# Zone 2B





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# ZONE 2B **HIGHLIGHTS**

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Argentina	28	593	109	1	1
Bolivia	4	76	15	1	
Brazil	50	797	53	1	3
Chile	3	41	6		
Colombia	11	137	37	1	1
Ecuador	4	52		1	2
French Guyana					
Paraguay	1	31			
Peru	б	161	23	1	
Uruguay	1	42	7		
Venezuela	17	284	31	1	1
TOTAL	125	2,214	281	7	8



# ZONE 2B COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### Argentina

At the Casa Feliz Sai (Happy House of Sai) in Buenos Aires, SSIO volunteers offered medical and dental services, distributed food to the needy, and provided education to children. Each week, about 50 people received healthy meals. In January 2016, heavy rains flooded the entire locality, including the dining room of Casa Feliz Sai. In response, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed bags of food, hygiene kits, and clothing, and rendered medical care to those affected.

# Brazil

For the last 30 years, members of the Sathya Sai Centre of Niterói in Rio de Janeiro state have sewn and distributed layettes for newborn babies whose mothers are unable to afford them. The volunteers made more than 6,500 outfits for babies and packed them for distribution, along with pacifiers, milk bottles, and other items.

During this reporting period, about 400 people received care in medical camps, and 89 elderly people received evaluations by a team of otolaryngologists and speech pathologists.





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### Chile

Every week, the two Sathya Sai Centres of Chile offer warm, nutritious meals to the homeless and the destitute. Some of the guests participate in meetings with SSIO volunteers to discuss good habits and human values, and to share amazing testimonies of transformation.

# Colombia

The new headquarters of the Sathya Sai School of Human Values was inaugurated in early 2016 at the agricultural municipality of Funza, near Bogotá. At least 180 residents participated in the opening ceremony of the new school, which can accommodate 200 students. Since 2010, the Sathya Sai School of Human Values has offered free tuition to the poorest families in the locality. After attending the school, one young student reportedly told his mother, "Mom, I know what I want to do when I grow up. I want to serve society."

The "Love All, Serve All" group of Sathya Sai volunteers organised education programmes and distributed meals in El Recuerdo district, one of Bogota's neediest.



# ZONE 2B Country Highlights



### Ecuador

In April 2016, two devastating earthquakes affected Ecuador, also damaging the Sathya Sai School in Bahia Caraquez. The school was converted into a refugee camp and used to distribute food and supplies to the surrounding community. SSIO's multifaceted humanitarian relief mission in Ecuador has focused on home reconstruction, medical care, repair of school infrastructure, community education, and distribution of supplies.

# Paraguay

Volunteers continued with the construction of a new Sathya Sai Centre, ISSE, and Sathya Sai School in 2016. SSIO members provided nutritious food to nearly 300 patients of a neuro-psychiatric hospital every Sunday, kits for new-born babies to two hospitals every other month, and food and blankets for hundreds of families affected by floods.

# Peru

On 20th March 2017, heavy floods affected Lima and other parts of Peru where rainfall is normally meagre. Sathya Sai devotees responded by offering food and clothes to many refugees who had lost their homes or possessions in the floods.





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# Uruguay

An Annual Teachers Training Course in SSEHV was held from the beginning of April to the end of August 2016, with about 50 teachers and administrators participating. On three different occasions, the Education Wing of the SSIO of Uruguay accepted invitations from various schools to discuss SSEHV.

### Venezuela

In June 2016, the SSIO of Latin America initiated a joint project to assist the Sathya Sai School, Unidad Educativa Colegio Valores Humanos, in Abejales, Venezuela, which faced a food shortage, and to provide the school's approximately 350 students with a six-month food supply. In July 2016, more than 100 Sathya Sai devotees in Trinidad shipped three large containers, providing 1,500 boxes of food. Each box contained 20 kg of food, along with pencils, notebooks, and T-shirts for the school children.

In Maricaibo, Venezuela, 12 dedicated SSIO volunteers operate four improvised shelters for 850 cats and 35 dogs that have been abandoned by their owners due to difficult economic conditions.

