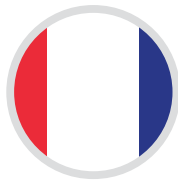




Bosnia and Herzegovina



Croatia



France



Greece



Israel



Italy



Macedonia



Romania



Serbia/
Montenegro



Slovenia



Spain



Switzerland

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COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Bosnia/Herzegovina	2	22			
Croatia	14	107	5		
France	4	75			
Greece	6	139	15		
Israel	2	75			
Italy	37	583	30	1	
Macedonia	2	25			
Romania	1	8			
Serbia/Montenegro	4	24	4		
Slovenia	2	42			
Spain	6	351	100		
Switzerland	11	269	59		
TOTAL	91	1,720	213	1	



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Croatia

Since 2014, SSIO volunteers in Croatia have served the needy in the small village of Letovanic. In December 2016, SSIO members began teaching the villagers how to grow organic vegetables and introduced SSEHV to the local children. The volunteers, in cooperation with the local fire department, organised a puppet show for 50 elementary school children to showcase the human values taught in the SSEHV programme. SSIO volunteers from Bjelovar organised the performance for school children, parents, teachers, school principals, and the head of the municipality of Letovanic.

France

Per United Nations estimates, hundreds of thousands of Eritreans have fled injustice and oppression in their northern African homeland in recent years, seeking shelter in Europe. Touched by their plight, Belgian and Dutch SSIO volunteers resolved to help refugees in northern France. Working with members of the Veurne Sathya Sai Group in Belgium and the ZebraPad Veurne organisation, which manages a warehouse, the volunteers transported various goods to the warehouse in February 2017. SSIO members subsequently transported fresh





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vegetables and foods by road to Steenvoorde, France, to serve Eritrean refugees at a day shelter. The SSIO has served thousands at the latter camp during the last eight years.

Greece

On 23rd November 2016, 12 SSIO members visited a local branch of Mother Teresa's Missions of Charity and donated 60 boxes of milk, 25 kg olive oil, 8 kg cheese and two suitcases of clothes to 15 women and their children.

On 3rd December 2016, SSIO Young Adults in Voula district organised a celebration at the Center for the Rehabilitation of Children Council in Voula, Attica. The children were entertained with a fairy tale followed by a music programme organised by the Young Adults. Toys were distributed to the children, followed by snacks and beverages.

On 18th December 2016, SSIO volunteers organised a Christmas programme and served snacks at an institute for handicapped people in Agia Varvara, in West Athens.



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On 21st January 2017, SSIO participated in the Therapy Planet Festival book exhibition in Athens, where the attendees could learn about Sathya Sai Baba and His mission through the available books and DVDs.

Israel

On 23rd and 24th September 2016, the SSIO hosted a values education seminar in Ein Hod, a quiet and scenic village in northern Israel, near Haifa. Forty people from the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Druze, and Hindu faiths attended the seminar.

On 25th March 2017, the ISSE of Southern Europe held another values education seminar, in Ein Hod, attracting 30 people, including the public. The participants discussed human values in the context of their respective faiths and cultures, including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and the Israeli culture.

Italy

On 24th August 2016, a series of major earthquakes affected Italy. Many people lost family members and some young children lost both parents. In the aftermath, the Italian government requested the SSIO of Italy to assist with housing, heating, and basic household necessities for the victims. On 30th September





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2016, SSIO members delivered a fully furnished housing unit, consisting of two bedrooms and two bathrooms, with heating facilities, for a family of ten. The group delivered a second housing unit on 22nd October 2016 and a third unit in April 2017.

On 24th April and 20th October 2016, SSIO members of the Emilia Romagna-Marche and Toscana regions organised public meetings at the Sathya Sai Centre in Faenza, Ravenna, as part of the worldwide Serve the Planet project. Volunteers served snacks to poor immigrant families with children, and organised activities highlighting the importance of caring for animals.

On the second Saturday of every month, 15 SSIO members served vegetarian meals to more than 200 people at the St. Anthony of Padua de La Dozza church, in Bologna.

Serbia

Over the past two years, SSIO Serbia has worked with the Hug Association to help children with special needs and their families.

SSIO volunteers conducted a workshop on the theme, "Protect the Planet," for 22 seven- and eight-year-old children. Volunteers also celebrated Earth Day by cleaning the banks of the river Danube in Novi Sad.

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On 20th May 2016, SSIO members conducted a public seminar, “Educare: Human Values in Education,” for teachers of the Sunshine School in Belgrade. Twenty-two SSIO members, including 12 teachers, participated in the seminar.

Slovenia

In July 2016, SSIO volunteers in Slovenia started an official Slovenian YouTube channel and uploaded Sathya Sai discourses with Slovenian subtitles.

During August and September 2016, SSIO volunteers worked with expert technicians to provide electricity to villages in Smarje pri Jelsah.

Switzerland

Between September 2016 and March 2017, SSIO volunteers in Geneva provided about 1,200 meals to the needy. Sathya Sai Centres in Basle, Bern, and Fribourg collected clothing and other items for refugees in Syria and Greece. The Swiss Sai Bulletin, issued four times a year electronically, reaches around 600 people.



Serbia

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Differences should not divide us. Members of the Sai Organisation should foster such unity. Let there not be any conflicts. Live like children of the same family. Get a good name, so that there is no other organisation comparable to the Sai Organisation in the world. Develop love and work together.

– Sathya Sai Baba, 20 November 1998