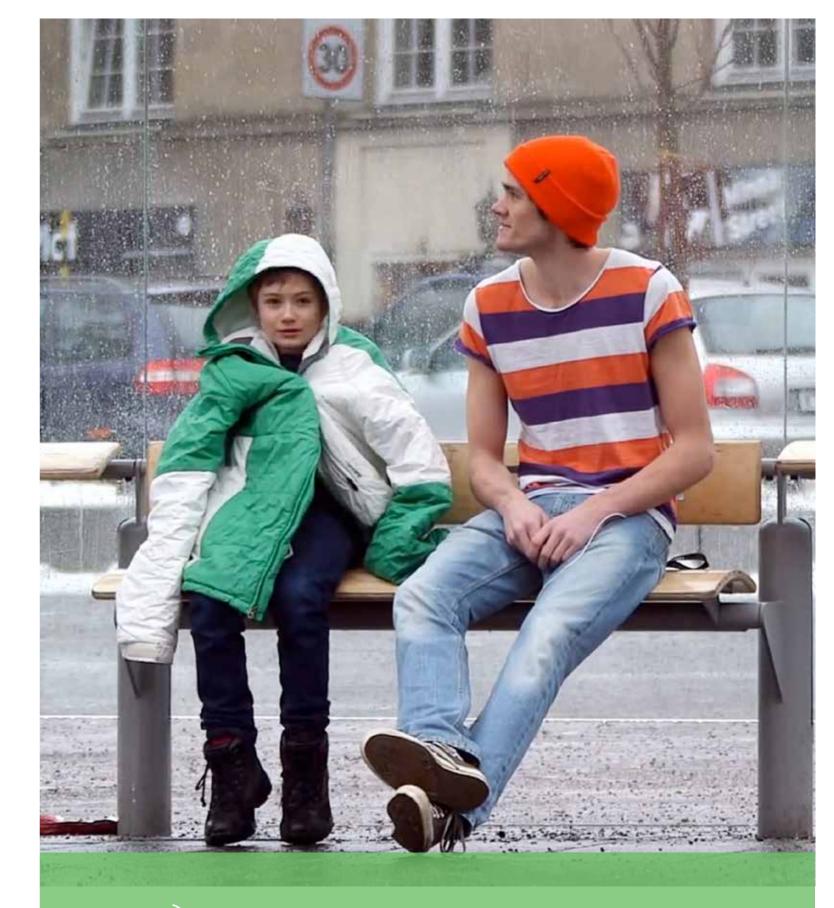
alternative care, it must be appropriate. It must be right for them as an individual, and it always But you wouldn't give your coat to the boy must allow for a loving and reliable bond to be developed with a caregiver.

> Providing appropriate care and support commitment to listen actively to their needs, strive to engage them continually in their own

Would you give your jacket to > Johannes?

In February 2014, SOS Children's Villages Norway released a video featuring 'Johannes', an unaccompanied boy freezing at a bus stop. The video was viewed more raising awareness and funds for warm winter coats for thousands of internally displaced children in Syria.



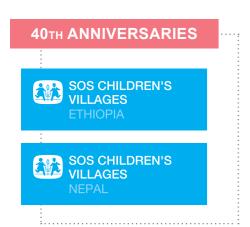


MILESTONES IN 2014



Children's rights in focus

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) turned 25 on 20 November 2014, while the *Guidelines for the Alternative* Care of Children (developed with the help of SOS Children's Villages International and other joint letter to world leaders, challenging them to stand by their promises to children; we also raised media campaign and the new SOS Children's Villages and UNICEF youth-friendly UNCRC poster, "I've Got Rights!"





And a 'Nobel' for the cause

Satyarthi of India and Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan for children's rights. At just 17, Malala was the

"Often young people have to leave their countries to seek employment. We need investment in job opportunities... so youth are not forced to migrate for

See Advocacy Report on pages 26-27 for more examples of how young people are driving global change.



UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Outstanding Teacher Training

of three organisations honoured with a 2014 UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers.



Innovation in community-integrated alternative care

countries met in Berlin in September to share best practice in building successful, communityintegrated programmes in urban settings.

"Right from a very tender age, the children will be able to see the reality of the community where they will live when they attain their independence." – SOS co-worker, Zambia

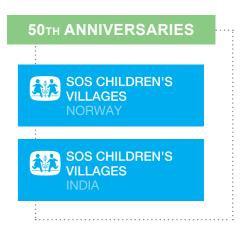
See Programme Report on pages 14-25 to learn more about community-integrated programmes.

"Bridges between the Arab world and the SOS family are so much needed. Through the Gulf Area Office we have one more very relevant bridge to that region."



Community Role Models

Indian teacher Maya Dhal and Nepali architect two adults who participated in SOS programmes as children and who have made important



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

A CAPTAIN FOR CHILDREN

in the Democratic Republic of Congo playing football with Internat pany. © Axel N

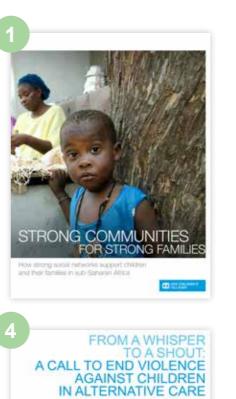
Just weeks before the start of the World Cup in Brazil, football star Vincent Kompany, captain of the Manchester City football club, captain of the Belgian national football team, and long-We are grateful that this captain for children is on every day."

our team. Vincent Kompany: "I've seen the work of SOS Children's Villages in different parts of the world. Strangely enough, in all its complexity, the SOS way is very simple.

"SOS Children's Villages spots children who are in danger of ending up all alone, falling out of society, and helps them back on their feet. They put them back in society, whether that be with their relatives, or in an SOS family, and they make sure they get into a good position to become strong children. Children with opportunities. Just like your kids, or mine. Organisations sometimes claim to 'think global and act local'. SOS just does it.

"If my support can help improve the opportunities time supporter of SOS Children's Villages' work, for children in South America, Africa, Europe, agreed to become our International Ambassador. the Middle East and Asia, I pledge to do all I can

2014 PUBLICATIONS













1. Strong Communities for Strong Families: How strong social networks support children and their families in sub-Saharan Africa; 2. SOS Children's Villages Gender Equality Policy; 3. "I've Got Rights!": United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Youth-Friendly Language; 4. From a Whisper to a Shout: A call to end violence against children in alternative care; 5. SOS Children's Villages Proposal of Targets for a Post-2015 Framework that Leaves No One Behind; 6. Drumming Together for Change: A child's right to quality care in sub-Saharan Africa; 7. A Solid Investment: Integrating children without parental care into the Post-2015 development framework; 8. Assessment reports of the alternative care systems for children in Benin, The Gambia, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe; 9. Youth-Friendly Version of the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children; 10. Securing Children's Rights: A guide for professionals working in alternative care

















RISK FACTORS FOR FAMILY BREAKDOWN

570 million children (18 years old or younger) are living in extreme poverty. UNICEF. 2014

The #1 risk factor for family crises that lead to family breakdown and child abandonment in Africa, Asia and Latin America is POVERTY.

Statistics from SOS programme participants in 2014

62% 62% - Poverty 3% - Death of one of the parents 8% - Family with many children 5% - Instability of parents' relationship 4% - Parent in poor health . Other 4% 5%

> Reasons why children and young people were referred to SOS Children's Villages for care. SOS Children's Villages Programme Monitoring Database, 2015

40,000 children and their caregivers were newly enrolled in SOS Children's Villages Family Strengthening Programmes in 2014. At time of enrolment, 62% faced serious economic problems that limited the children's access to education, nutrition, health care, housing and, ultimately, equal participation in society in the future.



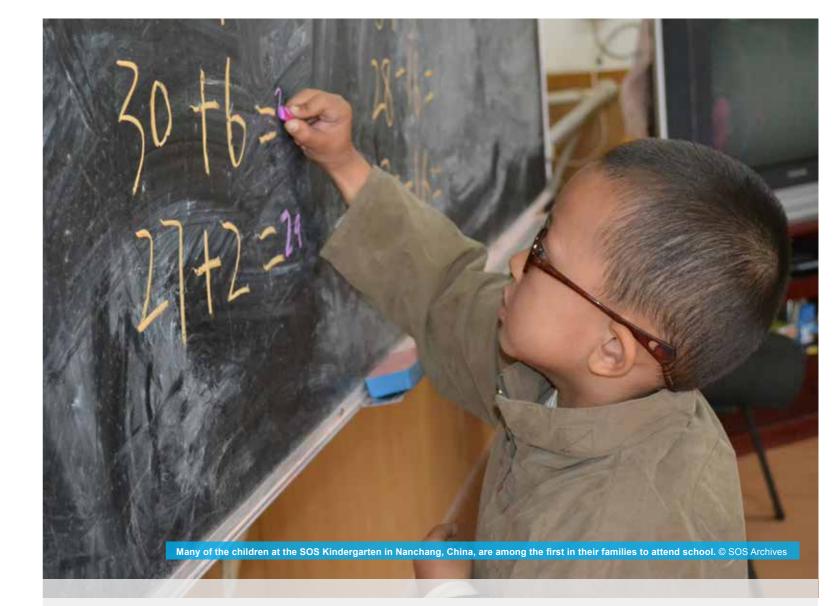


5% were homeless

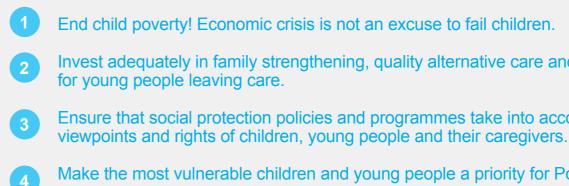
of children were not enrolled in school **070** or were behind in school for their age

2% of children were working to help support their families

SOS Children's Villages Programme Monitoring Database, 2015



WE ASK STATES TO:



Make the most vulnerable children and young people a priority for Post-2015 and other development cooperation actions.

See Advocacy Report on pages 26-27 to learn about our advocacy activities in 2014.

We listen to data

The SOS Children's Villages Programme Monitoring Database contains information about children and young people around the world who have lost parental care or who risk losing it, including key indicators on care, education, health, and psychological and social well-being. The database is a critical part of our results-based approach to programme planning and monitoring and evaluation. It allows us to follow how the individuals who participate in our programmes develop over time, it aggregates vital statistics which can be used for learning, research and policy recommendations, and it shows the results of our work on all levels of the SOS Children's Villages Federation.

Invest adequately in family strengthening, quality alternative care and support

Ensure that social protection policies and programmes take into account the

PROGRAMME REPORT

FAMILY STRENGTHENING WORKS

Our experience for over 65 years around the world shows that family breakdown and child abandonment are preventable if we provide struggling families and communities with targeted support to help them build their capacities. This is what we call 'family strengthening'. Our results show that family strengthening works, and is best for children.

As a rule, the families who enrol in our Family Strengthening Programmes are experiencing extreme hardship, including unhealthy or unstable housing, lack of food, and lack of access to school and health care. See Risk Factors for Family Breakdown on page 14 for statistics. Among these fragile families who participated in an SOS Children's Villages Family Strengthening Programme in 2014:

57% became self-reliant in 2014

24% improved their living conditions significantly within one year



of children and young people were attending school and 78% passed their grade

of children and young people who received our health care support improved their health status significantly within one year

SOS Children's Villages Programme Monitoring Database, 2015

CASE STUDY

Livelihoods and hope in Mozambique

When SOS Children's Villages Mozambique began a Family Strengthening Programme in an impoverished neighbourhood of Maputo, the Mozambican capital, seven years ago, SOS co-workers found Cassandra, a single mother of three, bedridden with severely swollen feet. The first step was literally to get Cassandra back on her feet. Her three children were given financial assistance to attend school. Later, when Cassandra's health had improved, she was given five chickens to see if she could breed and sell them. "Today I have between 1,600 and 1,900 chicks. I am still growing," she says proudly. "My children and two grand-children are now well taken care of."

Octavia is another participant in the Family Strengthening Programme. Less than six years ago, SOS co-workers found her family living in a tent. Today, Octavia and her children own their own home, and Octavia, who is HIV positive, has become a community health activist: "I think it is important for me to speak out about the disease. I was helped and I thought it was important to help my community so that they too could get better and their children can be taken care of."



"We need to put ourselves in their



"In the past I thought computers are for rich people, but I was wrong. Everyone can use them."

Student at the Hermann Gmeiner School in Arusha, Tanzania

EQUAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The UN Millennium Development Goals underscore the importance of sharing the benefits of information and communications technologies (ICT) with the whole world – so that people in developing countries and disadvantaged communities can participate, influence decisions, and access knowledge, quality education and decent jobs on equal footing with others. This initiative is called ICT4D – 'information and communications technologies for development'.

In 2014, with the help of our partners and donors, and in cooperation with communities and schools, SOS Children's Villages implemented ICT4D projects for children, young people and their caregivers in over 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Computing centres with ICT training for teachers and students, digital libraries, internet connectivity, modern digital health management systems for medical clinics, and parenting courses using mobile phone technology are just a few examples.

URBANISATION

"It takes a village to raise a child," according to one African proverb. But what if your village is one of the new mega-cities of the global south? For more and more families, this is reality.

In response, many SOS Children's Villages today are thriving 'urban-integrated villages'. SOS associations from Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America met in Berlin in September to share best practice in providing successful care and family strengthening services for vulnerable children and families living in fast-growing urban settings.

See page 22, **Case Study: Morocco's new urban** *village*, to learn about one such SOS village.

Division, 2014

GENDER EQUALITY

Whenever women or men are denied equal opportunities, children suffer too. We see it as our responsibility to fight against all forms of genderrelated discrimination - both in children's daily lives and at all levels within our organisation. Our Gender Equality Policy (approved by SOS Children's Villages' International Senate in October) makes gender equality a focus area for the organisation in all 134 countries and territories where we work. It emphasises: Targeted support to ensure that girls and boys have equal access to education; critical examination of culturallyand socially-constructed gender roles that limit life opportunities for girls, boys, women and men; and sexual education to protect children from sexual violence, early pregnancy and early marriage.



of the world's people will be living in cities by 2050 of the new urbanisatio

90% of the new urbanisation will be in Asia and Africa

United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population

"It is essential that boys and girls have the same opportunities already from a young age. In early childhood you establish your thoughts of what is right and wrong, and expectations for life."

Grieg, founder of The Grieg Gender Challenge

of the families in SOS Family Strengthening Programmes in Africa are led by single mothers

SOS Children's Villages Programme Monitoring Database, 2015



We believe every child has the right to be cared for by a family. Yet more than two million children worldwide are living in institutions. Actual numbers may be much higher due to underreporting (United Nations Children's Fund, 2008). This is a shameful violation of their rights and needs as children.

Numbers of states are taking steps to reform their child care systems and fulfil every child's right to be cared for by a family. We applaud these reforms and are committed to helping states achieve them.

We do this by working in communities to strengthen families and prevent family breakdown and child abandonment, and - as a last resort, if it is in the child's own best interest by either providing or supporting quality familybased alternative care

In 2014, 24 of our SOS Children's Villages national associations ran foster care networks for states or provided support services for foster care networks run by others. SOS parents from some of these national SOS Children's Villages associations are also legally recognised and registered foster parents in their countries.

"Although there are usually a lot of challenges when moving from a traditional method to new ways of doing things, the advantages of moving forward are paramount."

The Estonian Government had committed to reforming its child care system, but the local government in Narva needed guidance on how to provide quality family-based alternative care for children who needed it. They approached SOS Children's Villages Estonia, a recognised expert in Family Based Care, for help. Through the resulting partnership agreement, the Estonian Government handed over six communityintegrated homes for six SOS families for a total of 37 children and young people who had been living in institutions. The families' homes and over 70% of the running costs for this community-integrated SOS village are paid for by the government.

THE NEED FOR A FAMILY

CASE STUDY

SOS Children's Villages Estonia

CASE STUDY

SOS Children's **Villages Kosovo**

SOS Children's Villages Kosovo enabled children from SOS families to integrate better in their communities and also made room for new SOS families for children who would otherwise have been placed in institutional care. In 2014, six wellestablished SOS families, with a total of 36 children, moved into their own homes in the greater community. All the families have adapted well. Meanwhile, their former homes became available for new SOS families who can benefit most from the closeness and security of the traditional SOS village environment.

EVERY FAMILY IS UNIQUE

As a global organisation with roots going back to 1949, we know that our diversity and our ability to change with people and times are our strengths.

SOS families and villages today are as unique as the individuals who belong to them. We learn and grow in experience, adapting to changes both local and global. Yet there are core principles and goals that all SOS families and villages strive to embody:

- The individual child or young person's needs always come first
- Each child develops a reliable and loving relationship with a primary caregiver
- Children experience natural family environments
- Children are supported in integrating into their local communities
- Each child has a say in their own and their family's development plans
- → SOS families make use of community infrastructure and services – just like other families do
- Community-ownership of programmes and long-term financial stability are fostered

CASE STUDY

Morocco's new urban village

SOS Children's Village El Jadida, Morocco's first urban-integrated SOS village, is part of the fabric of the city. To outer appearance, it is a pleasant urban apartment complex, brimming with life, children playing and friendly neighbours. The 103 children, from 13 families, attend local city schools, get their health check-ups at local medical centres, and use public transportation to get where they need to go. There is also a high level of community integration: the village hall is rented out for events and activities (such as martial arts classes, in which some of the SOS families also participate). This way, the village earns income and the whole community benefits. A Family Strengthening Programme funded by a local corporate partner further contributes to the healthy development of children and families in the whole neighbourhood.



Two brothers from an SOS family in Cambodia. © Jens Honore

"The key for the future is to see all these children to be part of a community."

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Child abuse is a problem of global proportions. It is widespread and persistent, exacerbated by poverty and, in some cases, legitimised through harmful cultural practices such as corporal punishment. To this day it remains a taboo subject in many cultures and goes unreported.

As an organisation that works all over the world with children who have lost their parents, or whose parents cannot care for them, we see far too many cases of child abuse and neglect.

SOS Children's Villages does not tolerate any form of child abuse, exploitation, neglect or violation of a child's privacy. We are committed to creating and maintaining a caring and protective environment for every child we reach through our programmes.

Our *Child Protection Policy* focuses on four key action areas: **awareness**, **prevention**, **reporting** and **responding**. We place particular emphasis on awareness and prevention to safeguard children and improve the quality of care they receive. This means that we build the capacities of coworkers, children, young people and families to recognise and prevent abuse; we teach the use of tools such as positive discipline, and we work to eliminate harmful cultural practices.



SOS Children's Villages is a member of Keeping Children Safe, a network of child-focused organisations working together to increase safeguards for children and spread knowledge about safeguarding children in every sphere of life. of all adults report that they were physically abused as children

World Health Organisation Fact sheet nr. 150



of the children and young people in our Family Based Care were referred to SOS Children's Villages because they experienced some form of child abuse (physical, sexual, emotional or neglect) in their biological families

SOS Children's Villages Programme Monitoring Database, 2015





DEVELOPMENTS IN 2014

- SOS Children's Villages International and other members of the Keeping Children Safe network contributed to the development of the new Keeping Children Safe standards launched in September 2014.
- SOS Children's Villages Belarus, SOS Children's Villages Germany, the INGO Ponimanie and the Government of Belarus collaborated on 'Safe and caring families, without neglect or violence' (2012-2014), a project which reduced child abuse and neglect in Belarus through direct interventions, social services, capacity-building, and the development of closer co-operation between local child care actors.

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We strengthened our child safeguarding network at different levels of the organisation. For example, SOS Children's Villages associations in Latin America and the NGO PAICABI developed a guide for preventing childto-child sexual abuse and for properly handling cases that occur.

We published From a Whisper to a Shout: A Call to End Violence against Children in Alternative Care in collaboration with the UK's University of Bedfordshire. Critically, the report concludes that violence against children in care can be prevented with faithful implementation of the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children.

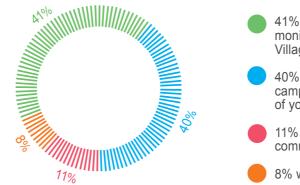


Our Liaison & Advocacy Offices to the United Nations and the European Union are located in New York, Brussels, Geneva and Vienna. E-mail lao@sos-kd.org to get in touch. Children and young people have the right to participate in the decision-making processes that affect their lives. This is not just a nice thing to say. It is supported by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. At SOS Children's Villages we take our responsibility to listen to children and apply their viewpoints in our decisions very seriously. We work to create opportunities for children and young people to share their ideas and participate in decisionmaking processes.

Throughout 2014, SOS Children's Villages International worked intensively with other child-focused INGOs and agencies to influence the Post-2015 development agenda. Together we lobbied successfully to include disadvantaged children and their families in the new Sustainable Development Goals.

Children and young people from SOS Children's Villages' programmes participated in both national-level consultations and United Nations

93% of all young people (age 13+) in our care programmes in 2014 participated actively in decision-making for SOS Children's Villages programmes or child rights advocacy.



SOS Children's Villages Programme Monitoring Database, 2015

events, sharing their experiences and presenting their priorities directly to decision-makers.

At European Union level, we built on successes from 2013 and launched Securing Children's Rights – A Guide for Professionals working in Alternative Care in partnership with the European Council. Over 70 young people from SOS programmes contributed to this publication. As a result, SOS Children's Villages International was awarded a grant from the European Commission to train child care professionals in eight European countries on how to apply a child rights-based approach to their work with children.

Contributing to development cooperation, we steered the work of the EU Alliance for Investing in Children, which brought together over 20 European networks that share a commitment to ending child poverty and promoting child wellbeing. We also became a member of CONCORD, the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development.

Youth-driven success in Albania

41% of those were involved in planning or monitoring and evaluation of SOS Children's Villages' programmes

40% participated in a child rights advocacy campaign, Youth Day activities, or as members of youth forums

11% were on organisational youth or programme committees

8% were members of child protection committees

CASE STUDY

Until recently in Albania, when a young person in alternative care turned 15 or 16 years old their state support ended and they were forced to leave care. Many struggled to survive. SOS Children's Villages Albania worked intensively to raise national awareness about the hardships faced by young people leaving care and the need to extend the age of support. Young people from different care programmes learned to advocate effectively and conducted research on the harsh conditions their peers were facing. In 2014 they succeeded in convincing the Albanian Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth to extend the age of leaving care to 18, and to provide after-care services as well.

DELIVERING **URGENT RELIEF**

In 2014, brutal civil wars, the worst Ebola SYRIA and LEBANON outbreak in history, and catastrophic 2014 marked the fourth year of civil war in floods exposed millions of children to lifethreatening situations, also robbing them displaced and over 12 million were in need, of their rights to safety, security, nutrition, making Syria the world's biggest humanitarian health care, education, and the simple right crisis. Host communities in Lebanon strained to to play and be children.

We partnered with other organisations and governments to provide effective aid on the ground to help children and families survive and rebuild their lives.

TYPES OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE

CFS	Child Friendly Space
Education	Support to get children back to school, including school supplies
ERP	Official SOS Children's Villages Emergency Response Programme
Family Reunification	Location of parents or family members of unaccompanied and separated children (UASC)
Livelihoods	Support to help caregivers re- establish employment/livelihoods
NFI	Non-food Items, including for example, clothing and household essentials
Outreach	Public service information
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
UASC	Care of unaccompanied and separated children, including for example, food, shelter, medical care, counselling, education and family reunification
WASH	Water and sanitation

* Numbers are rounded and therefore approximate

** Partners are not limited to those listed.

Syria. Over 7.6 million people were internally accommodate over one million Syrian refugees.

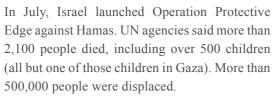
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ERP

People reached*: 27,400

How: UASC, CFS, Nutrition, Potable water, Livelihoods, Education Cost*: Syria €3.1M; Lebanon €480K Partners**: The Syria Trust for Development, International Organisation for Migration, Islamic Relief, The World Food Programme, UNICEF, International Committee for the Red Cross, UN Refugee Agency

PALESTINE

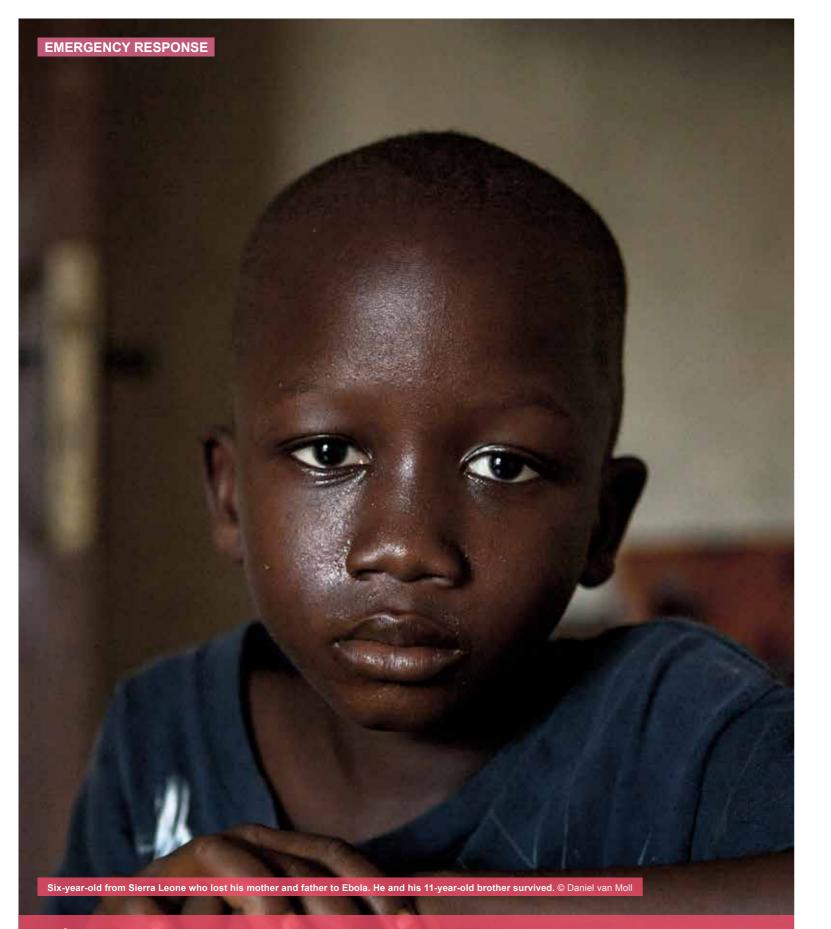


People reached*: 1,000 (2014-2015), plus 404 families with 1,833 children in our Family Strengthening Programme How: UASC, Nutrition, NFI, Health care, WASH

Cost*: €3.5M

Partners**: UN Relief and Works Agency, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Coastal Municipalities Water Utility, UN Development Programme, Child Protection Working Group Gaza





(\mathfrak{P}) "I don't want my situation to stop me from what I will do when I grow up."

EBOLA OUTBREAK

The Ebola outbreak that began in early 2014 quickly spread to Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. Over 10,000 children lost one or both parents. Many of these children were shunned by their communities because of fear and stigma.

People reached*: 9,000

How: UASC, Livelihoods, Food, NFI, PPE, WASH, Health care, Outreach Cost*: €1.9M

Partners**: Doctors Without Borders, Save the Children, UNICEF, governments

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



Political crises sparked violent conflicts throughout 2014 placing more than half the population in dire need of help. Special care for victims of violence was especially needed.

People reached*: 65,000

How: Food and food security, Protection, WASH, Waste Management, Education, Family Reunification

Cost*: €270K

Partners**: International Committee of the Red Cross, World Food Programme, Action Against Hunger, Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF



PHILIPPINES

2014 was a year of challenges for families in the Philippines who had to rebuild their lives after the devastation of Typhoon Haiyan, which killed six thousand and displaced four million in November 2013.

People reached*: 5,000

How: CFS, Kinship Programme for orphaned children, Livelihoods, Housing, NFI, Reconstruction, Education Cost*: €9M Partners**: NGO Convention Group

On 25 April 2015, while this report was being prepared, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal, killing thousands and causing catastrophic damage. SOS Children's Villages was among the first responders. Our help will be described in our 2015 Annual Report.

OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAMMES IN 2014

· Balkans - Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia (floods) • Bolivia (floods) • Haiti (2010 earthquake) • Kyrgyzstan (conflict) • Mali (famine) • Somalia (famine)

2014 emergencies where we provided help through our normal, local SOS programmes: • South Sudan (conflict) • Ukraine (conflict)



CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES

What is a Child **Friendly Space?**

An SOS Children's Villages Child Friendly Space (CFS) is a place we establish to create a secure, protected and supportive atmosphere for children living through an emergency or its aftermath. There, children can feel safe; they can get a nutritious meal, play, learn and - even if just for a few hours - forget that their world has been turned upside down. In a Child Friendly Space, children start to recover from an emergency, and parents know they can find support while they go about re-establishing their homes, livelihoods and communities.

MAKING AN IMPACT TOGETHER

A young girl collects drinking water for her family, Central African Re P. W.

> SOS Children's Villages International and its member associations work with international organisations and multilateral donors, national governments, and national and local public authorities and embassies to improve the situations of vulnerable children, their families and communities. These partnerships go beyond mere financial arrangements and build relationships that help shape the thinking, policies and priorities of state and non-state actors. Together with our partners, we are building on the momentum generated by the Millennium Development Goals and carrying on with an ambitious Post-2015 TOGETHER4CHANGE development agenda.

A results-based approach to planning, monitoring and evaluation contributes to accountability and transparency, while ensuring that official development assistance is spent effectively and delivers the best possible results.

In 2014 we received €25 million in official

in family strengthening, education, health care, ICT4D and advocacy for child rights worldwide. Our partners' support maximises the impact of our work for children all over the world, and provides opportunities to explore and adapt new standards and pilot innovative approaches. Working together as partners, we improve our understanding of the needs of children and families all over the world in order to help build local capacity and increase local ownership - keys to creating long-lasting change for the future.

SOS Children's Villages International is part of the Together4Change Alliance, a five-year framework contract supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and based on the understanding that "People-centred social change requires that individuals and collectives of citizens take control and address the problems in their communities." With Together4Change we run projects to help create environments that fully support children's development funds to run over 300 programmes rights and healthy development in 13 African

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countries. Working with community stakeholders to end chronic poverty and create long-term sustainability is an essential part of that picture. For example, in Ghana we strengthened livelihoods by 2014. supporting existing social businesses and helping new ones get off the ground; in Kenya we helped smallholder farmers improve food security and equity; in Nigeria we helped community-based

For more information about Institutional Partnerships at SOS Children's Villages, visit us online or get in touch with David Katzlinger, Head of Institutional Partnerships: IPD@sos-kd.org.

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organisations lay foundations to take ownership of the programmes after the funding period. In total our Together4Change projects reached 15,000 people in

PARTNERING FOR CHILDREN

Through myriad projects our corporate MARRIOTT EUROPE partners invest in children and young skills, self-confidence and independence. These are investments that pay back in empowered young people, strong of employees, customers and business partners who know they are making a real from just a few of our corporate partners:

VORWERK GROUP

"As the family-owned company Vorwerk Marriott Europe is engaged in helping families in need, our partnership just makes sense... SOS Children's Villages stands for family. They give abandoned children a home, where they can grow up safely. Therefore, SOS Children's Villages is an ideal partner to help us achieve our corporate social shared goals."

- Dr. Jörg Mittelsten Scheid, Honorary Chairman of the Advisory Board, Vorwerk Group

SPINNEYS GROUP

"Working with SOS is an inspiration, as seen by our annual campaigns to raise funds to support their programs, which end up collecting tens of thousands of dollars given by thousands of Spinneys customers. SOS Children's Villages is an NGO that is highly trusted, and we are proud to be closely associated with them."

– Ralph Kahi, Chief Marketing Officer Spinneys Group

"We are committed to providing career people and guide them in establishing life opportunities for disadvantaged young people and our long-standing partnership with SOS Children's Villages helps us to achieve this goal and address youth unemployment, which is a communities, and the genuine enthusiasm critical issue. The hospitality industry provides tremendous career opportunities for young people, and at Marriott International, we are difference in young lives. Here is testimony proud to offer dedicated training programmes for young people, to guide and support them so they can achieve their goals."

- Reiner Sachau, Chief Operations Officer,

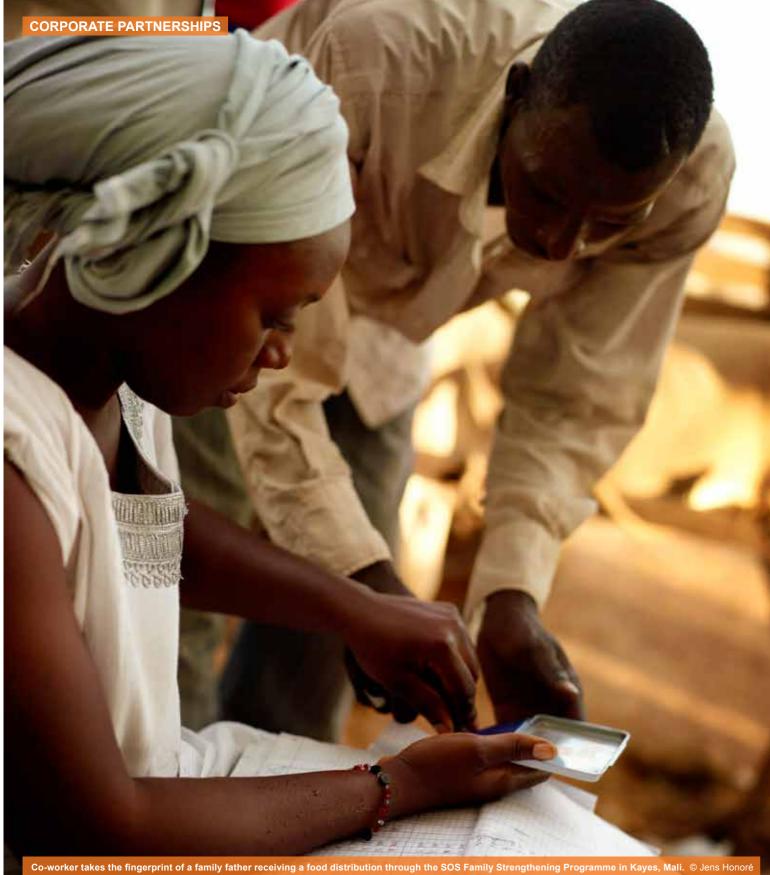
JOHNSON & JOHNSON

"At Johnson & Johnson, we believe every child deserves the chance to grow up healthy and live a productive adult life. In SOS Children's Villages, we have a partner with a holistic vision working responsibility aims. We work together to achieve to achieve that goal in every corner of the world. Over the past decade, our partnership has evolved from comprehensive care of vulnerable children to family strengthening, and now with our nursing programs in Africa, to a new focus on helping disadvantaged youth achieve productive careers in health care."

> - Conrad Person, Executive Director of Corporate Contributions, Johnson & Johnson

Get in touch with Katharina Steinkellner, Head of Global Leadership Giving, to talk about corporate partnership opportunities. E-mail: Corporate@sos-kd.org





Co-worker takes the fingerprint of a family father receiving a food distribution through the SOS Family Strengthening Programme in Kayes, Mali. © Jens Honoré

$^{\circ}$ "All the children of the world are our children."

Hermann Gmeiner, founder of SOS Children's Villages

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AstraZeneca AB	CANADA
Bertelsmann SE & Co.KGaA	Atrium Innovations
Carrefour	Transat A.T. Inc
Clarins	CZECH REPUBLIC
Danone	Kaufland
Deutsche Lufthansa AG	DENMARK
Deutsche Post DHL Group	Hempel Foundation
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Louis Vuitton Malletier	CEWE Stiftung & Co.
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	Fondation Auchan pour la jeunesse
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ORGANISATION & LEADERSHIP

INTERNATIONAL SENATE MEMBERS Mr Siddhartha Kaul President, SOS Children's Villages

GENERAL ASSEMBLY Highest decision-making body

All 117 Member Associations

INTERNATIONAL SENATE

\mathbf{V} MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

8 Managing/National Directors Chief Executive Officer (Chairman) Chief Operating Officer **Chief Financial Officer**

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Chief Operating Officer (COO) Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Offices of the CEO, COO and CFO nternational Offices in the Regions nternational Competence Centres



Learn more about our federatior



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MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Universal **Guiding Standards**

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS & CHILD CARE

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- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
 - Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children
 - · Quality4Children
 - Millennium Development Goals
 - Keeping Children Safe standards
 - · International Red Cross and Red Crescent standards

FINANCE & MANAGEMENT

- · International Financial Reporting Standards (ASB)
- INGO Accountability Charter

The ultimate guiding light for our work, the UNCRC had its 25th anniversary n 2014.

Global standards for management and stakeholder accountability





Read Who We Are, our Statutes, and Code of

> Our umbrella framework defining the various ways we put the child's interests first



PRINCIPLES & STANDARDS

SOS Children's **Villages Policies**

- Programme Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- HIV/AIDS Policy
- Formal Education Policy
- Emergency Response Policy
- Gender Equality Policy

- International Antifraud and
 - Anticorruption Guidelines
- · Good Management and Accountability
- **Quality Standards**
- Integrity and Compliance Unit (2015)

OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES OF OUR FEDERATION

- Who We Are · Statutes of SOS Children's Villages
 - International
- Code of Conduct for all co-workers

STEADY INCOME GROWTH

Despite a continued difficult fundraising environment, total revenues in 2014 grew by 4% from approximately €1,006 to €1,047 million.



The substantial increase in revenue from the Americas means that 7% of our income now comes from North, Central or South America.

Please note that with this year we return to investments in fundraising capacity in emerging reporting geographical breakdowns according to commonly used categories of continents, rather than the groupings of countries that correspond to our management structure, which we have used in recent years' reports.

These financial results reflect success in our efforts to increase income from regular giving, with fundraising from sponsorships and other committed giving increasing 34%, from €173 to €231 million. This was counteracted slightly by a 9% decrease in income from sporadic donors.

We are pleased as well that income from corporate donations increased 33% from approximately €35 to more than €47 million.

Governmental subsidies for domestic programmes - for example, for providing child care services on behalf of the local or national government – continue to be a large portion of our revenue, reflecting our commitment to being a strong partner with states in every country in which we work. In 2014, governmental subsidies represented 28% of our income, up slightly (€1.8 million) over 2013.

EXPENDITURES

In 2014, total expenditures across all continents increased modestly (2%) from approximately €985 to €1,008 million. Spending for international coordination and programme support (our General Revenues rose in all continents, with increases of: Secretariat) remained stable at 4% of total spending, which is at the low end of the spectrum for comparable peer organisations.

> Spending on the information and fundraising work done in our Promoting and Supporting Associations (PSAs) in Western Europe and North America represents 17% of our total expenditures.

SPOTLIGHT ON FUNDRAISING

In 2014, we saw continued positive results from our markets. In the past five years, fundraising from emerging markets has nearly doubled, from €28 million in 2009 to €55 million in 2014.

Notably, in the past year, funds raised in Latin America grew 31%, resulting largely from increases in committed giving and corporate donations, with particular fundraising success in Argentina. As a relatively new fundraising market, we are pleased that committed giving represents 37% of funds raised there, significantly higher than the 22% global figure.

"I have investigated a number of charity organisations. SOS Children's Villages was simply the best regarding efficiency."



In Asia, our income has grown 20% in the past year, through increases in committed giving in mid-sized markets (such as Thailand, Indonesia and Sri Lanka), particularly benefiting from faceto-face fundraising campaigns.

In Eastern Europe, many of our national associations continued their progress towards financial self-sufficiency, with particular growth in digital fundraising as an integrated channel, with a clear focus on committed giving.



SOS Children's Villages International is a full member of the INGO Accountability Charter

This International Annual Report is an amalgam of the reports provided to us by our National Associations and the SOS Children's Villages Promoting and Supporting Associations (PSAs), the fundraising-oriented bodies located in Western Europe and North America, and by the offices of the General Secretariat. Our audit control is benchmarked against peer international non-governmental organisations, and it is required that each member association of SOS Children's Villages is audited annually by independent and esteemed national auditors according to internationally accepted standards. Such rigour is applied also at SOS Children's Villages International in Innsbruck, Austria.

FINANCIAL AUDIT CONTROL

INCOME 2014

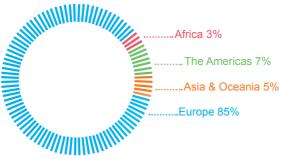
TOTAL GROSS INCOME €1,047 MILLION

Income by continent

Revenues grew in every continent in 2014, reflecting progress towards selfsufficiency for many national associations traditionally reliant on subsidies from Western Europe and North America.

Income by type of donor

The trend towards sponsorship / committed giving continues, with that category of income up, and sporadic donations slightly down. Income from corporate donors and governmental subsidies also rose in 2014.



Sporadic donors (28%) ..■ Sponsorship / committed giving (22%) Major donors (2%) -- Foundations & lotteries (3%) Corporate donors (5%) ... Governmental subsidies for domestic programmes (28%) Institutional funding (2%) Emergency appeals (1%) ... Other income (9%)

EXPENDITURES 2014

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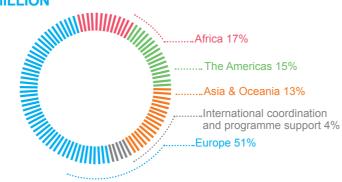
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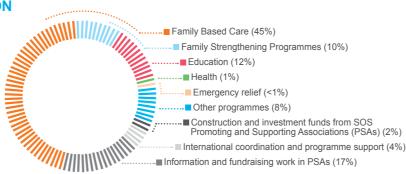
SOS Children's Villages is contracted by European governments to run domestic family strengthening and alternative care programmes. Because of these government contracts, and because costs in Europe are generally higher than elsewhere, our programme expenditures in Europe are higher than in other continents.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES €1,008 MILLION

Expenditures by type

Our continued focus on care for the child at risk and prevention of family separation is reflected in more than half of our expenditures (a total of 55%) going towards Family Based Care or Family Strengthening Programmes.





FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

All amounts in €1,000	Actuals 2013 audited	Actuals 2014 preliminary ¹
Revenues by continent		
Africa	31,187	33,610
The Americas	62,044	76,494
Asia & Oceania	48,243	51,497
Europe	864,907	885,327
Total revenues	1,006,381	1,046,928
Source of revenues by donor		
Sporadic donors	324,215	293,674
Sponsorship / committed giving	172,832	231,038
Major donors	26,932	25,541
Foundations & lotteries	35,414	35,195
Corporate donors	35,480	47,090
Governmental subsidies for domestic programmes	294,213	295,962
Institutional funding	28,132	15,697
Emergency appeals ²	7,676	3,947
Other income ³	81,487	98,784
Total revenues	1,006,381	1,046,928
Operating expenditures by continent		
Africa	129,416	136,252
The Americas	112,659	123,530
Asia & Oceania	97,466	103,678
Europe	402,194	412,393
International coordination and programme support	37,765	37,665
Total expenditures of SOS programmes and international support	779,500	813,518
Expenditures by programme type		
Family Strengthening Programmes	98,338	103,257
Family Based Care	442,127	455,795
Education	120,689	124,955
Health	7,370	7,612
Emergency relief	4,645	6,536
Other programmes	68,566	77,699
Construction and investments	36,015	22,691
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Information & fundraising work, costs not directly related to programmes in	169,898	172,181
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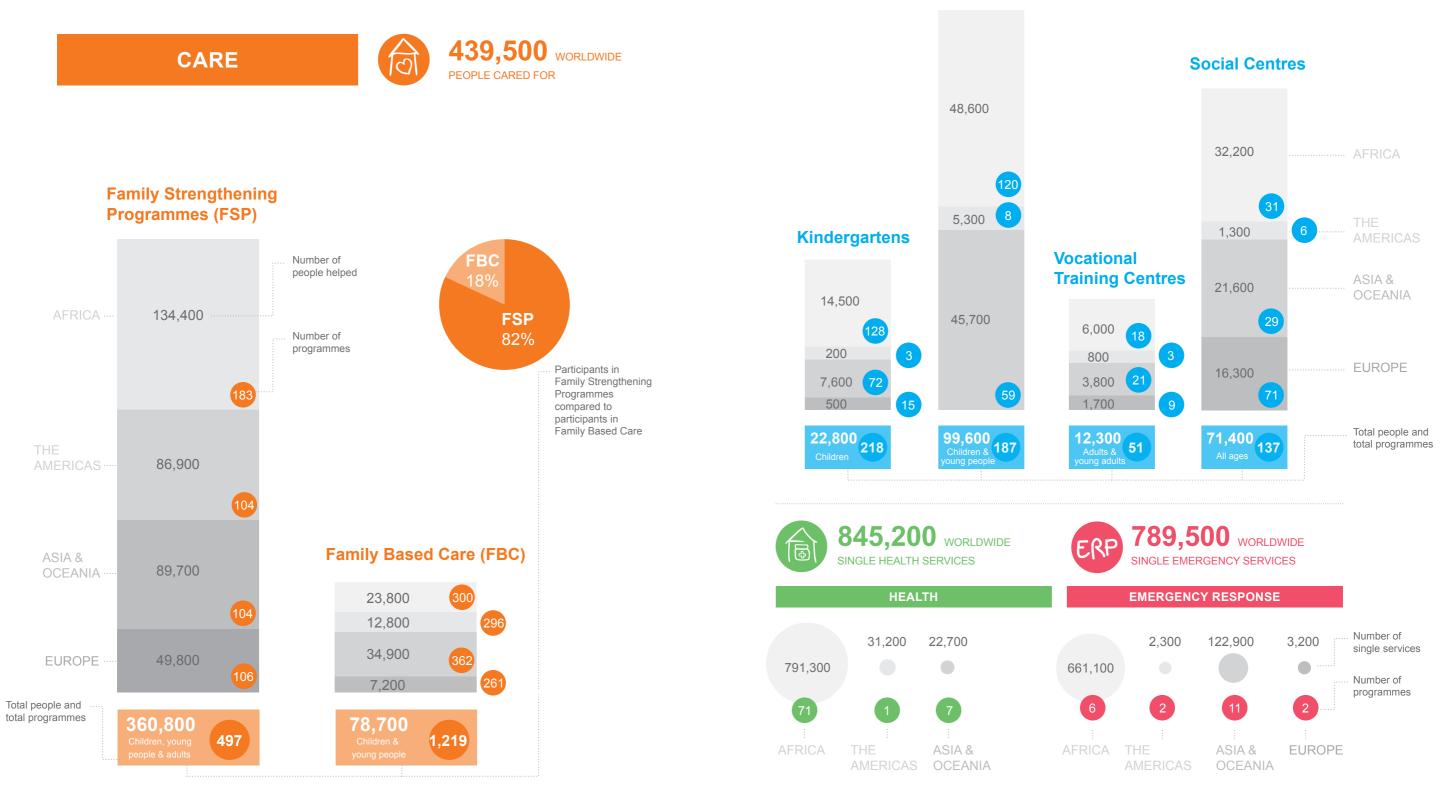
¹Independent external audits have not yet been completed in all countries for 2014 (as of 10 June 2015). ²Only major appeals are accounted for in this line; others are included under 'other income' ³ Other income refers to financial income such as interest, operational income from facilities, and local income from events or merchandising

⁴ Reserves are held as means of proactively managing asset risks, including destruction or loss of property, exchange rate fluctuations, and legal liabilities.

PROGRAMME STATISTICS

EDUCATION





Statistics from 31 December 2014, based on reporting by SOS Children's Villages associations as of 10 June 2015.

'Single services' refers to short-term support - for example, a single treatment at a medical centre.



WHERE WE WORK

Countries with SOS Children's Villages Promoting and Supporting Associations (PSAs), which raise funds for programmes in other countries worldwide, are shown in **bold**.

SOS Children's Villages is spoken all over the world. Listen.







ASIA & OCEANIA

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