



## FACTS AND FIGURES

**SOS Children's Villages is an international, non-governmental organisation that works with children without parental care and families in difficult living conditions. Every child needs a loving home to flourish in, and we help families make it happen.**

- In **1949**, Hermann Gmeiner founded the SOS Children's Village organisation and built the first SOS Children's Village in Imst, Tyrol, Austria.
- We work in **133 countries and territories**.
- We offer **family-based care** for children who can not grow up with their biological families. In SOS Children's Villages and youth facilities, children grow up in a stable family environment where they receive individual support and guidance towards an independent life as adults.
- We also run **family strengthening programmes**, working with disadvantaged families to enable them to cope with their lives and care for their children.
- We aim to be the leading voice for all children whose parents cannot care for them or have lost their parents. SOS Children's Villages is a member of NGO networks and committees at national, regional and international level. Together with partners, we are involved in various projects and initiatives aimed at **protecting the rights of the child**, as well as improving the living conditions of children everywhere.
  
- Currently, there are **2,187 SOS Children's Village facilities world-wide, including:**
  - 559 SOS Children's Villages and some 400 youth facilities for over **80,000 children** and young people
  - 614 SOS Social Centres and family strengthening programmes for some **430,000 children and adults**
  - 242 SOS Kindergartens, 194 SOS Hermann Gmeiner Schools and 105 SOS Vocational Training Centres for more than **158,000 children, teenagers and young adults**
  - 80 SOS Medical Centres providing over **455,000 treatments** per year
  - In 2011 we ran emergency relief programmes in Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Haiti, Pakistan and India, among others. Benefitting 1,137,733 individuals
  
- Worldwide, **30,000 people** work for SOS Children's Villages; more than 5,250 of those work as SOS Mothers.
- In 2010, the total income for SOS Children's Villages work in developing and emerging countries amounted to **865 million euros**; more than 56% of our total income in 2010 was contributed by individual donors.
- SOS Children's Villages works on **all continents**. In the **Americas**, we run programmes from the far north of Canada to the Chilean Pacific island of Chiloe in the south. In **Europe** we are represented from Kandalaksha in the north of Russia to North Cyprus. In **Asia**, there are SOS Children's Villages for Tibetan children in India and there is even an SOS Children's Village on

Tahiti in French Polynesia. In **Africa**, SOS Children's Villages is active in 47 countries from Cape Town in South Africa to Draria in Algeria, from Somaliland in the east to Equatorial Guinea on the Atlantic coast.