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VILLAGES  
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YEARS IN SRI LANKA

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*"...Doing good is easy if  
there are many to help."*

**Dr. Hermann Gmeiner**

Founder of SOS Children's Villages

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## I have great pleasure in giving this message to be published in The SOS Newsletter - 2022.

I am happy to share with all of you, some of the achievements of SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka in the recent past, with some reminiscence of difficult moments experienced, along with a concise account of present work, continued for the welfare of all its children.

Year 2021 was a year of doom for Sri Lankans because many people's lives and life patterns were devastated by the virus plague that shattered the country for long months. SOS family in Sri Lanka too experienced the same predicament on the whole. Still, SOS Children's Villages overcame the virus threats and their repercussions with struggle. The post-coronavirus period seems worst, as the country is now facing its hardest economic disastrous crisis, with an unforeseen end.

SOS family in Sri Lanka is not an exception in the face of such calamities, as it too experiences tensions, hardships, challenges, and certain pressures in its constant mission for children, entrusted to its benevolent care.

SOS family nurtures its children with love and care as its charism. It educates them, provides all their basic needs, protects them through and through, and safeguards their rights to a happy childhood, with its firm convictions, as a child welfare organization, which has been in Sri Lanka for the last forty one years.

SOS Family Strengthening Programs function in eight districts in Sri Lanka to support children of underprivileged families to protect children from losing parental care, minimize child vulnerability, and also to uplift life situations of such families by every possible means through various timely programs, oriented towards making them self-reliant in the end.

The four SOS Vocational Training Centres provide vocational training programs in diversified fields for youth of impoverished families under the guidance of Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission in Sri Lanka, with the provision of National Vocational Qualifications, for youth to select career paths of their interest to be professionals in specialized fields.

Despite tensions of many sorts, SOS family in Sri Lanka continued its general programs for children's development, happiness, etc., etc. Just to cite one event here, Children's Holiday Camp was held this year at SOS Children's Village in Galle, where children of all SOS Children's Villages gathered to spend a week with fun and frolic, and also to display their talents and skills, in arenas of sports, education, and aesthetics, which

progressions will eventually shape their lives.

SOS Projects have begun cultivation in all locations, growing various major and minor crops for their consumption, as a remedy for the ongoing food scarcities in the country.

SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka has begun to accept legacy donations. Legacy donations are gifts that could be written in the name of SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka by those who wish to do so. I must mention here the willingness of some generous donors in this endeavor, who have realized the noble service, SOS is doing for needy children.

SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka received the award for the second consecutive year for being the 'Best NGO/INGO' in fostering Women's Empowerment at the Top 50 Professional and Career Women Awards, Dubai 2022, presented by Women in Management.

On behalf of SOS family in Sri Lanka, I express my thankfulness and appreciation to all, people of goodwill, especially all of you, for your solidarity, and sensitivity, manifesting your sincere willingness to help needy children, under the care of SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka, making their lives possible. Assistance extended in many forms in the recent past, especially during the virus plague is never forgotten.

I do understand the difficulties and anxieties you too are facing in your daily lives, due to the ongoing crisis in the country, and I pray for the redemption of all of us from the present evil-filled circumstances and all kinds of worries, to continue our lives with serenity and prosperity, with hopes and aspirations.

In a nutshell, this News Letter highlights impacts of some programs, conducted by SOS Children's Villages in the recent past, an outcome of your unreserved generous support.

Let me finally offer my tributes to all of you for your thoughtfulness and continuous support, and wishing you a happy and prosperous future.

**Divakar Ratnadurai**

National Director

SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka



## JOURNEY OF SOS CARE LEAVER DHANUSHKA JAYARATHNE



The first memories of my childhood starts at SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka. Yes... I was brought to SOS Children's Village Galle as a toddler. All I recall is the fact that I was getting all the attention and love from everyone around me. This too was after some time though. I was the youngest in the household. However, I recall being with everyone who was supposedly my siblings and of course my SOS mother to whom I proudly refer as Amma to this date. My childhood was fun and memorable. Amma was a special person to me. She made sure that I felt the best at all times! She made sure to provide me with everything I needed. I have a strong bond with her up to this very day, and so with my siblings. They were all fun and loving, and they always made sure that I got the extra attention I needed.

Having grown up at SOS Children's Village Galle, I was very lucky to have got an opportunity to study at the Carey College Colombo. There was a lot of competition among students. Almost a three-quarter of the class were excellent in their studies and it was rather challenging to keep up with studies. I was also aware that I was not the best at maths during O/L's and had to repeat it the following year while I was studying for A/Ls. It was around this time that I became passionate to study journalism and media. Amma also encouraged me a lot. I enrolled myself for a Diploma in Journalism to get additional knowledge about the subject. In the meantime, I engaged myself in many extra-curricular activities which taught me a lot in terms of balancing studies. I was a member of the Drama Society and of the Eastern Band. I also held the office of President of the Buddhist Society of the school. Holding this position came with great pride as it is considered one of the most significant societies of the school. I was also a prefect of the school and represented my house as the captain in my final year. I also managed to secure the most outstanding student leader award at the annual prize giving of the school! I was extremely proud of myself and consider this as one of the highest achievements in my schooling career.

After my A/L examination I joined the Youth Corps where I took part in various training sessions as I felt I needed to engage myself in something during this time. I was also on the lookout for job opportunities and had informed aunts and uncles of SOS Children's Village about it as well. Soon, I was able to find a job at Hiru TV through the help of an uncle. I was part of the news division and my main responsibilities were related to news editing, reconstructing and reporting. This marked the start of my career as a journalist!

Apart from my career as a journalist, I always felt the need to give back what I got and help people

in need. I have the privilege of being the President of the 'Generation Never Give-up' (GNG) Network, a national association that comprises care leavers from different childcare institutions as well as SOS Children's Villages across the country. It was established in 2017 as a result of the '18+: Building Support Systems for Youth Leaving Care' advocacy initiative of SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka under the aim of serving all care leavers. I am proud to say we have been successful with many of our projects! We, together with like-minded organizations advocate the removal of parents' marital status from the birth certificate and also to change the format of Probable Age Certificate. Another project was also conducted to help care leavers who had been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I also received an invitation to be the guest of honour at a leading conference organized by the Southern branch of the Probation and Child Care Services (DPCCS). I felt extremely honoured to be invited for a forum of this sort having been someone who had received alternative childcare in Sri Lanka.

It was through SOS Children's Villages that I was able to study at the Carey College and work at a national television channel. I always loved my village and the people there, as they have constantly been part of my life helping me grow from strength to strength. My ultimate goal is to start up a business of my own. I have already involved myself in helping the family business. Yes! I referred Amma's relations as my family as they have always made me feel a part of them ever since I was brought to SOS Children's Villages!

# ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHILDRENS' AND PROJECTS

## ACADEMIC PERFORMERS:

### ■ Grade 5 Scholarship Exam

	Marks
Child from Anuradhapura	168
Child from Jaffna	161

### ■ Ordinary Level (GCE O/L)

	2019	2020
Candidates	169	185
Pass	115	123
SFC & FSP	68.05%	66.49%
English Pass	44.97%	57.61%

### ■ Advanced Level (GCE A/L)

	2020	2021
Candidates SFC / FSP	88	68
Success SFC / FSP	69	53
Percentage	78%	78%

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

### ■ Winners of the Surala Mathematics Competition

#### Gift Voucher Awardees:

3 Children of SOS Children's Village Monaragala  
2 Children of SOS Children's Village Jaffna  
1 Child of SOS Children's Village Galle

#### Cash Prizes Awardees:

1 Child of SOS Children's Village Galle  
1 Child of SOS Children's Village Monaragala

## GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITIES:

### 4 Graduates in total

1 child of SOS Children's Village Nuwara Eliya  
3 Children of SOS Children's Village Jaffna

## AESTHETIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

### Little Minds Strong Values Competition

All Island First Place (Age 6 – 11) – SOS Children's Village Nuwara Eliya Team

## 'OUTSTANDING STUDENT' FROM SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES SRI LANKA 2021

### ■ 6 'OUTSTANDING STUDENTS' from each SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE in SRI LANKA were selected for the year 2021

### ■ Hermann-Gmeiner-Fonds Deutschland (HGFD) Scholarship was awarded to 20 Children from SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka for the year 2021

## 2022 SOS COLORS AWARD WINNERS:

Village	Achievement	Institute / Representation
Piliyandala	Completed Degree	University of Visual and Performing Arts
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Piliyandala	Completed Degree	University of Visual and Performing arts
Piliyandala	Represented National Team	Sri Lanka National Football team
Anuradhapura	Completed Degree	Bachelor of Business Administration External Degree





**CARVE YOUR NAME ON  
HEARTS -  
LEAVE YOUR LEGACY TO  
SUPPORT CHILDREN IN NEED**

A Legacy Donation is a gift you leave to children of SOS Children's Villages in your Will. Legacy Donation left from bequests of our valued donors ensure that no child will grow up alone.

Your Will can be a powerful philanthropic tool. Many of us assume that leaving money to a charity is something only the wealthy or famous do because these are the gifts we most often hear about in the news. In reality, people from all walks of life decide to leave to a cause they care about.

Throughout its 41-year journey, SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka has contributed immensely to the Sri Lankan community with over 12,000 direct beneficiaries and over 50,000 individuals who have been positively impacted through a range of social programmes.

A gift in your Will you leave behind can be a lifeline you give a child who've lost parental care or are at the risk of losing parental care.

It's my earnest hope that more Sri Lankans come forward to join hands with SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka, for this worthy cause. I believe, together, we can make a lasting impact in these children's lives.



*Roshan Mahanama*

Ambassador, SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka

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41 වසරක සේවය තුළ, SOS ප්‍රමා ගම්මානය විසින් 12,000ට අධික දරුවන් පිරිසකට සෘජුවින් 50,000කට අධික දරුවන් පිරිසකට වනාකාරයෙන් විවිධ සමාජ වැඩසටහන් හරහා සේවය සපයා ඇත.

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**உங்கள் இறுதி விருப்பு ஆவண  
நன்கொடை மூலம் தேவையுடைய  
பிள்ளைகளுக்கு  
உதவுவதன் மூலம் உங்கள் பெயர்  
இதயங்களில் செதுக்கப்படும்.**

இறுதி விருப்பு ஆவணநன்கொடை என்பது உங்கள் விருப்பப்படி SOS கிராமங்களில் உள்ள பிள்ளைகளுக்கு நீங்கள் விட்டு செல்லும் அரிய நன்கொடை. மதிப்பிற்குரிய எங்கள் நன்கொடையாளர்கள் எழுதி வைக்கும் நன்கொடையானது எந்த ஒரு பிள்ளையையும் தனித்து விடப்படாது என்பதை உறுதி செய்கின்றது.

உங்கள் இறுதி விருப்பு நன்கொடை ஒரு சக்தி வாய்ந்த ஒரு நன்கொடைக் கருவியாக இருக்க முடியும். பிரபலமான செல்வந்தர் மட்டுமே தொண்டு நிறுவனத்திற்கு நன்கொடையாக எழுதி வைத்து செல்லதாக எம்மில் பலர் கருதுகின்றனர். ஏனெனில் நாம் செய்திகளில் கூட கேள்விப்பட்டிருக்கின்றோம். உண்மையில் இவ்வாழ்கையில் எல்லாதரப்பு மக்களும் ஏதோ ஒரு தாங்கள் விரும்பும் ஏதோ ஒரு காரணத்திற்காக இதைச் செய்கின்றார்கள்.

தனது 41 வருட பயணத்தில் இலங்கை (இலங்கை) சிறுவர் கிராமங்கள் 12,000 க்கும் மேற்பட்ட நேரடி பயனாளிகள் மற்றும் 50,000 க்கும் அதிகமான தனிநபர்களுக்கு பல்வேறு சமூக செயற்பாடுகளின் மூலம் மகத்தான பங்களிப்பை வழங்கியுள்ளது.

இறுதி விருப்பு ஆவணத்தின் மூலம் நீங்கள் விட்டுச் செல்லும் நன்கொடை பரிசானது இ பெற்றோரின் பராமரிப்பை இழந்த அல்லது பெற்றோரின் பராமரிப்பை இழக்கும் ஆபத்தில் இருக்கும் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு ஓர் உயிர்நாடியாக இருக்கும்.

இக் காரணத்தால்தான் அதிக இலங்கை-கயர்கள் இலங்கை SOS சிறுவர் கிராமங்களுடன் கைகார்க்க முன்-வருவார்களென ஆழமாக நம்புகின்றேன்.



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# PROGRAMMES OF SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES SRI LANKA

## Emergency support initiatives: COVID-19 pandemic and Sri Lankan Economic Crisis

Providing additional support for Family Strengthening Programme (FSP) families (both existing and graduated) in the form of dry rations was a significant milestone in the COVID-19 response. Furthermore, 300 families were supported to start livelihood practices to strengthen their family income so that they can look after their children without risking the loss of family care. FSP families (existing) were given a dry ration pack which was a significant relief for the beneficiaries. More than 1700 families were supported with the dry rations in FSP with a pack worth LKR 1400. This has allowed caregivers who lost their regular income to feed their families.

Regarding supporting young people, Care leavers

### Creating opportunities for children to involve in creative expressions

Online platforms were used for children to perform dramas, group songs and to express their creative expressions. All members of the SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka were able to join together to watch the talents of children and to encourage them. During the lockdown, opportunities were created within family houses for children to work as a team/group to bring out their talents, creativity and innovations.

### The success of income generation programme

The FSP Income Generation Program (IGP) focuses on providing capital for families in the Family Strengthening Programme. The IGP was set up in coordination with the respective Community Based Organization (CBO) in the FSP location where, out of the Rs.2,000/- capital provided, 75% was borne by SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka and 25% by the CBO (the CBO's contribution is subject to repayment). A total of 263 families received the IGP grant and the program is receiving more applications for the second round.

### Child Protection

As the COVID-19 pandemic restricted the movement of children and mothers, demanding drastic adjustments in their lives, there was an increased risk to the protection and well-being of children. To support mothers and children in coping with the ongoing situation, and ensure child safeguarding in our programs, organized events such as; Stress Management, Psychology first Aid, Webinar programs organized by the

were looked after by providing dry rations, boarding fees, and lodging facilities while strengthening the Generation Never Giveup Network (GNGN) (care leavers network) so that young people have continuous peer support. The financial assistance was given by SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka (continued in the time in the discussion along with the plans to reskill youth in various vocations. Regarding education, placing a desktop computer in each family house and youth facility was a major relief for children where they could actively involve in online studies while staying at their homes.)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
LIVES IMPROVED

15,000

ONGOING PROJECTS  
IN SRI LANKA

39

CHILDREN PRESENTLY  
UNDER CARE

4,000

YEARS OF SERVICE  
IN SRI LANKA

41

This timely initiative has been successful with a 95% success rate. Families who received the grant have started their own businesses and are making an income out of it. Although the pandemic has posed a challenge, FSP Co-workers are continuously keeping in touch with the families in order to monitor progress and provide guidance and support.

National Child Protection Authority, Department of Probation and Child Care, Justice for Children by UN, encouraged Child Safeguarding e-Learning course for mothers and co-workers, developed child-friendly leaflets on preventive measures at home and school.



## Influencing Public Policy & Practices

Family like Care (FLC) has been included in the newly adopted National Alternative Care Policy of Sri Lanka. This is an important step towards 'de-institutionalizing' the alternative care of children and promoting quality alternative care. SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka was involved throughout the policy drafting process, which was led by the National Department of Probation and Child Care Services (DPCCS), and was instrumental in the inclusion of

FLC, prevention of sibling separation and the rights of care leavers in the policy. SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka is working to obtain legal recognition for Family Like Care, which will give us a better opportunity to provide better services to children in SOS care while providing technical support to both the government and Child Care Institutions (e.g. State and Voluntary Children's Homes) to adopt the FLC model.

## Implementing Journey of Our Youth Project (JOY) Family Like Care (FLC)

External stakeholders continuously demand us to provide 'evidence' to prove the impact of FLC, its successes, and validity as a quality alternative care option. To respond to the escalating demand, it has been decided to carry out an innovative advocacy initiative titled 'Journey of Our Youth' (JOY) Project. The project was piloted in two MAs, as a collaboration between Advocacy and Youth functions. SOS CV Sri Lanka and Vietnam piloted a project called Journey of Our Youth (JOY), a pictorial Coffee Table Book, that captures 'positive' real life stories of 20 SOS care leavers who are leading successful independent lives.



## SOS Children's Villages 'Holiday Camp' 2022

'Holiday Camp 2022' organized by SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka happens every two years. We bring down the most athletic and dynamic 25 boys and girls aged 11-14, representing the six villages in Sri Lanka to a 6 day holiday camp to a selected SOS Children's Village. In addition to sporting events with the likes of Athletics, Football, Cricket, Netball, Table Tennis and Badminton the Holiday Camp also consists of events such as Carom, Chess, a 'Do You Know' Quiz Competition, Folk Song, Folk Dance, Stage Drama, New Creations, and a Spelling Bee competition. The event that takes place with military precision and a time table sees these children battling it out to become the 'Champions' at the end of the sixth day.

Although due to restrictions pertaining to COVID 19 we were unable to organize the Holiday Camp for the last 2 years. The age limit that was previously set as 11 - 14 was increased to all children of 15 years of age to be included in the Holiday Camp 2022 too, and as such not have missed on a Holiday Camp experience that only takes place every two years.





## OUR AWARDS



SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka was awarded the 'Best NGO/NPO' in fostering Women's Empowerment for the second consecutive year, at the Top 50 Professional and Career Women Awards, Dubai 2022 presented by Women in Management



Women in Management Top50 Professional & Career Women Awards 2020 - 2021 Winner Best NGO/INGO or Association fostering Women's Empowerment



Bronze Award for 'Brand Awareness' in the NGO/ Government Category at the SLIM Digital Awards 2021



SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka received the Honorable mention Helaye Mahaaviru Raavana Raajabhimani Uththama Sewaa Honorary Award at the Janaabhimaani Gaurawa Sammaana 2019 presented by All Ceylon Free Journalists Association on the 29th of November 2019



"SUNFO Goodwill Ambassador Award for child Development" Presented to Mr. Siddhartha Kaul - Deputy Secretary General for Asia SOS Kinderdorf International on 2nd January, 2011



The Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs in association with His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka acknowledge with grateful thanks - President, SOS - Kinderdorf International Herr. Helmut Kutin's invaluable contribution to Child Welfare in Sri Lanka



"SUNFO Human Responsibility Appreciation Award" For the "International Decade of the Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World (2001 - 2010)" Presented to Mr. Helmut Kurtin - President - SOS Kinderdorf International on 02 January, 2011 in Colombo, Sri Lanka



Presented to Mr. Helmut Kutin - President, SOS-Kinderdorf International: At the reception of his visit to Sri Lanka On the 04th of January 2011 By M. L. A. M. Hizbullah Deputy Minister for Child Development & Women's Affairs



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# SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES SRI LANKA'S AMBASSADOR **ROSHAN MAHANAMA** EXTENDS SUPPORT TO UNDERPRIVILEGED COMMUNITIES IN JAFFNA

SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka's Ambassador, Mr. Roshan Mahanama recently visited the SOS Children's Village in Jaffna as part of an official tour to further expand his horizons in helping less privileged children and families. He was accompanied by SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka's National Director, Mr. Divakar Ratnadurai and Mr. Ganesh Mylvaganam, a long-standing donor of SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka.

The tour included a variety of initiatives in Jaffna, including a meet up with local business personnel, where Mr. Mahanama and Mr. Ratnadurai discussed ideas and avenues to strengthen the lives of underprivileged children and families. Mr. Mahanama also visited families of SOS's ancillary project Family Strengthening Programme to distribute dry ration packs.

Mr. Mahanama also visited schools in Jaffna, including Jaffna Hindu College, Central College, St. John's College, and St. Patrick, in an effort to



improve sports in the city.

Furthermore, Mr. Mahanama and Mr. Ratnadurai had the unique opportunity to participate in the festivities of SOS Mother's Day, which is celebrated every August 16 in Sri Lanka to commemorate the first mother that joined the organization.







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**Co-Worker Appreciation**

SOS co-workers with 25 Years of Service were appreciated and awarded a special commemorative plaque.



**Colors Awards**

SOS Care Leavers who excelled in Sports and Academics at National and International arenas received Colors.



**40th Year Commemorative Stamp and First Day Cover**

Commemorating the 40 years of Service of SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka, the Department of Post Sri Lanka released a postage stamp and a special First-Day Cover.



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