

Annual Report 2022



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES

Every child deserves a genuine relationship — a steadfast presence that remains unwavering, regardless of circumstances. Unfortunately, the reality today is that 1 in 10 children and young people are subjected to separation from their families, abandonment, neglect, or forced to endure abusive environments. Consequently, they are left without the necessary guidance and support to equip themselves for their future. This distressing situation permeates everywhere, irrespective of wealth, reaching every country, city and community. For a child, the effect often lasts a lifetime, perpetuating a detrimental cycle that echoes from generation to generation. We exist to stop this cycle and bring about transformative change.

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

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Empowering dreams: Inspiring transformation



Dr Dhakhwa spends time with children at one of our children's villages.



Dr Gurung awards a prize to the youth as part of the International SOS Day celebration.

At the beginning of 2022, the third wave of COVID-19 continued to make its impact felt, but the reduced severity of the infection provided some relief and eased concerns among the people. However, Nepal's economy still faced adverse effects from the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nepal has experienced an increase in natural disasters like landslides, floods, storms, and earthquakes in recent years. Consequently, the lives of vulnerable children, families, and communities have been adversely affected.

SOS Children's Villages Nepal has been providing care services and support to vulnerable children, young people and families in shaping their future through various programmes like community-based family strengthening

programme, alternative care, education, entrepreneurship and employment training and skill development training.

We have been working consistently to enhance our care services and have strengthened our policies and systems. Embracing the guiding principle of 'Nothing for us without us', we have significantly increased the involvement of children, young people and caregivers in our various forums, discussions and in decision making levels.

Notably, 2022 was very special as it marked the 50th anniversary of SOS Children's Villages Nepal. Throughout this journey, SOS Children's Villages Nepal remained vigilant in its mission to build families for children and young people in need. We celebrated the 50 years journey of SOS Children's Villages Nepal by organising various advocacy-related events and programmes.

We are grateful to our donors, sponsors, Promoting and Supporting Associations, International Office and International Office Regional. We also thank the Board, General Assembly and government agencies for their continuous support. Furthermore, we appreciate the contributions of all the caregivers and our colleagues.

Looking ahead, SOS Children's Villages Nepal remains committed to synergising efforts, pooling resources, sharing knowledge, and leveraging the diverse skills of stakeholders involved. With determination and collaboration, we strive towards achieving our goals and positively affecting the lives of children and families in Nepal.

Dr Jyoti Ratna Dhakhwa
President

Dr Ganga B. Gurung
National Director



Photo: Shreesha Tamrakar

What we do

Give children a loving home



Make families stronger



Promote children's rights



Protect children in emergencies





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.



Photo: SOS archive



Photo: Shreeshya Tamrakar

Programme locations



10

Children's villages

10

Small group homes (SGH)/ Supervised independent living (SIL)

12

Family strengthening programme

7

Hermann Gmeiner schools

1

Kindergarten

1

Employment and entrepreneurship training (EET)

1

Child and youth care practitioners' training (CPT)

2

Humanitarian action (HA) (Promoting educational resilience of schools on equitable access to education amid COVID-19; Breaking the barriers of the digital divide)

*Not only childcare,
but **wholesome**
child development.*

Photo: Amrita Udas

Our programmes



Family like care
(Children's village)



Family like care [Small group
homes (SGH)/ Supervised
independent living (SIL)]



Family strengthening
programme (FSP)



Education (EDU)



Employment and
entrepreneurship
training (EET)



Child and youth
care practitioners'
training (CPT)



Humanitarian action
(HA)

Established in 1972, SOS Children's Villages Nepal believes that every child should grow up with love, respect, and security with bonds they need to be their strongest selves. We are committed to providing children without parental care or are at risk of losing it a range of care solutions that goes beyond childcare alone, ensuring comprehensive child development.

2022 in review



17,014

Total programme participants



1,162

Children supported with a loving home



8,882

Families supported



5,667

Children received education



902

Young people supported under SGH/SIL



1,839

Young people supported with employment and entrepreneurship training



367

Kinship care





Photo: Susmita Khatiwada

Three pillars of action

SOS Children's Villages Nepal remains steadfast in its mission to enhance the lives of children and young people who lack parental care or face the risk of losing it. As we adapt to the evolving needs of this unique group and the changing landscape of child and youth development, our dedication to making a positive impact remains unwavering.

When we talk about 'children and young people without parental care,' we mean those growing up without their families' care. When we mention 'those at risk of losing parental care,' we refer to children and young people in families facing difficulties in staying together, where parents struggle to provide the care, stability, and connection their children need. Thus, our passion lies in ensuring these children and young people receive the necessary support to reach their full potential.

We focus on three main areas of action



Prevention

Keeping families together and preventing child-family separation. Ideally, children should grow up in their own families. To make this possible, we engage in various activities that involve working closely with families and communities. Our activities range from providing training, livelihood support, education, health, nutrition and counselling to empower caregivers so that children and young people receive the quality care and support they need to reach their full potential.



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 like-minded partner organisations and with government 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 the risk of losing it.

Activities 2022

Children have the right to grow up in a supportive family environment. Everything we do is aimed at making this a reality.

The following section presents individual stories of children and young people we work with, including programme participants from our family strengthening programme, as well as key activity highlights. Our endeavours are firmly grounded in the principles outlined by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children. By doing so, we actively contribute to the fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals.





Prevention

Strengthening families

If possible and in their best interests, the best place for children to grow up is in their own family, or extended family. We work to prevent family breakdown and to ensure that families have the support they need so that children and young people are better cared for, protected and able to transition confidently into adulthood. Working closely with local municipalities and federal government, we implement measures that prevent children from losing parental care and strengthen and stabilise families so that children are better cared for and protected, including during emergencies.

In our direct work with families and extended families, we offer a range of services, such as livelihood support, parenting workshops, support in accessing social services, and counselling. The aim is always to foster the family's own resilience.

Livelihood support may include entrepreneurship and vocational training to help them become financially stable; seed funding or equipment to start their own business; and direct financial, education, food or housing support. Our response is always locally led and also aims to tackle gender norms and stigma surrounding struggling or single-parent families wherever necessary.

Reasons for family breakdown



Violence, abuse and neglect



Death of a caregiver



Poverty



Forced migration



Poor physical or mental health of caregiver



Lack of access to social services



Child marriage and teen pregnancy



Photo: Shiva Chaudhary

Highlights 2022

Community-based family strengthening programme

The drafting of a new community-based family strengthening programme in Gaushala Municipality, Madhesh Province of Nepal was commenced.

Community based 'Free child eye check-up camp'

A 'Free child eye check-up camp' was successfully organised at Barewa High School in Mayadevi Rural Municipality, Ward no 3, Lumbini in partnership with Shree Rana Ambika Shah Eye Hospital, Bhairawaha. The camp provided children from Mayadevi Rural Municipality with access to eye check-ups and valuable knowledge on the importance of eye health care.

Workshop related to early childhood development (ECD)

As a part of ongoing initiative, a three-day workshop on effective class management was organised for ECD teachers from Surkey Secondary School, Dolakha. The workshop aimed to enhance the school's capacity in running effective and child-friendly classes, with the participation of sixteen teachers.



8,882
Families supported



1,203
Children and young people supported under family strengthening programme



2,913
Primary caregivers



367
Kinship care

Prevention

Personal story

My name is Sabita, and I come from the beautiful town of Panauti. Life has thrown its fair share of challenges at me, but my determination and resilience have helped me rise above them all. As the eldest child in my family, I took on the responsibility of supporting my younger sister and brother, even in the face of tragedy.

Losing my parents at such a young age felt like the world had crumbled beneath me. However, I refused to let despair consume me. I knew I had to stay strong for my siblings and be a guiding light for them. With the goal in mind, I sought assistance from the family strengthening programme in Kavre. It was there that I shared my business plan and received the support I needed to establish my own beauty parlour.

Today, I stand proud as a successful beautician, running my own thriving beauty parlour. It is a testament to the countless hours of hard work and self-motivation I have invested.

"I take immense pride in being able to support my family and provide my brother with the education he deserves."





Photo: Jyoti Lamsal

Prevention

Education programme

Promoting educational resilience and equitable access to education

In an effort to enhance educational resilience and ensure equitable access to education, a ground-breaking programme titled 'Promoting educational resilience of schools on equitable access to education' is being successfully implemented in six community schools within Bharatpur metropolitan city. The programme aims at improving the quality of education and creating a conducive teaching and learning environment in partner schools.

The overarching objectives of the programme encompass several outcomes, such as increasing student enrollment, improving safety measures for learners, addressing learning losses through appropriate strategies, preparing schools for potential crises, and strengthening children's socio-emotional skills.

Notable results include an upsurge in student enrollment, a reduction in the learning gap caused by the disruptive impact of COVID-19, improved annual results for the schools compared to previous years, enhanced student behaviour and motivation for learning, and increased school attendance duration.



Launched on June 1, 2022, the project targets explicitly six public schools in Bharatpur Metropolitan City.

Prevention

Education programme



Photo: SOS archive

My name is Shubani (name changed), and I am currently in Grade IX at Shahid Smriti school. It has been a challenging time for my family, as my mother has been ill for quite some time, and my father works as a painter to support us.

Due to my mother's medical expenses, we were struggling financially, making it difficult to afford education and other necessities. However, ever since the 'Promoting educational resilience of schools on equitable access to education' project was introduced in my school, my perspective has changed.

I feel grateful and optimistic about completing my secondary education. We have received essential resources like uniforms, stationery, mid-day meals, and additional support in my classes. As a result, the economic burden on my family for my education and my brother's education has gradually decreased. We can now allocate more funds for my mother's treatment, bringing much-needed relief.

In the past, I lacked the motivation to pursue my studies due to our family's circumstances and financial strain. This resulted in irregular school attendance and negatively affected my academic performance. However, this year, my motivation to study has skyrocketed. I am fully committed to improving my academic performance through self-motivation and hard work.

"I feel grateful and optimistic about completing my secondary education."

Prevention

Family strengthening programme



Photo: Prakash Bhusal

Empowering lives through skill development

Since its establishment in 1993, the skill development training centre Itahari, one of the programmes of FS Itahari, has been a beacon of hope for individuals seeking to enhance their skills and improve their livelihoods. Over the years, the centre has made a significant impact on the lives of its participants, providing training opportunities and empowering them to become self-reliant. With a focus on target group women and community members, the centre has worked tirelessly to fulfil its main objectives of capacitating individuals, promoting financial literacy, generating income, raising awareness on self-employment, and fostering self-reliance. Currently, the centre provides training in five trades, including tailoring, boutique, embroidery, painting, and knitting.

A staggering total of 2,072 individuals have received training from the skill development training centre since its inception. Among these participants, 529 individuals continue to engage in income-generating activities, enjoying sustainable livelihoods through their newfound skills. Additionally, 78 participants have taken on the role of trainers, sharing their expertise through various training centres and independent endeavours.

The skill development training centre also prioritises equal opportunities, particularly for economically disadvantaged individuals. The centre supports financially marginalised women through a scholarship programme, enabling them to access training and acquire valuable skills. This initiative has empowered many trainees to establish successful sewing, boutique, and embroidery businesses, resulting in increased incomes and enhanced livelihoods.



"In 2022, 71 participants received training at the Skill development training centre."



Prevention

Life changing support

I am Malati* (name changed), a resident of Itahari, Sunsari district. After my husband's passing in 2059 B.S., I faced the challenge of supporting our family without income. In 2061 B.S., a compassionate coworker from SOS Children's Village Itahari visited and encouraged me to join the training centre.

Initially sceptical due to my limited education, I eventually gained confidence and enrolled in the six-month tailoring training programme. Equipped with new skills, I opened a tailoring shop at home, earning around fifteen thousand rupees monthly and saving for a house. Thanks to the support, I now live happily with my daughters. This opportunity transformed my life, proving that dreams can be achieved with determination, resilience, and support.

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Prevention

COVID-19 response

Bridging the digital divide to enhance education in partner schools

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Nepal faced significant challenges in providing education to students as schools were forced to close. To address this crisis and ensure access to digital education for vulnerable children, a project called 'Breaking the barrier of the digital divide' was launched in January 2022. The initiative focuses on enhancing ICT-based education in partner schools and improving digital education opportunities.

Three schools, including two community schools, are benefiting from training sessions, ICT devices, and internet connectivity. The project also focuses on capacity development for teachers and stakeholders on utilising ICT in teaching and learning. To ensure sustainability, a model ICT lab

has been established at Hermann Gmeiner school, equipped with computer devices, a smartboard, and internet connectivity. The project also collaborates with local government authorities to support the continuity of its initiatives. Over 1,034 students and 70 teachers have gained access to the internet and devices, while additional teachers from nearby community schools have received orientation on ICT-based education. The initiative aims to bridge the digital divide and ensure equal educational opportunities in Nepal.

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Photo: Shreeshya Tamrakar



Photo: Amrita Udas

Protection

Alternative care

Our utmost priority is to ensure that every child receives the care and protection they deserve. Our concern is to provide the highest possible quality of care, ensuring that all children and young people grow up in an environment with supportive relationships, a sense of security, belonging, and equal access to opportunities. The essence of high-quality care lies in tailoring services to meet the unique needs of each individual, considering their specific circumstances and backgrounds. We strongly believe in keeping siblings together as long as it is in their best interests.

High-quality care encompasses various aspects, such as empowering children to have a voice in decisions that affect their lives and providing caregivers with the necessary training to address diverse needs, including those resulting from trauma. Our commitment extends to championing the rights of children and young people in care and ensuring that legal protections and support are in place even after they transition out of the care system.

In addition to directly caring for children and young people, we actively develop resources and training programmes to assist others in improving their care services. Through our efforts, we strive to create an environment where every child can flourish and reach their full potential.



Photo: Gauri Sanjel

Preparing children to take informed decisions

Tailored to adolescent girls and boys between the age group of 12-19 years, SOS Children's Villages Nepal conducted workshops on sexual and reproductive health at programme locations. The main objective of such programmes was to provide information on sexual and reproductive health, family planning and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV prevention services and menstrual hygiene. These sessions were conducted by an expert, a gynecologist, where 525 girls and boys satisfied their curiosities and got information directly from the doctor.

Highlights

2022

Amplifying children's voices

Children from the villages were actively engaged in various programmes as representatives of children from alternative care settings. This included participation in regional, national, and South Asian forums and international forums.

Two children from SOS Children's Village Kavre represented their community in the South Asian regional workshop on child rights and child labour organised by SAIEVAC, a SAARC apex body. Their participation in such events provided them with encouragement and motivation and strengthened their voices as they exercised their right to participate in relevant dialogues and decision-making processes.

Leadership training

Children from Children's Villages and Hermann Gmeiner Schools received leadership training that improved their skills, deepened their understanding of child safeguarding, and empowered them to participate in decision-making processes.



566
female

1,162 children
are currently growing
up in 132 families.

620
male



10 children's
villages located in
6 provinces.



They are lovingly
cared for and
nurtured by over 202
caregivers (mothers
and aunts).

Alternative Care

Personal story



Photo: Susmita Khatiwada

Nurturing dreams and talent: *Mina's inspiring journey at SOS Children's Village Jorpati

With a loving family and a platform to nurture her talents, Mina's (name changed) journey at SOS Children's Village Jorpati has been transformative since her arrival on May 18, 2016. Table tennis holds a special place in Mina's heart, and she exhibits great enthusiasm for the sport. Whenever she has free time, she engages in table tennis matches with her brothers and sisters. Her dedication and talent have resulted in numerous trophies and accolades.

Notable achievements include securing first prizes in various competitions such as *the Para National Game 2018, National Open TT of Para 2022, ANITA Cup National Junior, Inter School Competition 2019, Kathmandu District TT Association of Para 2018, and Under 10 Girl Single 2018.*

Receiving these accolades fills Mina with immense joy and gratitude. With the support of her SOS family, Mina is determined to achieve her dreams and continue contributing to SOS Children's Village Jorpati.

"Table tennis holds a special place in Mina's heart, and she exhibits great enthusiasm for the sport."



Children participate in a programme organised by the SOS child club Pokhara and showcase their performances.

Alternative care

Amplifying children's voices

Encouraging young change makers to make a difference

In SOS Children's Village Pokhara, twelve determined children led by President Pema* (name changed), gather to plan their activities for the rest of 2022. Pema, filled with enthusiasm, initiates a discussion using a calendar as a guide to explore various initiatives they can organise within their community. The children share ideas, including a weekly clean-up campaign, a *Fancy Fair* festival, distributing dustbins, and raising awareness on child safeguarding and mental health.

President Pema is deeply committed to addressing crucial issues affecting children in the Villages. Her commitment to promoting children's rights, mental health, gender equality, sanitation, and hygiene is unwavering. "I am thrilled to be part of the club," Pema shares with enthusiasm. "It has given me a platform to serve my village and make a meaningful contribution."

Established in 2010, SOS child club Pokhara empowers children by developing their leadership skills and encouraging them to voice their concerns and champion child safeguarding.

Treasurer Karma* (name changed), an eighth grader, highlights the enriching experiences gained through club activities, which have improved his life skills and leadership qualities. Karma proudly announces their recent successful fundraising venture of selling SOS logo-printed T-shirts to the community. The funds will be used to improve the village, and the club maintains a separate bank account and meticulous financial records.

"The child club activities have taught me ways to improve life skills and leadership quality," Karma explains. "I feel that I have become a much more confident speaker who can now take the lead while organising different events."



Photo: Shreeshya Tamrakar

Athletes shine in national sporting events

In the 9th National Games held in Pokhara, three children from SOS Children Village Surkhet participated in WUSHU. Furthermore, twenty-four children participated in the National Level Wushu competition in Dhangadhi, where one child achieved a gold medal, two earned silver medals, and three secured bronze medals. Similarly, four children from SOS Children Village Sanothimi participated in the Gandaki Province Level Gymnastics Tournament, with one of them winning a gold medal. This outstanding performance led to her selection for the 9th National Games, where she also participated in the tournament.



Photo: Prabha Bhattarai

Protection

Amplifying youth voices

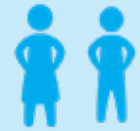
Pabitra, a youth from Small Group Homes Koteshwor, embarked on a transformative journey to Geneva in 2022. Her purpose was to provide valuable input for a programme focused on Quality Alternative Care Research. The initiative, organised by Child Identity Protection (CHIP), UNICEF, and the Institute for Inspiring Children's Future at the University of Strathclyde, and SOS Children's Villages Denmark, aimed to improve the quality of care for children and young people in diverse alternative care settings.

Expressing her gratitude, Pabitra shared, "I am lucky to have the chance to learn about the alternative care settings of different countries. I also got an opportunity to put forward my understanding of the situation of young people from Nepal at the conference. I could represent my fellow brothers and sisters and their opinions." The programme delved into international research that specifically examined the provision of quality care for children and young people in various forms of alternative care.

Protection

Self-reliance

We work directly with young people to prepare them for the transition, offering psychosocial support and vocational and social skills training; with partners to set up employability initiatives and with governments to improve aftercare provisions worldwide. As the experts in their own lives, young people themselves are best placed to decide what their needs are as they enter adulthood. Within the organisation, our international youth coalition ensures that the perspectives of young people are considered in the development of our programmes. We also facilitate networks of care leavers, who come together to support one another and lobby for improvements in care.



902 Young people are currently receiving services through SGH/SIL.

451
female



451
male



687 Young people receiving services through SGH/SIL are **above 18** years old.

347
female



340
male



67 coworkers are providing quality care to the young people.



215 Young people receiving services through SGH/SIL are **below 18** years old.

104
female



111
male



Photo: Elisha Shrestha

Highlights

2022

National youth conference

National youth conference (NYC) on 'Youth empowerment through entrepreneurship and employment' provided a forum for 59 young people from 10 locations across the country to interact, learn and get motivated for possible employment and entrepreneurship options.

Leadership training

Two-day leadership training for the presidents and secretaries of youth clubs helped participants (18 young people and nine coworkers) to gain first-hand experience of SOS Children's Villages Nepal and build knowledge and skills to unfold their potential as global leaders.

"Nothing for us without us"



Photo: Prakash Bhusal

Self-reliance

Employability initiative

We are dedicated to empowering young people by providing them with the necessary skills and training to thrive in the job market. To achieve this, we have established the vocational training centre Pokhara as a platform for honing their talents and preparing them for successful careers.

Our training centre offers a range of CTEVT-accredited programmes in fields such as carpentry, welding, electronics, secretarial work, computing, and more. These programmes are designed to meet the current demands of the job market and are taught by experienced instructors who bring their expertise to the classroom.

The training is not limited to a specific group; it is open to young people from SGH/SIL, family strengthening programme, and disadvantaged local communities. We believe in providing equal opportunities for all, regardless of background or circumstances.

477



Young people (4 young person from family like care, 43 young people from family strengthening programme and 430 young people who paid for the training) enrolled in various training in vocational training centre.

1,839



Young people have minimum one employable skill.



Photo: SOS archive

Furthermore, we have actively collaborated with like-minded organisations that share our vision of empowering young people and creating job opportunities for them. Through these partnerships, we have expanded our reach and offer our programme participants a broader range of possibilities.

In addition to our regular programmes, we have also established a valuable partnership with Pokhara Technical school to offer a 3-year diploma in automobile engineering. This comprehensive programme provides in-depth training and practical experience, ensuring graduates are well-prepared for the automotive industry.

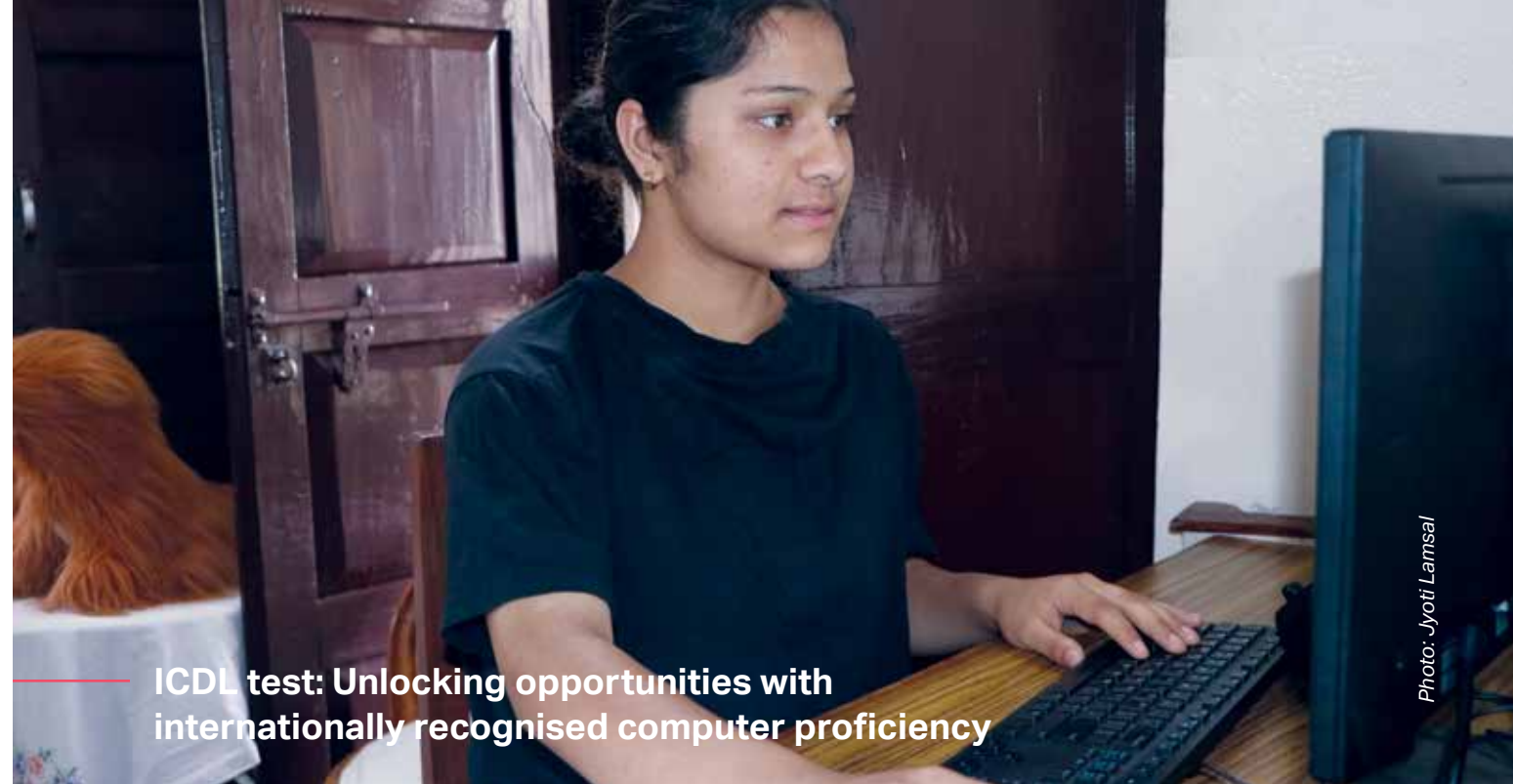


Photo: Jyoti Lamsal

ICDL test: Unlocking opportunities with internationally recognised computer proficiency

The international computer driving license (ICDL) test is gaining popularity as a means to evaluate computer proficiency across various backgrounds. It tests fundamental computer knowledge and is open to all, regardless of their educational background. To pass, a minimum score of 75% is required, with two modules available: basic and advanced. Students can also pursue specialised courses based on their interests. The test grants an internationally recognised certificate, validating foundational computer skills and increasing job prospects in diverse fields.

"I am overjoyed with my test results. Words can't describe how thrilled I am," shared Parisha, a youth, beaming with happiness after receiving her results. The ICDL test serves as a valuable credential, empowering individuals with essential computer knowledge for success in their chosen careers.

104 Young people from 9 SGH/SIL completed ICDL certification training for employability skills.

Employability initiative

Personal story



Photo: Keshav Joshi



Photo: Keshav Joshi

Kishor's life has been a journey filled with both triumphs and challenges. But nothing matters more to him than his daughter, Karishma* (name changed), who has been the source of his joy and the reason for his daily smile. Despite not completing his own education, Kishor has always been determined to provide his daughter with a bright future. He encourages her to pursue her dreams and excel in her studies. But life took a tragic turn for Kishor when he met with a bike accident and injured his leg, making it difficult for him to walk properly. Despite these setbacks, Kishor never lost his positive attitude and gratitude for his daughter's love and affection, which gave him the strength to persevere.

Kishor decided to start a mobile phone repairing shop after completing a mobile repairing course at the SOS vocational training centre Pokhara. With support from the family strengthening programme of SOS Children's Village Kavre, he was able to start his business, attracting around 20-30 customers per day in the market area and makes profit of around Rs15000- 20000 every month.

Karishma admires her father for his kind nature, cooking skills, and the loving environment he created for her. She aspires to become a nurse; a dream fully supported by her father. Together, they face the world with Kishor's love for his daughter always being the driving force in his life.



Photo: Reena Gurung

Highlights 2022

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.

Formation of Care Leavers Association Nepal (CLAN)

SOS Children's Villages Nepal coordinated to form Care Leavers Association Nepal (CLAN) under the leadership of care leavers across the country. Since care leavers face various challenges as they deal differently with issues and questions of life compared to children growing up with parental care, CLAN aims to become a safety net where young people feel they are not alone with challenges.

Launching of nepali translation: 'The guidelines for the alternative care of children'

On July 10, 2022, SOS Children's Villages Nepal, in coordination with CNET Nepal and Care Leavers Association Nepal (CLAN) and in solidarity with National Action and Coordinating Group Nepal (NACG Nepal), organised a programme to launch a Nepali translation of 'The guidelines for the alternative care of children.'

Guidelines for the alternative care of children is a set of international standards that would ultimately give expert guidance to the government of Nepal and duty bearers on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).





Honoured with CWIN Nepal National Child Rights Honour

SOS Children’s Villages Nepal on December 20, 2022, was felicitated with CWIN Nepal Rastriya Baladhikar Samman (CWIN Nepal National Child Rights Honor) by Child Workers in Nepal Concerned Centre (CWIN Nepal) for its excellence in providing a range of care solutions to children and young people, as well as for its exemplary initiatives in taking care of the needs of children during the time of humanitarian emergency.

Celebrating 50 years of impact: Unveiling ‘SOS Children’s Villages: 50 years in Nepal’ a souvenir

To celebrate the organisation’s 50th anniversary, SOS Children’s Villages Nepal launched a souvenir titled ‘SOS Children’s Villages: 50 years in Nepal,’ which highlights the achievements of SOS Children’s Villages Nepal over the last 50 years and uncovers the stories of programme participants and care leavers.



2022

in detail

This section gives further insights into how we work, including an overview of financial figures.



Photo: Nisha Shah

Safeguarding

Photo: Seema Chaudhary

Highlights 2022

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. Everything we do is guided by our commitment to provide a safe, secure and empowering environment for all. At the same time, our concept of safeguarding extends not only to the children and young people in our programmes but to everyone who engages with us – including our coworkers, community members and partners.

National child safeguarding workshop

A four-day national child safeguarding workshop was organised for eighty-nine coworkers, enhancing their understanding of the international child development programme (ICDP) and implementation tools, focusing on three dialogues, eight guidelines, and sensitisation skills for programme implementation.

Street drama

Street drama was conducted on child safeguarding to raise awareness about the importance of child safeguarding in the community level.

Positive parenting session to programme participants from the community

'Positive parenting session' was conducted for 25 families of the family strengthening programme in Bharatpur. The sessions have increased the parent's knowledge as a caregiver.

Positive parenting training to caregivers

Caregivers attended positive parenting training facilitated by ICDP-certified village counsellors. The training helped them enhance their interactions with the children they care for and sensitised them to the principles of positive parenting.

Highlights

2022

Addressing emotional and mental well-being holds utmost significance throughout all phases of our lives. Nevertheless, numerous individuals within our community hesitate to broach the subject. In light of this observation, we have taken the initiative to offer mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services to children, young people, colleagues, and families within our community.

Peer counselling

Children and young people attended peer counselling training to become peer counsellors, equipped with active listening skills and the ability to guide their peers through emotional challenges while building trust. They formed a peer counselling support group, providing a confidential space for village children to discuss their mental health problems with the necessary support.

Awareness campaign on suicide prevention

To aware children and young people of the prevention of suicide, SOS Children's Villages Nepal organised various awareness programmes on suicide prevention to mark mental health day. For instance, an awareness raising programme on 'Benefits of cycling on physical and mental health' to the children was held at the end of January 2022 in SOS Children's Village Surkhet.

PFA certified counsellors

Counsellors are Psychological First Aid (PFA) certified and are now able to facilitate PFA service to caregivers, coworkers and children.

Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)





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Expressive art sessions:

Nurturing mental health through creative expression

The arts serve as a means of expression, encompassing various forms such as singing, dancing, and drawing. They provide us with an opportunity to express ourselves and convey our ideas. In the villages, counsellors frequently organise expressive art wellness training sessions for children, young people, and caregivers. These sessions aim to raise awareness about mental health and facilitate emotional regulation through artistic activities. Throughout the year, the villages and SGH/SIL have arranged numerous expressive art sessions. Jamuna* (name changed) from SOS Children's Village Sanothimi shared her experience, stating, "After the session, I felt a profound sense of calm. I now believe I can express myself in a healthy manner."



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From left to right (Sit): Mr Bidyanath Bhurtel (Treasurer), Ms Pratima Pande (Member), Professor Bishwa Keshar Maskay (Advisor, Immediate Past President), Dr Jyoti Ratna Dhakhwa (President), Dr Rita Singh Hamal (Vice President), Mr Rajneesh Ranjan Jain (Member, CVI Representative), Mr Karan Vaidya (Member)

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Governance

Several significant initiatives were undertaken to enhance various aspects of SOS Children's Villages Nepal in 2022. Firstly, Bylaws relating to Service, Benefits, and Conditions of Employees in 2022 were endorsed by the General Assembly to strengthen internal control mechanism. These Bylaws were meticulously prepared in alignment with the Labour Act 2017, thereby bolstering the organisation's systems and processes.

Additionally, a comprehensive HR Manual was developed, providing coworkers with detailed guidance on compliance requirements. This HR Manual not only strengthened the HR processes but also provided essential support to the overall framework of the Bylaws.

Furthermore, a revised Finance Manual was created, outlining principles, policies, and practices for all finance and accounting matters within the organisation. This Finance Manual is expected to strengthen the internal control mechanism, further enhancing SOS Children's Villages Nepal's financial governance. These combined efforts signify a proactive approach towards improving various aspects of the organisation and ensuring its effective functioning.

Moreover, the implementation of Vehicle User Guidelines was successfully rolled out, ensuring that all coworkers understood and appreciated the benefits of using office vehicles while simultaneously minimising any potential misuse of such resources.

Financial position

| PARTICULARS | AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022 (NPR)* | AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021 (NPR) |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fixed assets | 880,255,073 | 859,060,456 |
| Intangible assets | 678,481 | 3,110,885 |
| Construction in progress | 62,755,690 | 20,542,122 |
| Fixed deposits | 33,500,101 | 33,400,000 |
| Receivables and advances | 8,672,604 | 39,169,903 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 300,722,148 | 291,228,195 |
| Bank balance child money gift accounts | 210,965,855 | 232,207,739 |
| TOTAL | 1,497,549,953 | 1,478,719,299 |
| Capital reserve fund | 1,321,592,097 | 1,252,311,246 |
| Reserve fund | (843,722,112) | (753,324,542) |
| Construction fund | 81,657,955 | 66,624,224 |
| Sabina Ruegg fund | 50,470,247 | 52,342,322 |
| Child money gift | 210,965,855 | 232,207,739 |
| Provision for post retirement benefits | 643,613,544 | 615,232,208 |
| Other liabilities | 32,972,367 | 13,326,103 |
| TOTAL | 1,497,549,953 | 1,478,719,299 |

* 2022 figures are unaudited figures.

| EXPENDITURE FOR 2022 | NPR.* | % EXPENDITURE |
|--|----------------------|----------------|
| Low value investments | 3,915,701 | 0.23% |
| Current working expenses | 858,967,013 | 51.25% |
| Personnel expenditures | 619,775,168 | 36.98% |
| Retirement benefit expenses | 28,381,336 | 1.69% |
| Administration and fund raising expenses | 104,996,560 | 6.26% |
| Depreciation | 60,164,650 | 3.59% |
| TOTAL | 1,676,200,428 | 100.00% |

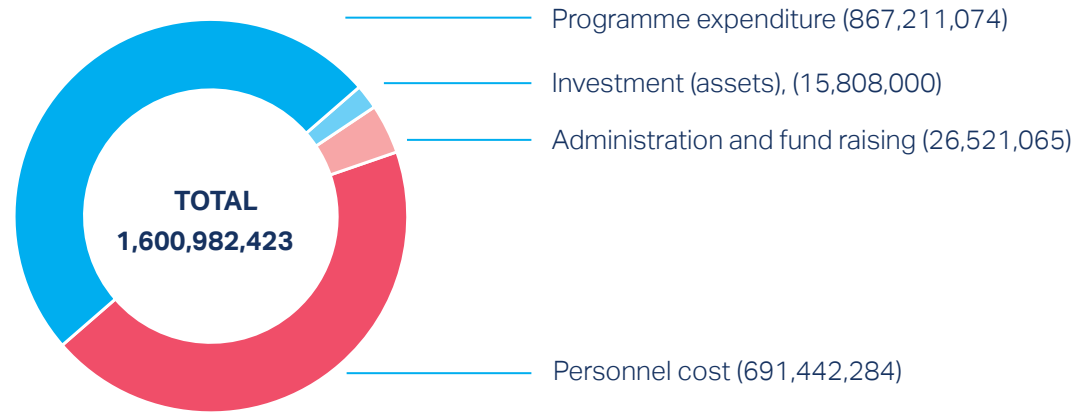
| INCOME FOR 2022 | NPR.* | % INCOME |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| SOS Children's Villages International | 1,262,890,232 | 75.70% |
| Local revenues from private sector | 20,660,673 | 1.24% |
| Local revenues from public sector | 34,822,750 | 2.09% |
| Operational revenues | 327,591,057 | 19.63% |
| Other local revenues | 22,280,657 | 1.34% |
| TOTAL | 1,668,245,369 | 100.00% |

* 2022 figures are unaudited figures.

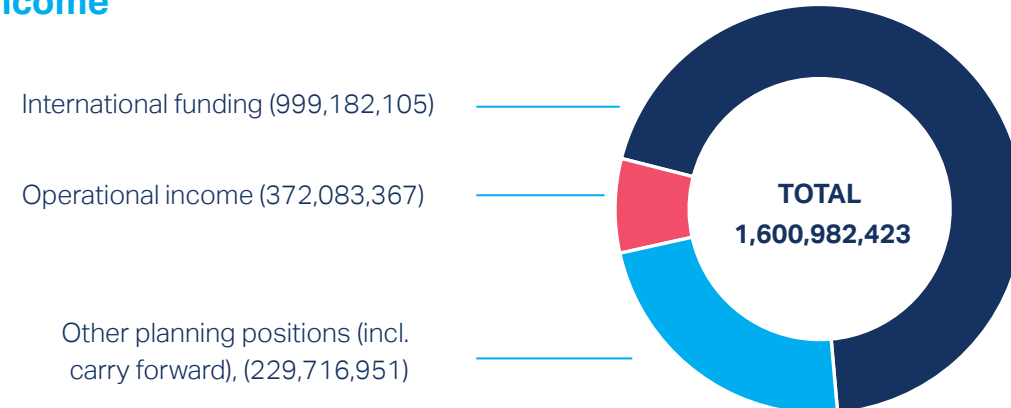
Approved budget 2023

(amount in NPR)

Major expenditure



Sources of income



Children and young people need **strong bonds** to be their strongest selves.



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