



Thank you for supporting SOS Children's Villages India!

For over 5 decades SOS CV India continues to provide children without parental care or at the risk of losing it, a value chain of quality care services that ensures comprehensive child development. However, the profile of children coming to our programs has been changing over the years and especially during the COVID Pandemic. After an in -depth analysis of these trends SOSCV India customized its care interventions to the needs of the changing profiles of children in need of care and protection. Our child care services have evolved into a 'Basket of care solutions' offered to these different needs of different children. These customized care interventions such as, Family Like Care, Family Strengthening, Kinship Care, Short Stay Homes, Foster Care, Youth Skilling, Emergency Childcare and Special Needs Childcare are aimed at transforming lives and making children self-reliant and contributing members of society.

Today, over 6,700 children live in more than 440 family homes in 31 SOS Children's Villages in 22 states/UTs from Srinagar to Kochi and Bhuj to Shillong, lovingly cared for and nurtured by nearly 600 SOS mothers and aunts. We are directly touching the lives of around 65000+ children every year through our range of care services.

Child sponsorship at SOS Children's Villages India

A sponsorship is a long-term, effective way of giving children hope, a happy childhood and a future. Through SOS Sponsorship children gain Education, proper Healthcare, Livelihood



skills and other resources & opportunities that help them grow as individuals, encourage their dreams and desires to become a better member of society.

This handbook gives you important information about your sponsorship.

How your contribution makes a difference

Your contribution supports all programmes at a specific location. The contribution covers the living costs of the entire village, as well as all additional SOS programmes in the area. Most SOS Children's Villages run supporting facilities and programmes, such as Kindergartens, Hermann Gmeiner Schools, Social Centers and Medical Centers. The services offered here also benefit the neighboring communities. SOS Children's Villages seeks to reach as many vulnerable children as possible. To strengthen families at risk of breaking apart and make it possible for them to stay together is often the best way to help children. Therefore, our Family Strengthening Programme increasingly focus on helping families in the local community. The programmes provide support to gain skills and resources needed to become self-sufficient and give their children the care that all children deserve. While supporting our work, you help improve the living conditions of exposed children and their families in the local community.

How your child sponsorship works

As a child sponsor you follow your sponsored child on her or his journey through childhood. When you start your sponsorship, you receive:

- Welcome Kit** containing a welcome letter with a profile and a photo of the child you sponsor
- Updates** about the progress of the child twice a year
- Progress letter/ handwritten note or handmade painting** from your sponsored child once a year
- Update letter** about what has been going on in the SOS Children's Village and its supporting programmes, along with the progress made by the child.
- Receipt/ Tax exemption certificate** of the donation (if PAN Number shared)
- Our monthly newsletter 'Happenings'** with activities and stories about our work around the country.

Your only commitment as a sponsor is your continuous sponsorship contribution, which is extremely crucial.



Protecting the data of the child

We care about child data protection, the same way we care about donor data protection. This is why we only use the name of the children in our care. We aim to maximize their privacy, protect their identity and safeguard them. The child ID is printed on the sponsorship documents. Please use this number whenever you contact us or send post to your sponsored child. This will ensure that, even if many children share the same first name, your letter reaches your sponsored child or that we can answer your request promptly.

Since protecting the rights of the children in our care is an essential part of our work, we carefully observe the relevant data protection regulations. Please understand that there are details about the children in our care which we cannot pass on to sponsors. As a sponsor, we ask you to treat the information entrusted to you about the children with discretion. Please do not publish pictures or information about your sponsored child or family on the internet or any other media channels. We also ask you not to pass on information to third parties outside your immediate family or circle of friends and to treat confidential data with care.

Writing to your sponsored child

-You are welcome to send letters and pictures. It is however not possible to contact your sponsored child via e-mail / telephone.

-The children may respond to your letters if they choose to, but they are not obliged to write back to their sponsors. In any case, you will receive a confirmation or a reply from our sponsorship office.

-If you want to send your sponsored child a gift, we suggest (only) small gifts that will fit in an envelope and which can be enjoyed by all the children in the family. This could be a packet of stickers, hair slides and ribbons, coloring books or something similar.

Visiting the SOS Children's Village

You are welcome to visit your sponsored child!

-Two visits are planned in a year-one in July/Aug and the second in Nov/Dec.

-You are informed 3 weeks in advance to plan and confirm your presence.

-Please do not make videos or publish pictures of the children on Facebook or any other media.

-You cannot take your sponsored child on a visit outside the village/community on your own.

-You cannot be accommodated in the village/community.



Sponsor personal data

In order to register your sponsorship, we will save and process the personal data in our soft database. All data is encrypted and transmitted via a secure SSL connection. Rest assured that SOS Children's Villages treats your data confidentially - always.

Please inform us of any change in e-mail, postal address or a change in your personal data, as we want to make sure that you receive all updates on your sponsorship.

Contact us

If you have any questions, please contact our Donor Services team. We kindly ask you to always quote your Donor ID in all correspondence.

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We thank you wholeheartedly for supporting our work. Your contribution makes a difference!