

Annual Report 2023



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES

Ensuring a loving home for every child



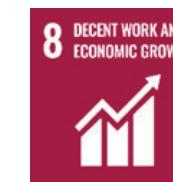


Who we are

Founded in 1949 by Dr. Hermann Gmeiner, SOS Children's Villages is the world's largest non-governmental organisation focused on supporting children and young people without parental care or at risk of losing it. Currently, the organisation is working in more than 130 countries and territories around the world. In Bangladesh, SOS Children's Villages started its journey in 1972, immediately after the liberation war. Now we are working in six locations: Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna, Chattogram, Bogura and Sylhet.

We work to keep families together, provide alternative care when needed, support young people on their path to independence, and advocate for the rights of children. Our work is guided by UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children.

Together with partners, donors, communities, children, young people and families, we enable children to grow up with the bonds they need to develop and become their strongest selves. Our contribution to Sustainable Development Goals:



Our mission

 We build families for children in need, we help them shape their own futures and we share in the development of their communities

Our vision

 Every child belongs to a family and grows up with love, respect, and security

Foreword



*National Director with a programme participant
during his visit at SOS Vocational Training Centre
Dhaka*

It is with immense pleasure that I present the Annual Report 2023 of SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh. As we reflect on the year 2023, it's undeniable that Bangladesh faced significant economic challenges this year. High Inflation impacted the lives of people. Despite these challenges, our commitment to supporting children and families remained steadfast. Throughout the year, we provided direct care to more than a thousand children and young people through our Alternative Care programme. We also focused on strengthening families and supported 11,106 families to prevent family breakdown in our five programme locations.

Child safeguarding situation has significantly improved in Bangladesh through various workshops and action plans, increased child and youth participation in decision-making processes, giving their voices the utmost importance. This year, our Digital Village initiative empowered more children and young people with seamless access to education and basic computer skills, which will help them navigate the digital landscape safely and confidently. Multiple awareness and training sessions on child rights, child safeguarding, cybersecurity, and cyber safety were organized across various programme locations to protect children from online threats and ensure their well-being in both physical and digital environments.

When it comes to advocating for our target group, I'm proud to announce that in 2023, SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh successfully engaged with the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Department of Social Services and helped to develop the draft of the National Gatekeeping Policy. This policy will contribute to the care reform process in the country and standardize alternative care.

This year even more local donors contributed to our endeavours which underscores SOS Bangladesh possesses the capability and opportunity to generate financial support from within the local community through fundraising strategies to further extend its mission of providing loving homes and care for children in need. SOS Bangladesh encourages local donors to contribute, knowing that their support will make a difference in their own community.

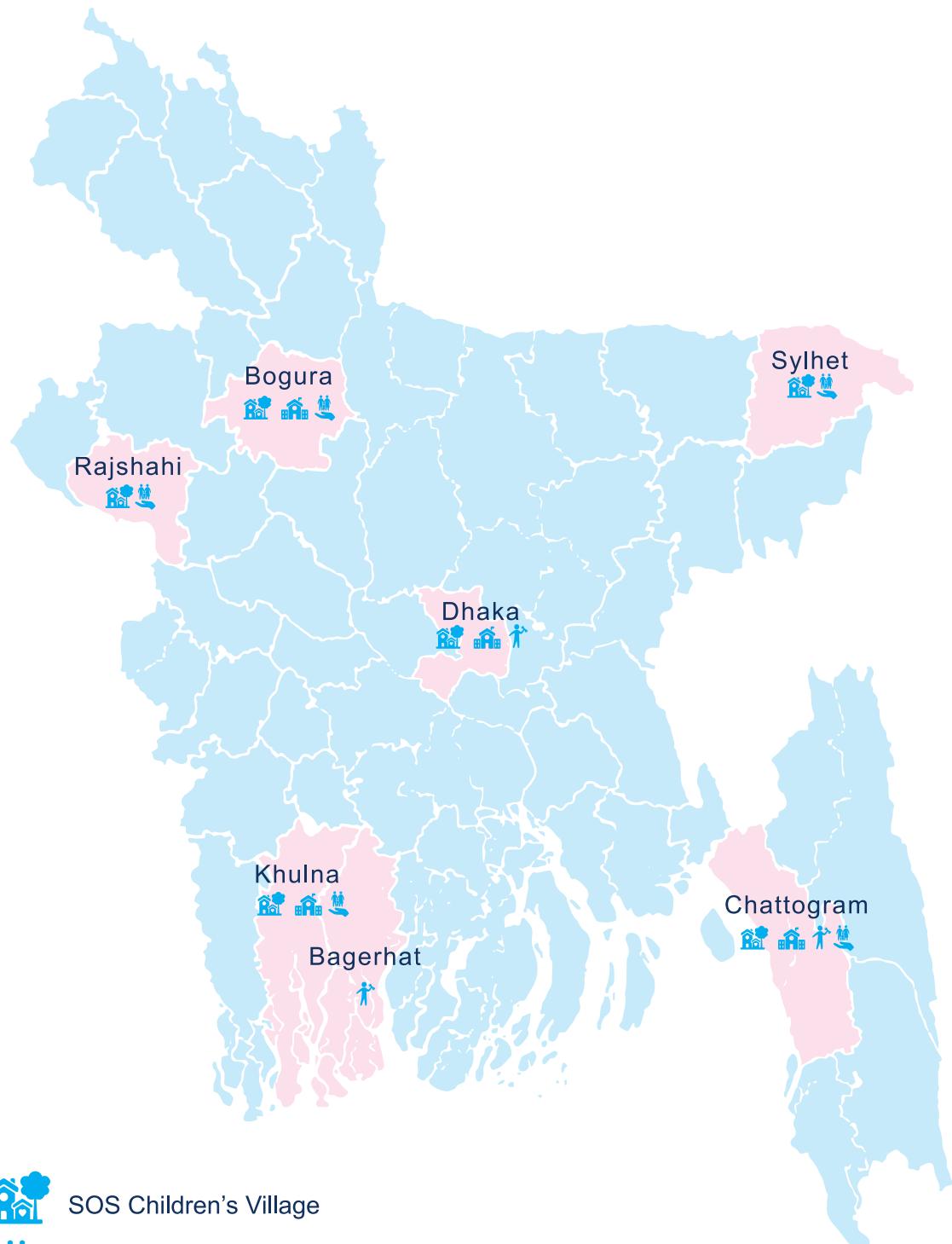
As we look ahead, the path forward is clear - a better world for children is attainable, and we have the power to make it a reality. As the National Director of SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the donors, partners and stakeholders who have supported us in our endeavours. Let us continue our journey towards building a better tomorrow for our children, empowering them to reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to society.

Sincerely,
Dr. Md. Enamul Haque
National Director
SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh

Truly bonding with a child has
the power to change the
world



Our programme locations



SOS Children's Village



Family Strengthening Programme



SOS Hermann Gmeiner School/College



SOS Vocational Training Centre

Our programme



Alternative care (AC)

- Family-like care (FLC)
- Supervised independent living (SIL)
- Kinship care (KC)



Family strengthening (FS)

- Direct family empowerment (DFE)
- Community empowerment for family empowerment (CFE)



Education

- Early childhood care and education (ECD)
- Primary and secondary education
- Employment and entrepreneurship training (EET)
- Child and youth care practitioners' training



Humanitarian action



Advocacy





Year in review 2023

15,492

total programme participants

522

children supported under
Family-like care

490

young people supported under
Supervised independent living

11,106

families were strengthened
through various support

233

young people supported with
employment and
entrepreneurship training

714

total kinship care programme
participants

163

children's early childhood care
and development was ensured

2,809

children were provided with
quality education at SOS
Hermann Gmeiner
School/College

Three pillars of action



Prevention

Keeping families together and preventing child-family separation

If possible, the best place for children to grow up is within their family. Our activities range from working directly with families and communities, to research on the reasons for family breakdown, to developing and sharing training materials related to parenting and mental health.



Protection

Ensuring care and protection when there is no family or it is not in a child or young person's best interest to stay in the family

Our activities include directly caring for children and young people, also in emergencies; working with partners to train foster parents and with governments to implement care standards; supporting young people to become self-reliant, and much more.



Advocacy

Changing policy and practice to improve the situation of children and young people without parental care or at risk of losing it

This pillar of action focuses on systemic change. Among other activities, we work with partners to create platforms for children and young people to bring the issues they face into discussions at the local, national and global level.

Prevention

Strengthening families

The problem

For the vast majority of children and youth who are placed in alternative care, one or both parents are living. By investing in strengthening families before they break down, the number of children in need of out-of-home care can be significantly reduced and families better prepared to support children through childhood and as they transition into adulthood. Reducing rates of child-family separation also decreases costs for governments and minimizes strain on public services, ultimately creating an enormous return on investment and a stronger society for the future.

Our response

If possible, the best place for a child to grow up is in their own family, or extended family where the bonds are strong and when this is in their best interest. Through our Family Strengthening (FS) programme, we ensure that families have the support they need to stay together. In our direct work with families and extended families, we offer a range of services, such as livelihood support, positive parenting training, support in accessing social services, adult literacy programme and counselling. The aim is always to foster the family's own resilience. Livelihood support may include entrepreneurship and vocational training, seed funding, cattle or equipment to start their own business, and direct financial, or housing support. We also provide educational materials and mid-day meal to the children and young people under Family strengthening programme.





Highlights of 2023

	10,392	people reached through Family Strengthening
	2,945	families received support
	2,899	children benefitted from Study Centre
	2,474	children received mid-day meal
	635	people received livelihood/skill training
	355	children received swimming training
	1,014	received career counselling through 16 sessions
	282	caregivers benefitted from adult literacy initiative
	408	children benefitted from computer training
	72	active self-help group
	263	families were linked with Government Social Safety Net programme
	190	children benefitted from English language course

Shapla's triumph against all odds



"If throughout your life, you have seen your parents and people around you struggling for money to live or manage one meal a day, it is difficult to dream big", expressed Shapla (name changed). "When I was a child, there were electricity issues, scarcity of safe drinking water and different diseases were common. My parents might not be educated, but they tried to make me and my siblings educated amidst all the challenges. But at one point, it was getting very difficult, and at that time, SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh came forward."

Shapla and her two siblings were raised amidst the harsh realities of a slum area in Chattogram. Their father, the sole breadwinner, worked as a day labourer, but the irregularity of work opportunities made providing for even their most basic needs a constant struggle.

In 2019, when Shapla was in tenth grade and her sister in eighth, because of their dire circumstances, this family was included in the Family Strengthening (FS) programme of SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh. All expenses related to their education, such as tuition fees, coaching fees, reference books, educational materials, school uniforms, bags, and mid-day meals, have been provided by the Family Strengthening programme since then. With inspiration and proper supervision, Shapla started performing better in school exams. As a result, she achieved excellent scores in the Secondary and Higher Secondary levels in 2020 and 2022, and now Shapla is studying at the Department of Sociology at the University of Chittagong (CU), one of the most renowned public universities in Bangladesh.

The support extended to her family didn't stop at education; her father received a van from SOS Children's Village Chattogram, providing a means to increase their income. Today, he works as a van driver, contributing to the family's financial stability. Shapla's journey shows how being determined and getting proper support can change lives for the better.

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"Now, I have a dream of becoming a Bangladesh Civil Service Cadre and taking responsibility for my family as well as my country," shared Shapla

Jannat's journey to self-reliance

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"I got married when I was 15 years old. My husband not only demanded dowry but also would beat me whenever he felt like it. My parents couldn't afford the dowry, but for my happiness, they gave him money. My husband worked as an assistant at a rickshaw garage owned by his father. He was completely dependent on his father for all the expenses and he never thought of me or our children. I silently cried for years, hoping he would change but that never happened," shares Jannat

After enduring years of domestic violence, Jannat (name changed) returned to her parents' house with her two-year-old son and one-month-old daughter. Her parents weren't financially solvent enough to maintain her and two of her children's living costs. But, considering the condition of their daughter, they have no way but to accept her to live with them.

In 2016, Jannat was included in our Family Strengthening programme. SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh covered her children's education expenses. She attended positive parenting training and also learned about child care, women's rights, child rights, and citizen rights. Jannat received a cow that gave birth to three calves. She also gained skills in vegetable farming and sewing. Now, she runs a successful tailoring business, supporting her family. With financial and material support from SOS Bangladesh, Sharmin built her own brick-built, tin-shed house with four rooms, a kitchen, a storeroom, a veranda, and a sanitary toilet. SOS Bangladesh also provided her with the sinking of a tube well to ensure the supply of pure drinking water. Her daughter passed HSC examination in 2023 and is preparing to be admitted into public University.

SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh empowers women like Jannat to be self-reliant and provide quality care for their children.



504
families
became self-
reliant in 2023

Protection

Alternative care

All children have the right to care and protection, even when their own family cannot care for them. Our concern is to make sure this care is of the highest possible quality, and to ensure that all children and young people grow up with supportive relationships, a sense of security and belonging, and the same access to opportunities as their peers.

We care for children directly through our care solution 'Family-like Care' (age 0-13) and 'Supervised Independent Living' (age 14-until they become self-reliant). Each child and young person who is placed in our care programmes has an individual development plan and we ensure nutritious food, quality education and a loving environment for them to flourish. We make sure biological siblings are kept together unless it is not in their best interest.

Kinship care is another alternative care option. It is a family-based care within the child's extended family or with close friends of the family known to the child, whether formal or informal in nature. In this care option, we support the extended family or relatives who undertake care to provide quality care to the child, which is safe, stable and sustained.



Highlights of 2023



1,012

children and young people cared for in our alternative care



35

children found a loving home in our Family-like care



20

children are reunified with family of origin



216

children were supported through kinship care



Visit of the Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Kosovo and the High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam:

On March 4, 2023, his excellency Mr. Güner Ureyen, the Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo to Bangladesh, and his excellency Mr. Haji Haris Bin Othman, the High Commission of Brunei Darussalam in Bangladesh, visited SOS Children's Village Sylhet. They commented on the positive atmosphere and the abundance of love and hope for a better future of children.



Distribution of essential educational materials and blankets by Children and Youth Council:

Children and Youth Council creates a platform for the children in our care by which they can nurture their leadership skills and generate a positive change in the communities. Children and Youth Council of SOS Children's Village Sylhet distributed educational items among 100 underprivileged children residing in the tea garden and Children and Youth Council of SOS Children's Village Khulna distributed blankets and first aids among community people.



Education Conference for children and young people:

In 2023, an Education Conference was held at SOS Children's Village Rajshahi. 32 children and young people attending Higher Secondary Level education participated in this conference. The chief guest was Professor Dr. Golam Shabbir Sattar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Rajshahi and the keynote speaker was Dr. Md. Elias Hossain, Dean, Faculty of Social Science, University of Rajshahi. The conference focused on improving academic performance, career development, and bridging the gap between technical and general education.



Session on health, hygiene and reproductive health:

In 2023, several sessions on health, hygiene and reproductive health were held at every programme location of SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh. These sessions provided knowledge to the children and young people growing up in our care on topics like importance of menstrual hygiene, personal cleanliness, benefits of exercise, puberty and hormonal changes, breast and cervical cancer.

Story of a rising swimming champion



At the age of eight, Nahid (name changed) found a new home at SOS Children's Village Bogura. He was a lively child, excelling in his studies and showing a natural talent for various sports like cricket, football, and racing. Despite his many interests, it was swimming that truly captured his heart once he started training at the Bogura municipality pond.

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“Since I was born near a river, I learned to swim when I was just five years old. Although my swimming skills were basic, they were enough to help me stay safe if I fell into the water. This initial exposure to swimming sparked a small interest in me which later grew into a passion,” Nahid expressed.

Nahid's dedication to swimming grew stronger each day. His routine became rigorous, practicing two hours every morning and one hour every afternoon. His hard work and determination paid off when, at sixteen, he competed in the Sheikh Kamal 50 km Jamuna River swimming competition in June 2023, finishing in sixth place. This achievement boosted his confidence.

Throughout 2023, Nahid continued to shine in various swimming competitions. He won second place in the 50-meter backstroke at the Bangabandhu Junior-15 National Swimming event. In river swimming, he secured seventh place in the 20 km Padma River Swim and fourth place in the 16 km Jamuna Crossing. His talent was also evident in school sports events, where he dominated in multiple categories, winning championships in backstroke, butterfly, freestyle, and middle relay at both the upazila and district levels.

Nahid's athletic prowess extended beyond swimming. He participated in half marathons, finishing 21st out of 538 runners in the Raipura Half Marathon and 18th out of 253 in the Kaptai Half Marathon. These achievements showcased his endurance as an athlete.

In recognition of his talent and hard work, Nahid received a call to join the Bangla Channel Swimming Association and earned a card to participate with the National Swimming Team.

From a young boy who could barely swim to a competitive athlete with numerous accolades, his journey illustrates the impact of dedication, training, and unwavering support.



Meem's journey to her dream job

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“In the hospitality industry, every interaction is a chance to make someone's day special. It's the joy on a guest's face that fuels my passion and inspires me to shine in this dynamic sector,” Meem expressed with enthusiasm.

Meem (name changed), a 19-year-old with unwavering ambition, was welcomed in the alternative care of SOS Children's Village Sylhet at the age of six in 2010. From the beginning, it was clear that Meem had a strong desire to achieve something significant in her life.

After successfully obtaining her Higher Secondary School Certificate, Meem is currently employed at a distinguished 5-star hotel named Grand Sylhet Hotel & Resort. Her journey took an exhilarating turn when she enrolled in a six-month diploma course on Food and Beverage Service at the Tony Khan Hotel Management Institute in Sylhet. Upon completing the course successfully, she started her internship at the renowned 5-star hotel, the Grand Sylhet Hotel & Resort. Impressed by her performance during the internship, the management offered her a job, which she currently holds.

What makes Meem's story truly remarkable is her confidence in career development. “I am enjoying my job and regularly gaining new understandings from diverse cultures,” she shares. She has also successfully accomplished the National Skill Certificate – II course in Care Giving, attaining in National Training and Vocational Qualifications Framework (NTVQF) Level – II.

Looking to the future, Meem plans to continue her higher education in Hotel and Tourism Management. Meem's story stands as an inspiration for us, illustrating that with proper care and necessary support, one can shape a future full of promises.

Advocacy

All children have equal rights to care and protection, including the right to grow up in a supportive family environment that fosters their well-being and full development. Along with partners, we defend and promote these rights on a global, regional, national and community level. To support or improve laws, policies and practices, we prioritise the following areas: influencing public policy and practice, organisational development and sustained capacity building, knowledge building and dissemination, communication campaign and media engagement, networking, partnership building and collective advocacy, child and youth empowerment and public awareness.

Children and young people are key voices in our advocacy work. Their meaningful participation brings to light for policymakers the real issues they are facing and that need to be prioritized. When children and young people are involved in advocacy, the result is programmes, practices and policies that are more accurately tailored to their needs.

Influencing public policy and practice at international, regional and national levels:

- SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh successfully advocated to the Ministry of Social Welfare through the Department of Social Services and supporting to develop the first-of-its-kind National Child Protection Gatekeeping Policy. This policy will contribute towards the care reform process in the country as well as standardizing alternative care. The government formed a committee involving UNICEF, SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh and Save the Children, along with the respective personnel from the Department of Social Services to facilitate the development of the draft in 2023, with final approval expected in 2024. Once implemented, the policy will help to prevent the unnecessary separation of the children from their families while at the same time ensuring the availability of a continuum of care options.
- SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh facilitated the participation of a Government Representative from Bangladesh in the 5th BICON – the biennial conference on alternative care in Asia, which took place in Nepal, in September 2023. Over 53 speakers and 300 participants, including over 50 young people with care experience, from across Asia and beyond joined and shared their perspectives in this conference. Bangladesh's journey in reforming its child protection system and key progress in bringing national legislation into conformity with the CRC was highlighted by him in 5th BICON.

Child and youth empowerment to strengthen their capacity in advocacy:

- 20 children and young people were identified and oriented along with 6 location level co-workers and 3 external child/youth-led networks identified and connected where our children and young people can be involved through organising a two-day training for the children and young people to enhance their capacity in meaningful participation as child/youth advocate.
- SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh organised 'Youth Conference' in collaboration with Citizen's Platform for SDGs. 600 young people from diverse backgrounds and regions across the country participated in the conference. 12 young people and 3 co-workers participated from SOS Bangladesh. One young people spoke on the topic: put in place a job registration system for the unemployed youth.



A young person grew up in our care speaking about job registration system for the unemployed youth at Youth Conference 2023



Children growing up in our care exhibiting child rights through their artworks during Child Rights Week



This section gives further insight into how we work in practice, including an overview of financial information, as well as the partnerships that make our work possible





Education

Early childhood care and development (ECD)

A child's early years are very important for their future success. To help them grow and learn well, our Early Childhood Care and Development (ECD) programme focuses on meeting their social, emotional, cognitive, and physical needs. Our ECD activities are for children aged 3-5 years from our Alternative Care and Family Strengthening programs, as well as children from the local community.

In 2023, 171 children were supported through our 10 ECD Centres. This includes 116 children from more than 10 communities. In Bogura, positive parenting and child rights awareness sessions were organised with the caregivers of ECD children and in Dhaka, a session was arranged for ECD children and their caregivers on mental health, wellbeing and psychosocial development where former ECD children also participated.

Learning through play

Tanha with her mother at ECD Centre



Tanha (name changed), a 4-year-old girl, comes from a family where her mother works as a domestic helper, and her father is a day laborer. Since 2022, this family has been receiving support under our Family Strengthening programme. With both parents working all day, finding suitable care for Tanha was a challenge.

In 2023, Tanha was enrolled in the Early Childhood Development Centre (ECD) in Chattogram. The ECD Centre has been instrumental in Tanha's development, providing her with opportunities to play, sing, draw, and, importantly, start to read. These activities have not only prepared her mentally and physically for the next school year but have also contributed significantly to her overall growth.

Tanha's mother has noticed a remarkable change in her daughter since she joined the ECD Centre. "She is more active and social than before," Tanha's mother mentioned. "The ECD Centre has not only provided Tanha with a safe and nurturing environment but has also helped us as parents by giving us some relief from our daily struggles."

Through ECD, children like Tanha not only receive essential early education but also gain confidence, social skills, and a nurturing environment critical for their holistic development.

SOS Hermann Gmeiner School/Colleges (HGCS)

SOS Hermann Gmeiner Schools and Colleges is a wing of SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh, where quality education is ensured for children and young people. Its distinguished result in SSC and HSC also gives these schools extra eminence in the community.

HGCS offers waivers of tuition fees for underprivileged meritorious students under the School Alignment Programme. The academically sound students also get awarded with Hermann Gmeiner Scholarship. In 2023, a total of 35 students completed primary education from SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Chattogram.

A glimpse of public examination result of SOS HGCS

Name of school/college	Type	No. of the students passed	Passing rate (in percentage)
HGC Dhaka	S.S.C	102	96.22%
HGC Dhaka	H.S.C	110	100%
HGS Khulna	S.S.C	47	100%
HGC Bogura	S.S.C	56	100%
HGC Bogura	H.S.C	46	100%

Number of students in SOS HGCS (as of December-2023)

Name of school/college	Category/Level	No. of the students (total)	Former students (completed)
Dhaka	Higher Secondary	1107	5949
Khulna	Secondary	639	4222
Chattogram	Primary	306	745
Bogura	Higher Secondary	757	1708

All the students received new books from the Ministry of Education in 2023. Many students achieved prizes in different sports and cultural competitions such as poetry recitation, art, dance, swimming, badminton, scouts talent hunt, idea generation on climate change, etc. both nationally and internationally. All HGCS celebrated different National and International days, such as International Mother Language Day, Victory Day, Independence Day, National Mourning Day, and National Children's Day, etc. "Tree plantation programme" "Open Art Competition" and "Science fair" were taken place from time to time. Child safeguarding is a big focus for all HGCS. In this regard, different "psycho-social awareness-raising" and "positive parenting" programmes were held throughout the year in all HGCS for students and guardians.



Picture was taken during assembly at SOS HGS Chattogram



Hermann Gmeiner Scholarship 2023 recipients at SOS HGC Dhaka

Youth skilling through vocational training

SOS Vocational Training Centers (VTC) in Dhaka and Chattogram, along with a Youth Village-cum-Training Center in Bagerhat, have been established to equip young individuals with essential skills for the workforce. These centers provide training not only to youth from SOS Children's Villages but also to those from impoverished communities, offering them valuable opportunities for skill development.

SOS Vocational Training Centre Dhaka

SOS Vocational Training Centre Dhaka was established in 1988. Now it is a recognised assessment centre of National Skills Development Authority (NSDA), Prime Minister's Office, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh. A total of 97 students (Machine Shop Practice-19, Electrical Installation & Maintenance-20, Automotive Mechanics-20, Consumers Electronics-19 and Refrigeration & Air-conditioning-19) completed their course in 2023. A total of 51 students graduated under SOS Bangladesh and IsDB-BISEW Vocational Training project and 221 students graduated under SOS Bangladesh and PKSF-SEIP Vocational Training project.

SOS Vocational Training Centre Chattogram

SOS Vocational Training Centre Chattogram was established in 1998. Till now, 643 students have passed from here. In December 2023, there were 30 students (carpentry trade-15 and light engine mechanics trade-15) at SOS Vocational Training Centre Chattogram.

SOS Youth Village-cum-Training Centre Bagerhat

SOS Youth Village-cum-Training Centre Bagerhat is a farm project under SOS Children's Village Khulna located in Bagerhat District. It started functioning in 1996, aiming to involve the youths of SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh and the youths of the neighbouring community for self-employment, utilizing the local resources for raising poultry, animal husbandry, pisciculture and agriculture.

In 2023, total 216 people, including young people from the community, Family Strengthening caregivers and Alternative Care programme participants took training here in five areas: computer training courses for community young people through Sheikh Russel Digital Lab Bagerhat, income-generating activity training on cock farming, duck farming and cow rearing for Family Strengthening caregivers and agro-based training for the Alternative Care programme participants during Winter Camp 2023.





Kamruzzaman's success in farming

Kamruzzaman (name changed), a resident of a remote upazila in Bagerhat district, had been working alongside his father in the fields since childhood to support his family financially. However, his life took a significant turn when he enrolled in the integrated agriculture training programme at SOS Youth Village-cum-Training Centre Bagerhat. The training provided Kamruzzaman with knowledge of various farming techniques. With this knowledge, Kamruzzaman expanded his family's farming activities. They began cultivating vegetables, paddy, jute, wheat, and grass for goats, not only on their own land but also on leased land.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, Kamruzzaman discovered that the training centre was offering skill development programs. He wasted no time in enrolling in the cow fattening training programme. While attending the programme, he continued to manage his multifaceted farming at home.

After completing the training, Kamruzzaman bought a cow and expanded his farming enterprise. He also invested in two calves for fattening. Last year, after selling the goats, he reinvested the profit, purchasing two calves for BDT 110,000, with the aim of selling them for BDT 300,000 next Eid-ul-Azha.

In addition to livestock farming, Kamruzzaman cultivates paddy on 75 decimal of land during the Boro season, yielding 60-65 maunds of paddy and earning a profit of BDT 40,000, including the sale of dry straw. He also grows vegetables on two plots of land, totalling 29 decimal, throughout the year, supporting his family's needs. Kamruzzaman has ventured into cultivating green pepper on a piece of his land, expecting good profits. Moreover, he earns additional income every month by selling various types of vegetable seedlings.

Kamruzzaman's success reflects the transformative power of skill development and agricultural training in empowering rural communities

Employability initiatives

Youth unemployment in Bangladesh is a significant issue, with a substantial proportion of the young population struggling to find gainful employment. Young people without parental care are particularly disadvantaged throughout the process of searching for employment, as they lack the support networks that families often provide to guide those first steps from school into the working world. We ensure these young people are supported to achieve their goals and equipped with skills to become self-reliant.

Key highlights 2023

- 35 young people who grew up in our Alternative Care became self-reliant.
- SOS Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Dhaka arranged jobs for 143 SOS VTC graduates in different industries
- SOS Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Dhaka managed jobs for 70 graduates of SOS-IsDB-BISEW and 199 graduates of SOS-PKSF-SEIP project.
- 22 young people completed a four-week-long "Building Bridges through Leadership Training Junior" (BBLTJ) course from the Bangladesh Youth Leadership Centre (BYLC).
- In collaboration with Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka and Radisson Blu Hotel, Chattogram Bay View, internship opportunities have been extended to six young individuals.

Story of an aspiring entrepreneur

In 2006, 5-year-old Sakib (name changed) found a loving home at SOS Children's Village Dhaka. Since his young age, Sakib dreamed of becoming a successful entrepreneur. This dream stayed with him, motivating him to start saving small amounts of money and eventually venture into the business world. In October 2023, Sakib took his first big step towards his goal by starting an online T-shirt business.

Using the Facebook marketplace and his two business pages named "DECENT AND COZY" and "ZES CREATIONS" Sakib reaches his customers. Before launching his business, he did thorough market research and crafted a solid business plan. He searched for available T-shirt and printing suppliers and set up an account with a delivery agency to ensure his products could reach the customers efficiently.

Reflecting on his journey, Sakib shares, "I am progressing towards my goals, constantly seeking online opportunities to connect with customers. I particularly enjoy participating in various events, where I find valuable networking opportunities." He also stated, "I think my biggest achievement so far is I have gained the experience of doing business. I have learned to be patient. I think success is guaranteed if I continue to move forward with patience."





YouthCan! is a global programme of SOS Children's Villages for employability and entrepreneurship that supports young people who have lost parental care or are at risk of losing it to successfully transition from school to decent work and independent life. The YouthCan! network of SOS Children's Villages, corporates and supporting partners builds on the expertise of all partners in the area of youth employability. Partners from the private sector mobilise their employees to share their time, skills, expertise and own career stories. These corporate volunteers plan workshops, facilitate exposure to professional environments and act as professional mentors to the young people.

YouthCan! National Conference 2023 - Navigating the Future

From 10 to 12 October 2023, SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh organised YouthCan! National Conference, under the theme "Navigating the Future" in Cox's Bazar. This three-day event served as a platform for meaningful dialogue, collaboration, and exchange of ideas to empower and inspire young people on leadership and employability.

This brought together 31 young people from all our programme locations, with corporate representatives from prestigious organisations, including DHL, Microsoft, Radisson Blu, Bata, Domino's Pizza, Expo Freight, and BYLC & YouthNet for Climate Justice. A highlight of the event was a stimulating panel discussion titled "Youth Employment in the 21st Century: Bridging the Skills Gap." Esteemed panelists from leading corporate entities shared their insights, underscoring the significance of skill development and collaboration between young people and industry leaders to address the challenges posed by the job market and combat unemployment. In addition, young people cleaned a half-kilometre area of the beach as part of their climate action activities.

Miarul Haque, Managing Director, DHL Bangladesh; Yousup Faruqe, Managing Director, Microsoft Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan; Mohammad Mahabubul Alam, Director-HR, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden; Sohanur Rahman, a renowned Climate Activist; Niresh Kumar, Director-Fund Development & Communications, SOS Children's Villages International, Asia and Dr. Md. Enamul Haque, National Director, SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh attended this conference. Md. Razib from Expo Freight and Abu Obaida Imon, trainers from BYLC, actively engaged and conducted sessions to support the cause of youth empowerment.

Humanitarian action



During times of crisis or disaster, children are among the most vulnerable. Through our Humanitarian Action programme, we make sure children and families are secure, protected and able to continue developing amidst conflict, natural disaster or any emergency situation. In March 2023, our project 'Humanitarian response to the flood victim families in Sylhet' concluded, which started in August 2022.

In May 2022, Sylhet and Sunamganj districts in Bangladesh experienced one of the worst floods in their history. The situation worsened in June, affecting additional districts and increasing the scale of damage. In response, SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh initiated the "Humanitarian Response to the Flood Victim Families in Sylhet, Bangladesh" project to assist the people of these affected areas. The focus was on preventing family separation, enabling family reunification and strengthening by prioritizing interventions that save lives, reduce human suffering and maintain the dignity of unaccompanied and separated children at risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence amplified in humanitarian crisis. A total number of 2440 households received various support through this project.

 2050 families received Unconditional Cash Transfer	 200 households received Conditional Cash Transfer to repair their houses
 200 families received WASH kits	 190 households received BDT 21,300 as part of livelihood recovery
 564 flood victims got aware about hygiene	 2440 total families received various kind of support

Story of resilience

Anwar (name changed), a 45-year-old resident of Sylhet, was among the many who bore the brunt of the devastating flood that struck the area in 2022. As the sole provider for his family of five, Anwar has been earning a living by selling vegetables at the local market since 2016. However, in June 2022, floodwaters engulfed his home and swept away his business. With nowhere else to go, Anwar and his family sought refuge in a nearby shelter at a local school, where they stayed for 22 days. During this time, they received food assistance from various organisations.

When the floodwaters receded, Anwar and his family returned to find their home and livelihood destroyed. Some of his relatives stepped in and built a new house for them. Anwar, however, was overwhelmed by the task of rebuilding his life, particularly his business.

It was at this point that SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh extended their support to Anwar and his family. Anwar received a livelihood recovery grant of BDT 21,300, which he used to restart his business. "It took us ten months to get back to our normal life after the flood. Floods are the worst thing that can happen to people like us. We can't stop natural disasters from happening, but a little support and advice can make a big difference in a family's future at the time of crisis," Anwar reflects.

Despite the hardships they faced, Anwar's two sons and daughter resumed their education after the flood. While many children dropped out of school due to the disaster, Anwar's children continued their studies, and his daughter even achieved good results and was promoted to the next class.

Anwar's story serves as a reminder that in the face of adversity, resilience and solidarity can light the path to a brighter future.

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A little support and advice can make a big difference in a family's future at the time of crisis



Climate action

Climate change and environmental damage puts a heavy toll on children and young people. On one hand, they are more vulnerable than adults to the harm that climate and environmental shocks and hazards cause to health, survival, dignity, and development. On the other hand, they and future generations risk living on a hostile and dangerous planet. The climate crisis puts children and young people in danger of losing parental care, because it exacerbates the drivers of child-family separation (e.g. poverty, violence etc.). In 2023, SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh undertook various initiatives to combat climate change.

Installation of eco-friendly stoves:

In partnership with the Bondhu Foundation, we installed eco-friendly stoves called Bandhu Chula in 227 households under Family Strengthening programme in Sylhet. These stoves help reduce indoor air pollution, use less fuel, and make cooking more efficient. Seeing the positive impact from the first phase, we decided to extend the project to another 227 families.

Training on kitchen gardening:

Training on kitchen gardening was organised for caregivers under Family Strengthening programme in Sylhet and Chattogram. 65 caregivers received the training which was aimed to empower them with the skills to establish kitchen gardens, promoting food security, nutrition, and resilience to climate change. The program included interactive sessions on soil preparation, fertilizing, cultivation techniques, seed selection, pest control, nutrition education, and composting. Participants received various vegetable seeds, encouraging them to start their own gardens.

Tree plantation programme:

Tree plantation programme was organised for communities under Family Strengthening programme in Rajshahi and Sylhet. 200 trees were distributed in this initiative.

Building awareness on climate change among communities:

In Bogura, two sessions on climate change were organized for Family Strengthening communities. Additionally, 60 young people attended a half-day workshop where they gained knowledge on climate issues. They then visited around 200 community residents, distributing flyers on climate change and global warming to raise awareness on the topic.



Keeping the environment clean:

In Bogura, a Cleaning Drive event was organised centered on SDG 13 (Climate Action). Around 20 children and young people participated, learning about the Sustainable Development Goals and pressing climate change issues worldwide. In Sylhet, the Youth Power team Eco-Bond and Children and Youth Council diligently organised regular cleaning activities for various locations, including river banks, tourist spots, and living surroundings. Through their proactive efforts, they contribute to preserving the beauty and cleanliness of these areas.

World Environment Day celebration:

On World Environment Day 2023, different activities took place across all our programme locations. There were discussion sessions where children gathered to discuss the causes and effects of climate change, global warming, importance of tree plantation and our collective responsibility to keep the environment clean. Children crafted wonderful wall magazines showcasing the importance of protecting our environment. They enthusiastically participated in essay writing, drawing, and quiz competitions as well. They actively engaged in planting trees and cleaning up their surroundings, focusing on removing plastic and waste materials. A rally was organized, echoing the theme of "Beat Plastic Pollution." Young people took their message to the community, raising awareness about the dangers of plastic and advocating for increased tree planting. Saplings were distributed among 40 families under Family Strengthening programme and 100 fruit plants were distributed among 4 schools in the communities. In addition, Youth Power team 'Eco-Bond' distributed 50 eco-friendly jute bags and 50 fruit tree saplings to community people.



Child safeguarding

We commit to creating a safe environment for children in all our activities by implementing child safeguarding measures and procedures in line with our policy standards and best practices. Four key aspects of our child safeguarding works are: awareness, prevention, reporting and responding.

Highlights of 2023

Awareness:

- Several trainings were organised for the caregivers, including the child safeguarding incident management system, ToT on positive parenting, local laws on child rights and protection, training on the investigation process, training on trauma-informed practice, refreshers training on Code of Conduct etc.
- Trainings were conducted for the programme participants on sexual and reproductive health, the impact of early marriage, child safeguarding, protective behaviour and swimming.
- 64 children and young people from various programme locations took part in karate training. Through this training, they learned effective self-defense techniques and acquired skills to protect themselves from mistreatment.

Prevention:

- SOS Bangladesh has completed the 'Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment' at all programme locations and developed an action plan to mitigate the identified risks. Thus, we will take proactive measures to prevent harm to children.

- Child Safeguarding Audit was completed at three programme locations and we identified gaps and areas for improvement in our safeguarding practices.
- We have completed Child Safeguarding Local Mapping. It will allow us to tailor our safeguarding measures to address specific risks and utilise local resources effectively.
- Developed a training module on Positive Parenting. It will promote healthy parent-child relationships and reduces the risk of abuse or neglect.

Reporting:

- SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh has created face-to-face and whistleblowing reporting channels so that anyone can report any concern.
- Suggestion/complaint boxes were installed at all the facilities and a separate e-mail address has been created to report any child protection-related concerns.

Responding:

All the reported cases were responded by the respective programme locations in 2023. Necessary support was provided to the survivors.



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The karate training enhanced my self-confidence. Now I can go outside without any fear of harassment from strangers, and I don't need my mother or elder one to accompany me everywhere.

-Sharifa, one of those girls received karate training from SOS Children's Village Bogura



Mental health and psychosocial support

Key Highlights

- Extensive individual and group counselling sessions addressing a wide range of psychosocial issues.
- Observance of World Mental Health Day and Mental Health Month across various locations with diverse activities to promote mental health awareness.
- Workshops and training sessions aimed at both children and caregivers to foster emotional well-being and mental health support.

Children who have lost or are at risk or losing parental care are more vulnerable to mental health and psychosocial difficulties than other children. They have often experienced high levels of stress, traumatic events and repeated adverse childhood experiences, including the separation from their family. Child-family separation impacts their ability to trust others and build relationships and has serious consequences for a child's personality development, including low self-esteem, attachment disorders and anxiety. We provide adequate support and services for their mental wellbeing and thus strengthens their ability to build their lives living independently.



On the occasion of World Mental Health Day, children of SOS Children's Village Sylhet created this wall magazine

Trauma-informed practice:

Trauma-informed practice (TIP) training aims to give care professionals the tools and knowledge required to understand trauma and address the needs of children and young people affected by it, as well as adults. In 2023, total 06 TIP training sessions were organised in different locations, where 207 SOS Mothers, coworkers and children and youth representatives participated. Techniques for identifying signs of trauma, strategies to overcome and cope with trauma, understanding the various symptoms associated with trauma, delving into the profound impact of trauma on individuals, practical approaches to combatting different forms of trauma and insights into effective trauma management were discussed in these sessions.

Positive impact of mental health support

"Before coming to SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh, I didn't know I could be cared for," Samira (name changed) recalls. "Since I was the elder sibling, no one seemed to remember the fact that I was a child too. I had to take care of my younger sister when it was me who needed someone to look after me. I was always neglected."

Arriving at SOS Children's Village Khulna at the age of eight with her younger sister, Samira carried the weight of hardship far too heavy for a child. "Samira was a quiet and shy child, but her eyes held a deep longing for stability and love," Samira's SOS Mother shares. SOS Children's Village Khulna provided Samira with a safe place, nourishing food, and most importantly, a loving family environment. As she transitioned into adolescence, however, new challenges arose. Samira's introverted nature made her a target for bullying from her peers.

Samira found the courage to reach out at one point and started attending individual counselling sessions with the part-time psychosocial counsellor of the village. "Samira initially came across as very hesitant, her eyes filled with uncertainty," Abu Sayeed, the counselor recalls. "Through encouragement and creative techniques, we slowly built a rapport. We explored her feelings, built her confidence, coping mechanisms, assertiveness skills, and most importantly, helped her reconnect with her inner strength. Samira's journey is one of many we witness. Through individual sessions and group activities, we provide a safe space for children to express themselves and develop coping mechanisms."



Samira with psychosocial counsellor during individual session

This year, Samira took her Secondary School Certificate (SSC) exams. While she waits for the results, she feels a mixture of hope and anticipation. She is no longer the shy child she once was, but a young woman with aspirations, confidence, and a practical outlook on life.



Children doing imaginary play during a mental well-being session

Awareness and psychosocial counselling session:

Around 40 awareness and psychosocial counselling sessions were conducted throughout the year in different programme locations. These sessions were facilitated by mental health experts from different universities and hospitals like Dhaka University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Khulna Medical College Hospital, MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, Center for Mental Health & Care Bangladesh (CMHCB), Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College, Bogura etc. These sessions were held on topics like anger and stress management, suicide prevention, self-care and wellbeing, sympathy and empathy, children's emotion regulation and children's intellectual development etc.

Interactive Activities:

Interactive activities were conducted in SOS Children's Village Khulna for children to promote mental well-being and emotional expression. These activities included group discussions, mindfulness exercises and some activities aimed to encourage creative expression and raise awareness about mental health issues.

Digitalisation across our programmes



315

programme participants completed basic computer course



11

cyber safety and security awareness sessions were organised



500

programme participants became aware of cyber safety and security



Digital skill is crucial to compete with this rapidly advancing digital world. By providing digital skills to the children and caregivers, we empower them to thrive in today's society. Through digital training, we are enhancing the employment prospects of young people, while supporting caregivers in developing essential digital skills for parenting.

Highlights of 2023

Received ICDL Social Impact Partner Award:

SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh received the ICDL Social Impact Partner Award for its commitment to digital skills development. The organisation was recognized for equipping children and youths with vital digital skills.

Junior Software Academy program by Samsung R&D:

Ten youths from SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh completed an eight-week Junior Software Academy program by Samsung R&D, covering Office Suite, Android basics, math, and coding.

Cybersecurity awareness sessions:

11 cybersecurity awareness sessions were conducted on topics like cyber threats, safe internet use, cybercrime, cyberbullying, social media safety, and securing personal information.

Skill development training on "AI Technology":

On 15 November 2023, SOS Youth Village Dhaka held a skill development training on "AI Technology" with 42 young people, including co-workers.

Basic computer training at the Sheikh Russel Digital Lab:

The programme participants and SOS Mothers received digital literacy and basic computer training at the Sheikh Russel Digital Lab, established with support from the ICT Ministry of the Bangladesh Government. 315 participants have completed the basic computer course since the establishment.

MoU signed to establish a Community Digital Centre:

On 8 September 2023, SOS Children's Village Sylhet signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Usmanpur Union Parishad in Osmaninagar, Sylhet, to establish a Community Digital Centre. The centre aims to provide digital services to the community people and help reduce the digital divide.

Training on "How to Become a Freelancer":

In collaboration with the SME Foundation, a 5-day "How to Become a Freelancer" training was conducted for 16 youths, covering digital marketing, photo and video editing, and gig writing for self-reliance.

SOS National Training Centre Dhaka



SOS National Training Centre (NTC) Dhaka is an integral project of SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh that commenced its operation in 1997. It is located at Mirpur, Dhaka. Since the inception, the centre is contributing extensively to develop desired skills of SOS Mothers and co-workers based on the strategic goals of the organisation as well as played a vital role in enhancing skills, fostering collaboration, and serving the wider community.

Highlights of 2023

Activities:

Busy year: SOS National Training Centre (NTC) Dhaka hosted 46 events in 2023, with 19 internal events for SOS mothers and co-workers and a significant increase of 27 external events.

Enhanced capacity: 1,579 individuals participated in various training programs, gaining valuable skills.

Comprehensive support: The centre provided programme design, curriculum development, and logistical support for both internal and external events.

Going global:

First international events: A milestone was reached with the hosting of 2 international training programs (Asia Regional ICT Network



Meeting & ROTA Workshop), attracting participants from national, regional, and international SOS Children's Villages offices.

Serving external organisations:

- Venue and facilities:** SOS NTC Dhaka extended its services by offering venue, accommodation, and food facilities to renowned organizations like UNICEF, Department of Social Services, and Sajida Foundation, facilitating their events with 1,091 participants in 2023.

Overall, SOS National Training Centre Dhaka had a successful year in 2023, fostering knowledge and skill development not only within the SOS Children's Villages but also for the wider community organisations.

Thank you for your support!

We are immensely thankful for the unwavering support from our sponsors, donors, and partners. Their dedication to fostering significant social transformation for the children and young people is truly remarkable. It is with the affection and backing of our benefactors that we can make a positive difference in the lives of children and families.

Mutual Trust Bank PLC:

In pursuit of our mission to support the well-being and education of children under the care of SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh, Mutual Trust Bank PLC has made a significant contribution. Specifically, 200 children have received vital assistance to continue their educational journey. The allocated funds were utilized for the procurement of essential educational materials, including books, stationery etc.



Provera International Hong Kong Ltd.:

With the aim to support children and community, Provera International Hong Kong Ltd. came forward with the donation of BDT 3.8 million. Through this initiative, we have been able to provide a safety net for the vulnerable children and community, ensuring that they have access to the resources and care necessary for their well-being and development.



Centro Tex Limited:

Centro Tex Limited, with a steadfast commitment to the well-being of children, has been a beacon of hope since 2020. Their unwavering dedication has directly benefited 10 children each year. Through their generous contribution, we are ensuring that these young souls receive nutritious meals, a fundamental cornerstone for not only their growth and development but also their dreams, aspirations, and potential.



Jubilant FoodWorks Bangladesh Ltd. (Domino's Pizza):

During the auspicious month of Ramadan, Jubilant FoodWorks Bangladesh Limited embraced the spirit of giving through their 'Buy 1, Give 1' campaign. This initiative saw the distribution of 24,000 meals to the children of SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh, reflecting a commitment to community support and the nurturing of young lives. The campaign not only provided sustenance but also conveyed a message of hope and solidarity.



The High Commission of Canada in Bangladesh:

The High Commission of Canada in Bangladesh made a significant financial contribution as part of their "modest funding" on a project focusing on the betterment and overall improvement of 3 ECD (Early Childhood Development) Centres of SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh in Dhaka, Bogura and Sylhet. They also presented a beautifully hand-crafted wooden "rocking horse" for the children in the ECD Centre of SOS Children's Village Dhaka along with different painting materials.



Woom:

Bicycle manufacturer company Woom donated 50 bicycles of different sizes to SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh. Later, a cycle rally titled 'Wheels of Hope' was organised to advocate for the beneficial influence of bicycles on the physical and motor skill development of children, underscore the significance of instilling road safety knowledge from an early age, and highlight the role of bicycles as eco-friendly modes of transportation.



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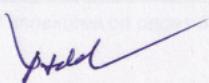
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 Statement of financial position

In Taka	Note	31 December	31 December	1 January
		2022	2021 Restated*	2021 Restated*
Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	3	243,538,298	266,807,587	289,240,080
Intangible assets	4	1,209,120	1,112,412	1,784,783
Security deposits	5	253,330	253,330	253,330
Non-current assets		245,000,748	268,173,329	291,278,193
Children Money Gift (dedicated fund)	6	86,039,429	89,053,292	102,449,836
Cash and cash equivalents	7	89,752,279	75,904,104	109,737,609
Investment in fixed deposits	8	39,151,114	28,611,837	8,137,694
Current assets		214,942,822	193,569,233	220,325,139
Total assets		459,943,570	461,742,562	511,603,332
Fund				
General fund	9	356,007,900	359,521,344	399,167,044
Restricted fund	10	15,275,450	10,775,450	7,575,450
Children Money Gift (dedicated fund)	11	86,039,429	89,053,292	102,449,836
Total fund		457,322,779	459,350,086	509,192,330
Liabilities				
Liabilities for expenses	12	2,325,841	2,097,526	2,114,552
Caution money		294,950	294,950	296,450
Liabilities		2,620,791	2,392,476	2,411,002
Total fund and liabilities		459,943,570	461,742,562	511,603,332

*The comparative information is restated on account of adjustments for changes in policies and reclassifications. See Note 28.

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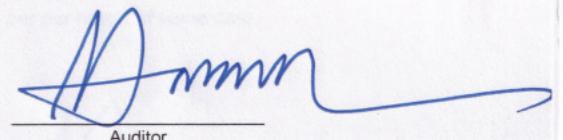


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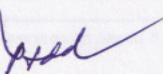
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For the year ended 31 December

<i>In Taka</i>	<i>Note</i>	2022	2021
Income			
Foreign donation received from SOS Kinderdorf International	13	471,291,142	388,689,015
Local income received	14	140,869,511	123,397,992
Bank interests	Appendix-8	3,454,111	2,749,363
Exchange gain/(loss)		2,115,382	31,819
Total income (A)		617,730,146	514,868,189
Expenses			
Low value items	15	574,445	717,876
Repairs and maintenance	16	22,111,747	40,733,066
Family expenses	17	57,682,308	47,795,019
Other current working expenses	18	221,032,364	191,823,549
Medical expenses	19	7,256,852	5,788,673
Transportation	20	17,163,770	9,074,438
Personnel expenses	21	242,634,756	205,168,773
Administrative expenses	22	17,951,588	17,858,845
Publicity expenses	23	1,906,348	707,917
Materials	24	713,330	496,868
Total running cost (B)		589,027,508	520,165,024
Depreciation (C)	3	34,002,823	34,172,645
Amortisation (D)	4	575,167	672,371
Total expenses (E=B+C+D)		623,605,498	555,010,040
Deficit of income over expenses (F=A-E)		(5,875,352)	(40,141,851)
Net asset transferred from emergency response program		2,361,908	496,151
Net deficit of income over expenses		(3,513,444)	(39,645,700)

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<i>In Taka</i>	<i>Note</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>
Cash in hand	7	153,921	168,204
Cash at bank	7	75,750,183	109,569,405
Opening cash and cash equivalent (A)		75,904,104	109,737,609
Received during the year			
Foreign donation received from SOS Kinderdorf International	13.A	478,448,722	393,435,783
Local income received	14.A	145,369,511	126,597,992
Bank interests received	Appendix-8	3,454,111	2,749,363
Total receipts during the year (B)		627,272,344	522,783,138
Total fund available (C=A+B)		703,176,448	632,520,747
Payment made during the year			
Low value items	15	574,445	717,876
Repairs and maintenance	16.A	22,211,484	41,064,081
Family expenses	17	57,682,308	47,795,019
Other current working expenses	18.A	221,030,137	191,828,980
Medical expenses	19	7,256,852	5,788,673
Transportation	20	17,163,770	9,074,438
Personnel expenses	21	242,634,756	205,168,773
Administrative expenses	22.A	17,625,763	17,539,427
Publicity expenses	23	1,906,348	707,917
Materials	24	713,330	496,868
Children Money Gift transfer	25	7,157,580	4,746,767
Payment of running costs (D)		595,956,773	524,928,819
Caution money refunded (E)			1,500
Payment for fixed assets (F)	26	9,043,501	11,244,000
Total payments before movement in FDR investment (G=D+E+F)		605,000,274	536,174,319
Movement in FDR investment during the year (H)		10,539,277	20,474,143
Total payments during the year (I=G+H)		615,539,551	556,648,462
Net fund available (J=C-I)		87,636,897	75,872,285
Exchange gain/(loss) (K)		2,115,382	31,819
Closing cash and cash equivalent (L=J+K)		89,752,279	75,904,104
Represented by:			
Cash in hand	7	195,046	153,921
Cash at bank	7	89,557,233	75,750,183
Total		89,752,279	75,904,104

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Celebration of national and international important days



From 2 to 8 October 2023, SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh celebrated World Children's Day and Child Rights Week-2023



International Mother's Day was celebrated in every programme locations, which reflects the respect and gratitude that the children of Alternative Care have towards their SOS Mothers



Football and volleyball matches were organised in different programme locations to celebrate 'International Day of Peace'



Drawing competition was organised in all programme locations to celebrate Victory Day



On the 104th birth anniversary of the Founder of SOS Children's Villages, Dr. Hermann Gmeiner, all programme locations celebrated 'International SOS Children's Village Day' with joy and festivity



SOS Children's Villages Bangladesh celebrated World Youth Skills Day 2023, embracing the theme of "Skilling teachers, trainers, and youth for a transformative future"



Artist: Nayan Chandro Roy,
a boy growing up in our care



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