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## Message from National Director

I am confident that you are all safe and well-protected, and that you will continue your wonderful work with optimism and aspirations, despite the difficult times that the country is currently experiencing.

In this Newsletter edition, I am compelled to describe, in a nutshell, the tough times that SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka has recently faced as a result of the re-emergence of the viral epidemic in the country, which has harmed people of all kinds. In these circumstances, our SOS Children's Villages in Sri Lanka were no exception.

SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka is slowly reviving after a period of turmoil, and as a result, I am hoping that everyone will be safe from the ongoing plague and that everything will return to normal.

SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka protected its children in its family care system in the face of such adversity. Many young people have lost their jobs. They, too, were not isolated, but were kept alive by whatever methods were available. Beneficiaries of the Family Strengthening

Program were not forgotten either. They, too, received assistance in the form of food relief packages.

Let me also highlight the election of a new President and Senate for SOS Children's Villages International at the SOS International General Assembly in June of this year.

Finally, on behalf of SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka, its children, mothers, and all, I express my gratitude to all of you for your unwavering kindness and support, even during difficult times, for the good work that SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka is doing for the children entrusted to its care.

I wish you all the best in your future endeavors, as well as success, happiness, and prosperity.

**Divakar Ratnadurai**

National Director  
SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka





## REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM CORPORATES AND INDIVIDUALS

“For over 40 years, SOS Children’s Villages Sri Lanka has been instrumental in giving love and care to children without parents and who are at the risk of losing parental care. It is time for individuals like you and I, who are lucky enough to enjoy the privileges that they did not have and corporations with a mission to support the underprivileged, to step forward and lend a helping hand for this worthy and timely cause.

As an SOS Ambassador, I would like to make a humble request from you to spread the word about SOS Children’s Villages among your friends, family, and colleagues so they too can join hands with SOS Children’s Villages and join this worthy cause of providing a loving home for every child.”

**Deshabandu Roshan Mahanama**

Brand Ambassador, SOS Children’s Villages Sri Lanka

## DONOR APPRECIATIONS

*“We have received a lot of appreciation from donors for the work we do to care for our children during this pandemic. This is a reflection of the hard work of all our staff. I thank our staff for this, and let’s keep working together as one ‘SOS Family’ to care for our children.”*

**Divakar Ratnadurai**  
National Director

Thank you for all the good work you guys are doing. I am spreading the word among friends and family as well with regards to the SOS children’s village and hopefully will get more donations in.

**Mr. Dhanuke**

Thank you so much for your support. I really appreciate your team commitment on this hard work.

**Mrs. Nisansala**

It’s always a pleasure to help these kids and to bring a smile to their faces. I would like to appreciate you for your time and effort you have put in to make this a success. Thanks a lot for making us part of the great community service.

**Mr. Halloluwa**

Thanks for all the wonderful work you are doing for these innocent souls. Appreciate your efforts. What I have done is very small compared to your effort. May god bless you.

**Mr. Sally**

Appreciate all the hard work you and your team do at SOS Village.

**Mr. De Silva**

Thank you for your mail and I hope everyone at SOS Sri Lanka is doing well amidst the pandemic. All thanks to your team, am glad to sponsor a child in the SOS Village (The e-card was a nice gesture). I will try my best to sponsor more towards the SOS Village.

**Mr. Ramal**



# DONATION OPTIONS

Children at SOS Children's Villages depend on your kindness to have a better and a brighter future. Now, making a donation is just a few clicks away using your smartphone. Through our digital platforms, you can show your generosity at the convenience of your home. SOS Children's Villages is on Daraz.lk, My Donate SMS Platform, and SOS Web Donation Platform.

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Click Ways to help. Then Click sponsor a child  
monthly. Select 'monthly' or 'annual' option and  
proceed.



We are always looking for kind people who are willing to help children in need. So, don't be surprised if you get a call from one of our team members requesting for your support to help children.

## A LOVING HOME CAN BE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL ; Legacy Giving

Your Legacy will be a remarkable gift assisting SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka on long term planning on giving a promising future for thousands of vulnerable children

**Legacy Gifts left from bequests of our valued donors ensure that no child will grow up alone and that we can always respond to a child's most pressing need. With a Gift in your Will You Can:**

- Prevent children from growing up alone by supporting fragile families in impoverished communities.
- Provide quality education and health care.
- Protect children's rights wherever possible.
- Care for and shelter children during crises and natural disasters.

If you are eagerly looking for an opportunity to discuss about your Legacy donation or a reserve fund from your Will, please contact **Nipunika Ruhunage** (Ast. Director) **077 442 2866** or

**Gayantha Dalpadado** (Director) **076 138 8818** and we are happy to assist you to fulfill your wish.

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ඉහත අනුප්‍රාප්ත වීරු උදාහරණයක් වනුයේ ඉහත ආකාරයෙන්ම ඔබගේ උරුමය තෑගි කිරීම මගින් දරුවන් වෙනුවෙන් ආදරණීය නිවහනක් තනමු

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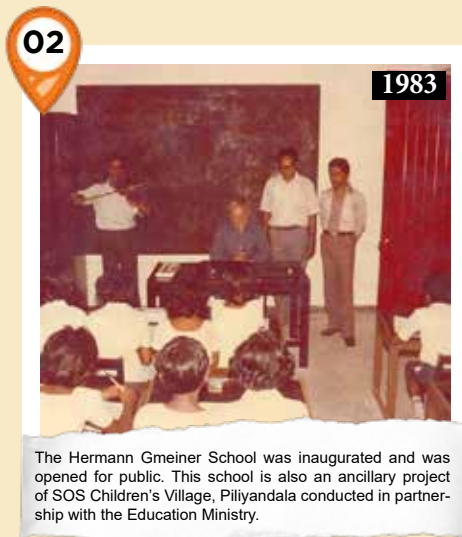
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The first SOS Children's Village was inaugurated in Piliyandala. Ancillary projects in this location include SOS Family Strengthening, Youth Home, Mother's Retirement Home, and Medical Centre. The Medical Centre is conducted in partnership with the Ministry of Health.



The Hermann Gmeiner School was inaugurated and was opened for public. This school is also an ancillary project of SOS Children's Village, Piliyandala conducted in partnership with the Education Ministry.



The second SOS Children's Village was inaugurated in Nuwara Eliya. Ancillary projects in this location include SOS Family Strengthening and Youth Home.



The fourth SOS Children's Village was inaugurated in Anuradhapura. Ancillary projects in this location include SOS Family Strengthening, Youth Home, Kindergarten, and Mother's Retirement Home.



The second SOS Vocational Training Centre was inaugurated in Anuradhapura to provide vocational skills for youth in need. This is also an ancillary project of SOS Children's Village, Anuradhapura.



The fifth SOS Children's Village was inaugurated in Monaragala. Ancillary projects in this location include SOS Family Strengthening and Youth Home.



SOS Children's Villages contributed immensely to support victims of the tsunami that struck in 2004. Over 970 houses were built and donated to victims who lost their homes. Food, dry rations, clothes, and other necessities were provided and boats were donated to fishermen to regain their livelihoods. Temporary shelters were also quickly built for victims in the aftermath.



SOS Family Strengthening Social Centre commenced its work in Gandara with the objective of helping tsunami victims and families in need. Ancillary projects in this location include SOS Kindergarten.



The third SOS Vocational Training Centre was inaugurated in Monaragala to provide vocational skills for youth in need. This is also an ancillary project of SOS Children's Village, Monaragala.



The sixth SOS Children's Village was inaugurated in Jaffna. Ancillary projects in this location include SOS Family Strengthening, Youth Home, and Kindergarten.



The SOS Family Strengthening Social Centre commenced its work in Mullaitivu to support families in need.



The fourth SOS Vocational Training Centre was inaugurated in Jaffna to provide vocational skills for youth in need. This is also an ancillary project of SOS Children's Village, Jaffna.



The 'Beach Cleanup' contribution to the beach cleanup and other social activities.



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1991

The SOS Vocational Training Centre was inaugurated in Malpotha, Bandarawela to provide vocational skills for youth in need.

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1992

The third SOS Children's Village was inaugurated in Galle. Ancillary projects in this location include SOS Family Strengthening, Youth Home, and Mother's Retirement Home.

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2003



The SOS Kindergarten was inaugurated in Morakkottanchnai in Eastern Province. This kindergarten was built by SOS Children's Villages to provide education for children from war torn families in the area. In 2013, the kindergarten was officially handed over to the organization that provided the land to build the kindergarten to continue education.

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# OUR 40 YEARS JOURNEY

2007



Family Strengthening Social Centre commenced its work in Peraliya with the objective of helping tsunami victims and families in need. Ancillary projects in this location include SOS Kindergarten and a Computer Centre that provides IT education.

2019



'Clean-Up' campaign was carried out as a contribution to a clean environment. This campaign focused on clearing up waste material such as plastic, polythene, and other trash which are polluting the beach.



PILIYANDALA



NUWARA ELIYA



MONARAGALA



ANURADHAPURA



GALLE



JAFFNA

# WHAT WE DID DURING COVID-19.



**Kirthi Hettiarachchi**  
Deputy National Director,  
SOS Children's Villages,  
Sri Lanka

Although the challenges were many, we were able to keep children in all our programmes safe during this pandemic situation. This was made possible because of the commitment of Co-workers towards child safeguarding and their hard work. Our children were provided with all the support they needed and they engaged themselves in many activities that kept them active and psychologically positive. The children were also provided a lot of psychological support which was especially important as they had to remain within SOS Children's Villages for their own safety..



**Muralindra Kumar**  
Project Director,  
SOS Children's Village,  
Nuwara Eliya

Protecting and caring for children and youth has always been our top priority. We took all necessary steps to ensure that children, youth, mothers, and staff in our villages were kept safe from the coronavirus, and made sure all precautionary measures were taken to secure their safety.



**Upali Gunawardhana**  
Assistant Director,  
SOS Social Centre, Gandara

The current state of COVID 19 has made the living conditions of families who rely on daily livelihoods extremely fragile. The SOS Family Strengthening Programme responded by distributing dry food to 200 such families with children in the Gandara area who were in high-risk situations.



**Malani Bertholameuz**  
Retired Mother  
SOS Children's Village, Galle

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Because of this pandemic, I was unable to spend time with my grandchildren. I am waiting to tell stories, cook delicious food, and play with them once again. I wish this pandemic would end soon.



**Arokiyanather Rosemalar**  
Mother,  
SOS Children's Village, Jaffna

எனது பராமரிப்பில் உள்ள குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பாக இருப்பதை நான் எப்போதும் உறுதிசெய்கிறேன். இந்த வைரஸின் ஆபத்தை நான் அவர்களுக்கு விளக்கும்பேரது அவர்கள் புரிந்து கொண்டார்கள் என்று சொல்வதில் நான் மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன். எனது குழந்தைகள் பின்பற்ற வேண்டிய அனைத்து பாதுகாப்பு மற்றும் முன்னெச்சரிக்கை நடவடிக்கைகளையும் கடைப்பிடிக்கின்றனர்.

I always make sure children under my care are safe. I am happy to say they understood the danger of this virus when I explained it to them. My children adhered to all safety and precautionary measures I told them to follow.



In SOS Children’s Villages, everyone’s safety and protection is paramount. We continued to provide training and awareness programs regarding COVID-19 and the necessary safety and preventative measures to our children, youth, mothers, and staff.



Malsha Sethunga  
Educator,  
SOS Children’s Village,  
Anuradhapura



Nishanthi Renuka  
Senior Nurse  
SOS Children’s Village,  
Monaragala

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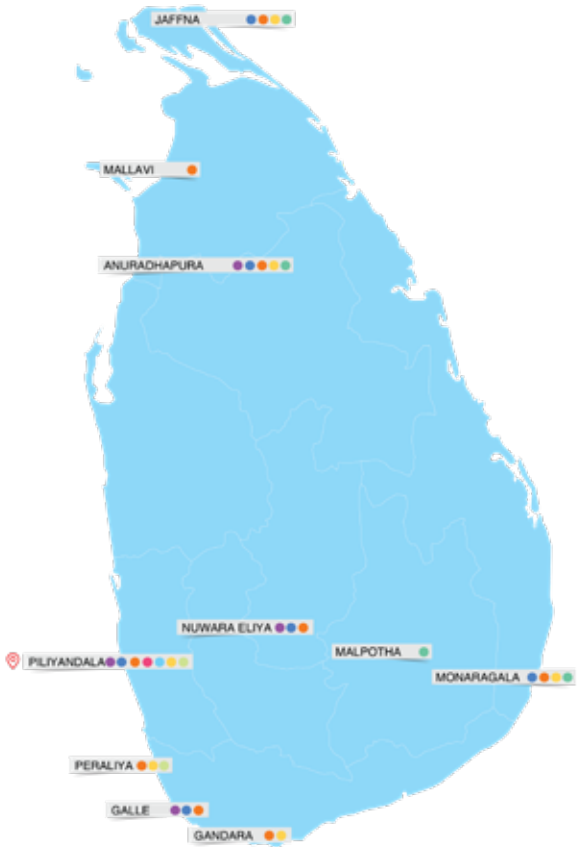
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