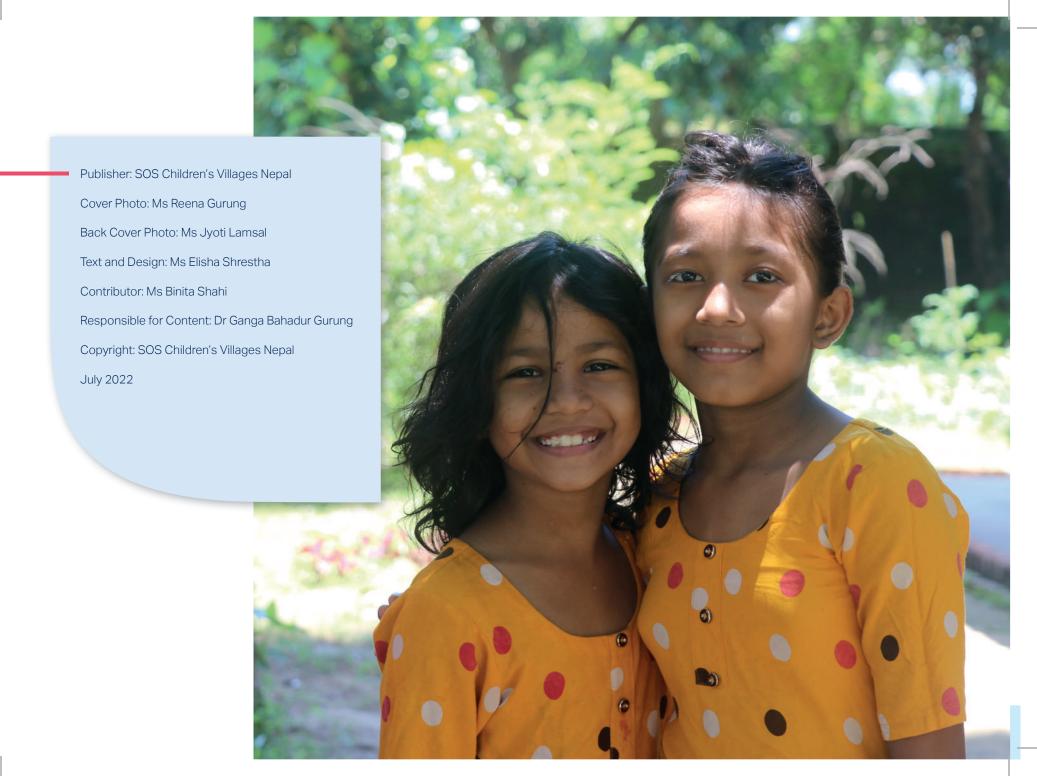


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SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES



Foreword

The year 2021 began with hope for people to rise from the trauma caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The economy was slowly overcoming the effects of COVID-19 for the first three months. However, the news of the outbreak of the second wave of coronavirus left the world stunned and at a loss. The spread of the second wave created more fears among people. Thus, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to wreak havoc in 2021 as well, causing immense pain and suffering, especially to vulnerable communities and children.

While the world was still fighting the pandemic, our main challenge was to protect the young lives from physical, mental, and emotional trauma. We continued applying the protocols for COVID-19 to ensure the welfare of the children and young people in our programmes. We conducted different programmes, a series of orientations and training and workshops in relation to Mental Health and Psychosocial Support to develop a positive coping mechanism and enhancing mental well-being for children and young people. Engaging our children in different educational and recreational activities also helped their personal development and growth.

Similarly, another main challenge was safeguarding our children from cybercrimes as our children were spending more time on the internet and gadgets for their education. We provided required technologies and devices for our children and young people to support their learning. Additionally, it was equally important for us to shift our focus on training on Cyber Safety. The significance of cyber safety and various legal provisions about cyber crimes along with the safety measures are being continued in our programmes.

The never-ending situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic made us accept it as a new normal. Both in normal or critical circumstances, SOS Children's Villages Nepal has remained focused on its Vision, Mission, and Values and on achieving the objectives of the Organisation. For that, we are grateful to our generous donors and sponsors. Our accomplishment was only possible because of our PSAs, the care and concern of the Board and General Assembly Members, and support from the government agencies. Finally, big applause to our caregivers and co-workers for their continued dedication and commitment to our team members. The situation has taught us that we can surpass any challenges ahead of us and continue our efforts.

Dr. Jyoti Ratna Dhakhwa

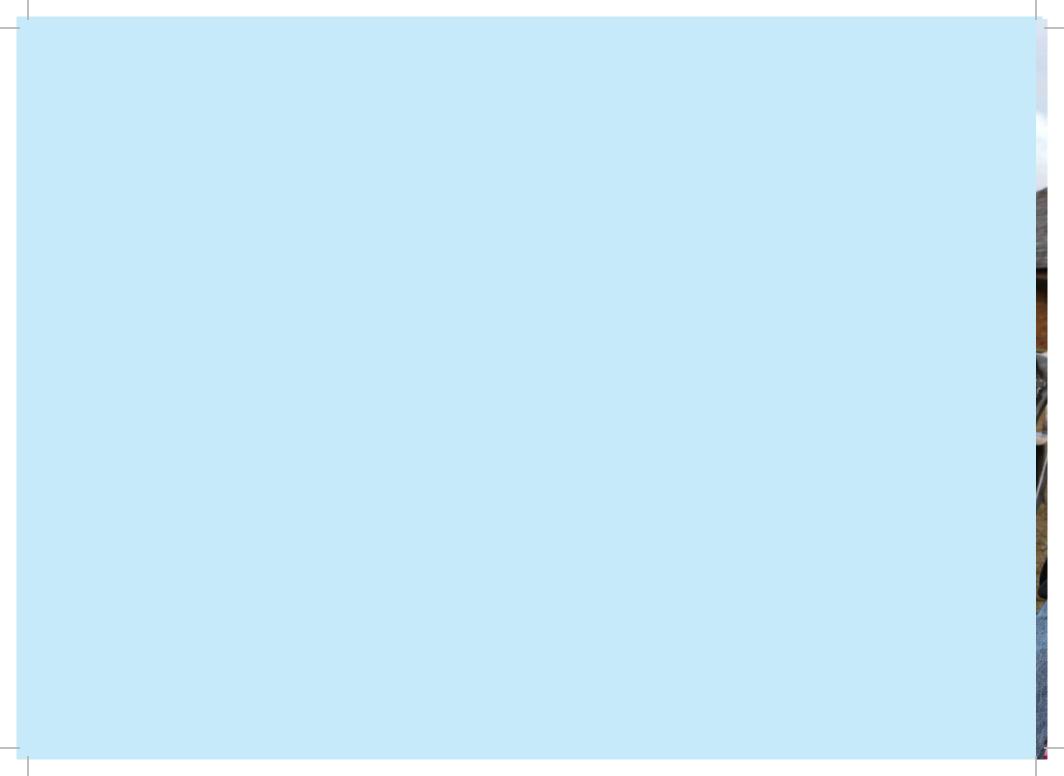
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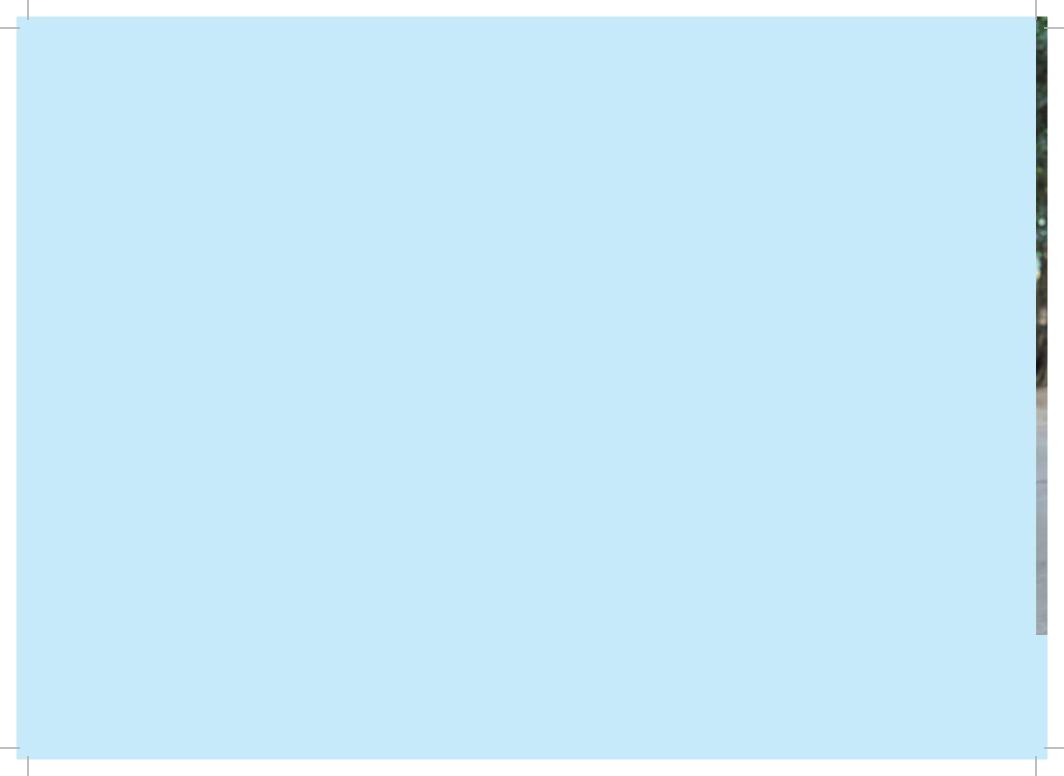
SOS Children's Villages Nepal













What we do

Give children a loving home



Make families stronger



Promote children's rights



Protect children in emergencies







2021 in review

SOS Children's Villages Nepal believes that all children and young people have the right to grow up in a family environment with love, respect, and security. Upholding these values since 1972, we are fully aligned with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child (UNCRC), which Nepal ratified in 1990.

17,652

Total programme participants

1,204

Children supported with a loving home

883

Young people supported under Youth Care Programme

8,340

Families supported

577

Kinship care

1, 252

Beneficiaries benefitted from Medical Centre

268

Young people supported with employment and entrepreneurship training 5,723

Children received education





Family like care

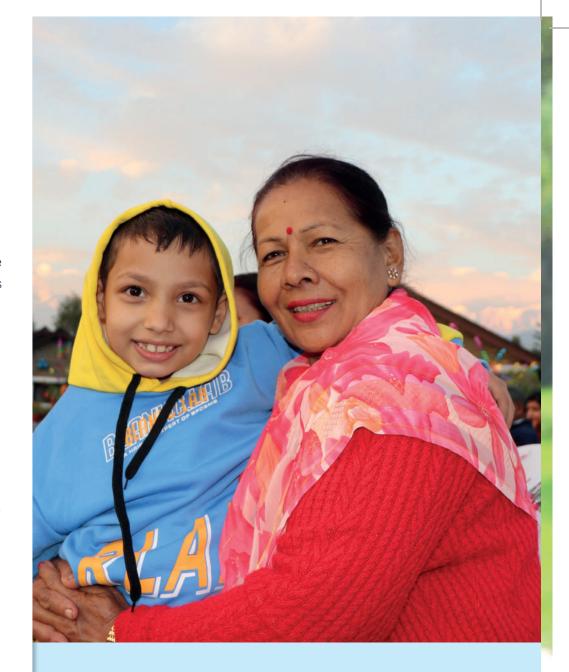
We are committed to providing a caring family to every child without parental care.

SOS Children's Villages Nepal believes that every child has the right to grow up in their families of origin with love, respect, and security. Unfortunately, many children do not have adequate parental care and, as a result, experience various forms of vulnerability. We aim to provide a loving home where children grow up together as brothers and sisters under the quality care provided by their mother. The lasting bond contributes to the children's holistic development enabling them to realize their full potential and become self-reliant.

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Children
(584 female; 620 male)
are currently growing up in 132
SOS families.

10 Richards Villages
located in 6 provinces.





A mother never retires

Ms Kanchhu Regmi is a retired mother. Ms Regmi joined SOS Children's Village Sanothimi at the age of 25 as a mother in 1972, the same year SOS Children's Village Sanothimi was established as the first SOS Children's Village in Nepal.

"On the very first day of my appointment, I was given a responsibility of a child who must be around two years old. Within a week, my family grew bigger with additional five children, all aged below seven years old," said Ms Regmi.

Despite the hectic schedule as a mother, Ms Regmi said that her life at SOS Children Village was a beautiful journey. "Every child has a different need, and as a mother, it was my responsibility to understand the child's need and respond to it as per the requirement. I feel blessed that I got an opportunity to become a mother to my children," shared Ms Regmi. "Although it has already been 14 years since I retired, I am still a mother to my 32 children and grandmother to my children's children."

Ms Regmi said she feels pleased to see her children integrate into society. "Some of my children received higher degrees while some hold prominent positions in their respective fields. I feel proud to say that all of them are involved in some professions and leading an independent life with dignity," Ms Regmi shared.

Ms Regmi further said that all her children have a special place in her heart. "Some even sing a song for me over the phone. My children visit me during special events and share their happiness with me. It always makes me emotional when they show gratitude toward me," said Regmi.

After 35 years of service to three generations of children and raising 32 children, Ms Regmi is now living a retired life in a retired mother's home. However, a mother never retires. Her heart is always with her children.



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Youth care

Our Youth Care Programmes aim to equip young people with the skills and confidence they need for their independence.

Generally, young people are transferred to Youth Care Programme at the age of 16 or after completing Grade X from their respective SOS Children's Villages. In Youth Care, they receive food, accommodation, health support, and pursue higher secondary education or opt for vocational training programmes as per their interests and abilities.

In every Youth Care Programme, we have dedicated counsellors who provide support and guidance needed to the young people. Counsellors help young people to identify their future goals, motivate and encourage them to create opportunities and prepare them for their independent life in society.

883 **MM**

Young people (437 female; 446 male) are currently receiving services through Youth Care Programmes. 70 Co-workers are providing

quality care to the young people.

54 *** ***

Young people were integrated in the community, out of which 40 of them became self-reliant while 11 of them were reunified with their biological families.





Jay Krishna Timilsina, a young person from SOS Youth Care Bharatpur, has been a member of the International Youth Coalition (IYC) for the last two and half years. IYC offers a forum for young people like Jay to help educate their peers on today's most important topics and challenge cultural norms that attack the dignity of human beings.

As a coalition member, Jay actively participates in the meetings, workshops and seminars organized in a virtual platform where he presents his ideas and opinions. "IYC has been an incredible source of learning for me. Through this platform, I can connect and learn from the experiences of many young people like me from all over the world," says Jay.

On the academic front, Jay is pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in Law as he aspires to become a corporate lawyer.

Some highlights

- Rajesh Pariyar, a young person from SOS Youth Care Bharatpur and a National Football Team member, was selected for Nepal Super League, Nepal's first-ever franchise football tournament. All Nepal Football Association, Chitwan Branch also felicitated him with a cash prize of Rs. 50,000.00.
- The integrated young person from SOS Youth Care Jorpati Ajay B.K, has completed Bachelor in Physiotherapy from Lovely Professional University, India. Currently, he works as a physiotherapist at Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Centre (SIRC), located in Banepa.
- Punam Kumari Thapa from SOS Youth Care Surkhet was nominated as Youth Leader to Generation Unlimited. She was also chosen as the jury member for the Dare4Care Award of SOS Children's Villages International.



to mark International Women's Day. The

team also became first

in the inter-college

Bharatpur.

futsal tournament in

679

Young people (337

female; 342 male) receiving services through Youth Care Programmes are above 18 years old.

204

Young people (100

female; 104 male) receiving services through Youth Care Programmes are below 18 years old.

58

Young people

(27 female; 31 male) have minimum one employable skill.





We work with families, caregivers, and communities to prevent crises leading to child-family separation. Our services strengthen and stabilize families and their social networks so that children are better cared for and protected.

Through the Family Strengtherning Programme, we provide training, livelihood support and counselling to empower the caregivers so that children and young people receive the quality care and support they need to reach their full pontential.

8,340



3,957 **Programme** participants were

577 Kinship care 2,605

Primary caregivers

591

Families exited from the programme.

71%

Families have become self-reliant.



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Expanding our reach and impact to help families stay together during the COVID-19 pandemic



FSP families were provided with one time cash support.

187 ऺ 🖟

FSP families benefited from income generating support.

3,461

Children benefited from distribution of essential food and material support.

3

Health posts in Gorkha, Jarahi and Itahari were provided with medical support.

300

Pregnant and lactating mothers in Bardiya were supported with supplementary nutrition and food.

90

Elderly people benefited from distribution of essential food supply.

2,665Children were provided with educational materials.

23 🏌

Young people were imparted with employment training to upgrade their skills.

4,263 🙀

FSP families benefitted from awareness and sensitization campaign on COVID-19.



Medical support was provided to beneficiaries through SOS Medical Centre Bardiya.



Internal hotline service was operated to address child-safeguarding issues in the community.



Rays of hope



Nineteen-year-old Ram from Kailali, a far western part of Nepal, was studying in class XI when the government announced the lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19 in 2021. His life was normal except his school was closed.

During this time, Ram started to help his mother in farming. His family has a small plot of land where they grow seasonal crops. This is the only source of income for his family.

"After the death of my father a few years ago, my mother worked as a seasonal labourer in the farm. The income from daily wage labour and crops that we grew was not sufficient for us to feed the family of seven members," shared Ram.

During the lockdown, all the family members were at home with no work. They finished the little food they had in stock. Soon, Ram's mother faced difficulties in feeding her five children. "We struggled to meet our basic needs. Therefore, I decided to opt for foreign employment, dreaming of a better opportunity," added Ram.

In the meantime, SOS Children's Village Dhangadhi, through a **Family**

Strengthening Programme, started providing livelihood support under the COVID-19 Response Programme. The programme aimed to uplift the lives of the people affected by COVID-19 and subsequent lockdown to ensure that the basic needs of the children and families are fulfilled. With the support received, Ram established a stationery shop based on his interest. "I was planning to go abroad, but now, I hope to work in my own country," says Ram.

He is grateful for the support he has been receiving from SOS Children's Village Dhangadhi. His three younger brothers and one younger sister are pursuing their education with the help of SOS Children's Village Dhangadhi. "This is a great start for my life. I have been contacting a few schools to supply educational materials. I hope this will be a pathway to a brighter future. I am confident to take the responsibilities of my family and help my siblings in pursuing their dreams," said Ram.



SOS Hermann Gmeiner Schools

SOS Hermann Gmeiner schools (HGSs) prioritize learning beyond classrooms, critical thinking and teaching humanitarian values. Similarly, they promote gender equality, social inclusion, social justice, non-discrimination, and ecological awareness for sustainable development.

SOS Hermann Gmeiner schools are regarded as model schools in the country. They offer quality education to the children from SOS Children's Villages and the ones from surrounding communities. They follow the national curriculum and focus on academics and the character building of students to mould them into resourceful and globally competitive individuals. There are seven SOS HGSs in Bhaktapur, Kavre, Pokhara (Rambazaar and Gharipatan with its extension in Chhorepatan), Surkhet, Itahari and Bharatpur, offering pre-primary to secondary level education to students.









HGSs provide scholarship assistance to students whose families cannot afford to pay for their education. We ensure that no children are deprived of quality education.





After the outbreak of COVID-19, SOS HGSs realized the need to make optimum use of ICT for learning and administrative purposes. The admission and registration process and payment of fees were made online. In-person classes were swiftly shifted to online classes to minimize the education loss. Similarly, capacity-building programmes were conducted for all teachers related to managing online classes and using resources effectively and efficiently.





National Training Centre

National Training Centre Kavre has been conducting different training programmes/ workshops for young people, co-workers and care professionals since its inception in 2003, aiming to teach new skills and hone the existing ones related to their professional development.

We focus on and promote employment and entrepreneurship training in different fields for young people to help them compete in the global employment market. We have Vocational Training Centre Pokhara to equip young people to hone their skills.

This centre provides CTEVT accredited training programmes in carpentry, welding, electronics, secretary, computing etc. Training is conducted by experienced instructors based on the syllabus designed to meet the demands of the current job market. The young people from Youth Care Programmes, Family Strengthening Programme and disadvantaged young people from the communities are the major participants of our training. Similarly, we have been collaborating with like-minded organizations to empower young people and provide them with job opportunities. It has helped young people to become ready for decent employment. Vocational Training Centre Pokhara also runs Diploma in Automobile Engineering (3-year Programme) in partnership with Pokhara Technical School.



Young people (1 young person from Family like Care, 23 young people from target group and 37 young people who paid for the training) enrolled in various training in Vocational Training Centre.





Protecting children is at the heart of what we do.
We remain ever vigilant to continuously improve our safeguarding mechanism and practices and ensure a safe and caring environment for children and young people.

Our Child Protection Policy focuses on four action areas:

Awareness: Raising awareness about child abuse and associated risk.

Prevention: Creating a safe environment through robust recruitment, training and capacity building and empowerment of child participants.

Reporting: Establishing accessible channels for reporting incidents, taking all concerns seriously and protecting whistleblowers.

Responding: Demonstrating effective leadership and responding appropriately to the nature of the offence.

In case of a reported child safeguarding concern, it is taken seriously and addressed immediately. This means:

- We build the capacities of co-workers, children, young people and families to recognize signs of abuse and ways to prevent it.
- We teach the use of tools such as positive discipline.
- We work to eliminate harmful cultural practices.
- Any reported child safeguarding incident or concern is carefully assessed and based on the results of the assessment, concrete actions are decided and put in place.





Highlights

- International Child Development Program (ICDP) facilitation training on positive parenting was conducted for seven mothers and four aunts. The training helped to improve the child-parent relationship which influences most aspects of child development. Likewise, mothers also learned about positive ways to behave and also to protect children's emotional well-being as well as their physical safety.
- Training on cyber safety for children above 12 years was conducted with technical support from Karnali Province Police Office. Children learned about the significance of cyber safety, mediums of cybercrime, the legal provisions related to cybercrime and the safety measures.

In line with the federation's policy (SOS Children's Villages), we aim to set up an ombudsperson system to independently assist children and young people in resolving their complaints and concerns.

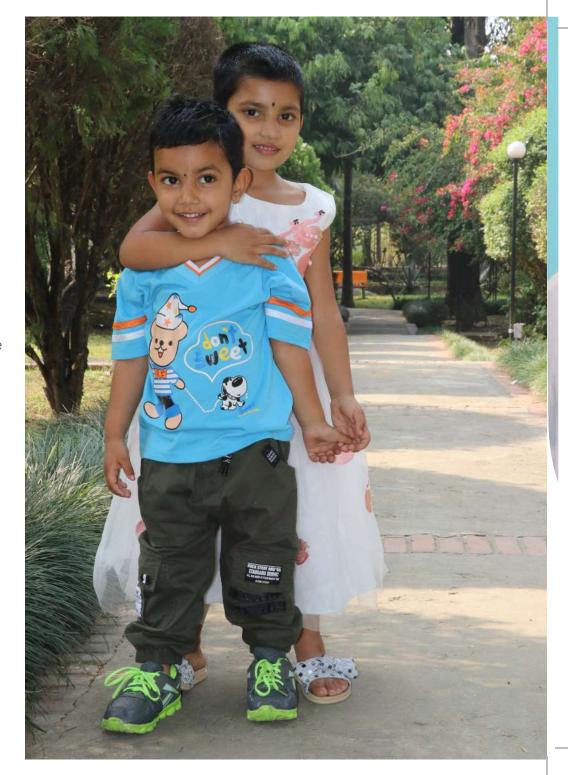


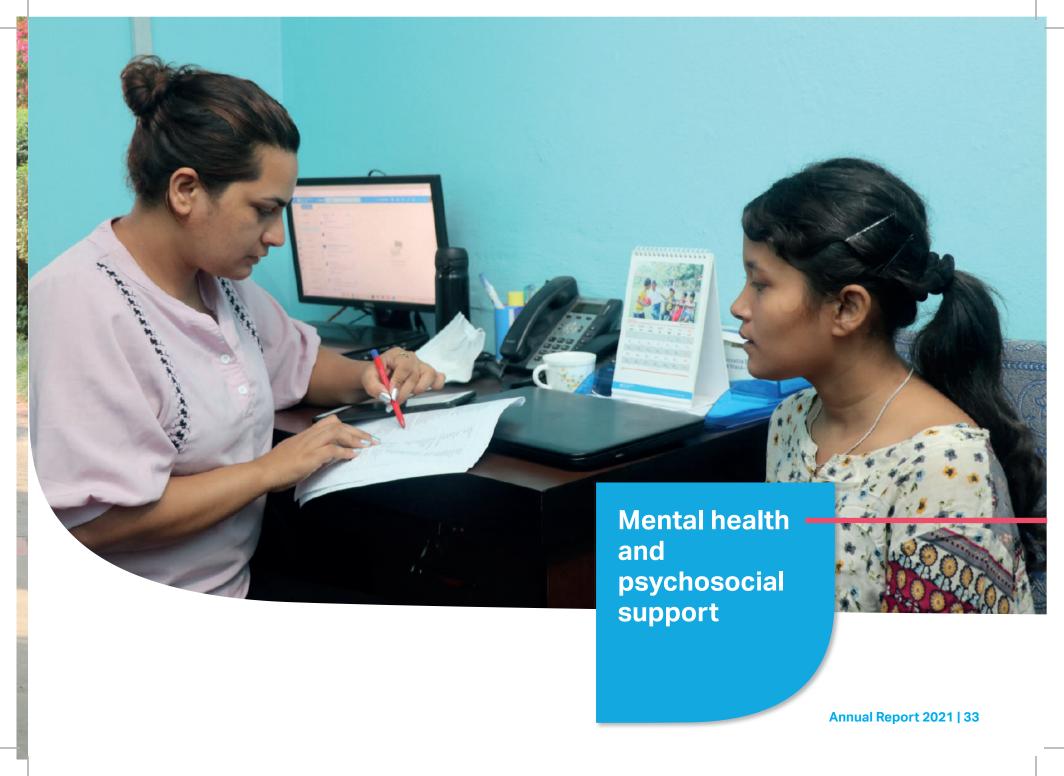


We advocate for children's rights at the local, provincial, and national levels. We work with various stakeholders to influence policies and legislation to improve the quality of care for children and young people.

Major Highlights

- Meaningful engagement in formulating Alternative Care
 Guidelines of Children's Act 2018 and associated regulations.
- Engagement in networks and consortiums related to childcare and development.
- On International SOS Day (June 23, 2021), the virtual programme 'Ensuring children's rights in Nepal: Legal provisions, practices and way forward' was conducted among the Deputy Mayors of six municipalities and representatives of the childcare homes of the Kavre district. Dr Bhimarjun Acharya, an expert on Constitutional law and human rights, facilitated the programme.
- A grand 'Felicitation Program' was held in the presence of the Speaker of the House of Representatives Nepal, Rt. Hon. Agni Prasad Sapkota on November 12, 2021. SOS Children's Village Kavre felicitated a number of personalities and organizations for their outstanding contributions to the advocacy of SOS Children's Villages programmes in Nepal.







Emotional and mental health is important in every stage of our life. However, many people in the community do not want to talk about it.

Considering this, we have been providing Mental health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to children, young people, co-workers and families in the community.

Major Highlights

- Mothers, Aunts and children received
 Psychological First Aid (PFA). Additionally, a
 workshop on emotional well-being was carried
 out during the pandemic, which helped the
 participants maintain their emotional stability
 and in making them able to cope with a difficult
 situation.
- An online programme entitled 'Mental well-being and family culture' was conducted on June 21, 2021, where representatives of childcare homes from Kavre district were invited as the participants. In the programme, the philosophical discourse was presented by Dr Yogi Vikashananda.
- Children have an environment where they can express their emotions and feelings to counsellors.
- Introduction of Expressive Arts Therapy among the children strengthens their emotional wellbeing and realises their distinctive capacity.



Special achievements of 2021



SOS Children's Villages Nepal was successful in raising Rs. 27,702,470.71 fund locally (excluding operational income).

SOS Children's Villages Nepal has been recognized as the RBM Champion of the Year 2021.

SOS Children's Villages Nepal is leading the Global Programme Expert Group (Early Childhood Development) in the federation.

Financial accountability

Particulars Particulars Particulars Particulars	As of December 31, 2020	As of December 31, 2021
Fixed assets	859,060,456	882,036,435
Intangible assets	3,110,885	2,864,454
Construction in progress	20,542,122	10,064,503
Fixed deposits	33,400,000	48,400,000
Receivables and advances	39,269,903	6,945,262
Cash and cash equivalents	291,228,195	185,696,280
Bank balance child money gift account	232,207,739	227,722,380
Total	1,478,719,299	1,363,729,314
Capital reserve fund	1,252,311,246	1,218,058,632
Reserve fund	(753,324,542)	(655,867,690)
Construction fund	66,624,224	48,976,258
Sabina Ruegg fund	52,342,322	51,703,660
Child money gift	232,207,739	227,722,380
Provision for post retirement benefits	615,232,208	466,623,644
Other liabilities	13,326,103	6,512,430
Total	1,478,719,299	1,363,729,314

Expenditure 2021 in %	As of December 31, 2021	As of December 31, 2020
Low value investments	2,995,720	0.20%
Current working expenses	683,254,620	45.44%
Personnel expenses	528,630,265	35.15%
Retirement benefit expenses	148,608,562	9.88%
Administration and fund raising expenses	81,963,754	5.45%
Depreciation	58,345,575	3.88%
Total	1,503,798,495	100.00%

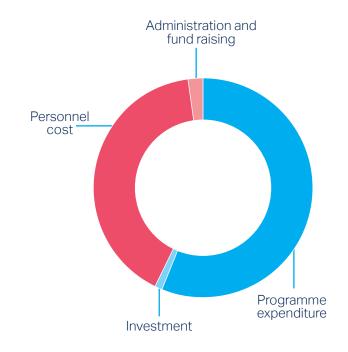
Income 2021 in %	As of December 31, 2021	As of December 31, 2020
SOS Children's Villages International	1,162,133,556	80%
Local revenues from private sector	11,149,890	1%
Local revenues from public sector	16,552,580	1%
Operational revenues	258,674,156	18%
Other local revenues	10,370,699	1%
Total	1,458,880,882	100%

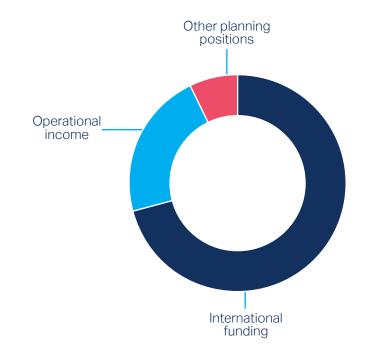
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Approved budget 2022

Major expenditure	Amount
Programme expenditure	871,959,213
Investment	16,752,384
Personnel cost	630,129,861
Administration and fund raising	31,298,753
Total	1,550,140,211

Source of income	Amount
International funding	1,098,267,484
Operational income	340,960,167
Other planning positions	110,912,560
Total	1,550,140,211





Looking forward to 2022

The year 2021 posed many challenges and constraints to the organization in terms of not being able to implement many planned activities. However, in 2022, we are focusing on improving organizational management system and enhancing the capacity of co-workers for the effective delivery of services in all programmes.

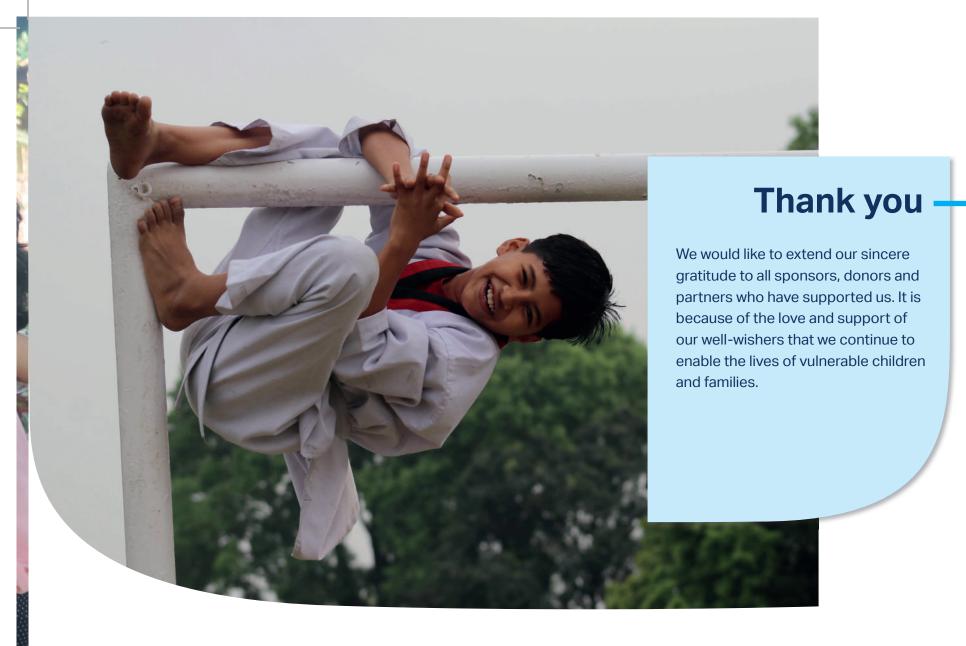
We will enhance quality services regarding child/youth care and development. We aim to strengthen our child safeguarding mechanism further to ensure each child/youth is well taken care of and receives individualized support for their holistic development.

Since there is a dedicated focal person in each programme location to ensure Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for children, young people and co-workers, various activities are structured and anchored in the system. We will introduce the Trauma Informed Care system in Family Like Care. Similarly, we will continue our efforts to promote the meaningful participation of children and young people in decision-making forums.

Although SOS Children's Villages Nepal has been balancing quality and quantity, in 2022, our approach will be focusing more on enhancing quality services to children, young people and vulnerable families.

For this, we will continue to explore possibilities of partnership with like-minded organizations, individuals, and federal, provincial and local government authorities.





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