

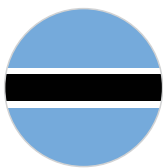


# Zone 9A

Ghana



Benin



Botswana



Cameroon



Congo DR



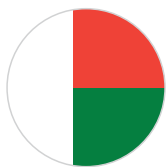
Gabon



Ghana



Kenya



Madagascar



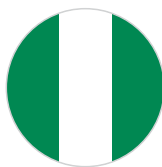
Malawi



Mauritius



Morocco



Nigeria



South Africa



Tanzania



Togo



Uganda



Zambia



Zimbabwe

# ZONE 9A HIGHLIGHTS

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Benin	2	125			
Botswana	2	227	126		
Cameroon	1	80			
Congo DR	18	1,807			1
Gabon	2	37			
Ghana	1	90			1
Kenya	2	180	12		2
Madagascar	1	72	60		1
Malawi	1	13			
Mauritius	93	4,739	1,044	1	1
Morocco	1	30	10		
Nigeria	8	290		1	1
South Africa	122	7,648	1,769	1	3
Tanzania	2	90			
Togo	1	13			
Uganda	1	50	6		
Zambia	3	129			2
Zimbabwe	2	50			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>15,618</b>	<b>3,021</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>

*Cultivate that attitude of Oneness, between men of all creeds, all countries and all continents. That is the message of love, I bring. That is the message I wish you to take to heart.*

– Sathya Sai Baba, 4 July 1968

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*There is no place, object or being where God is not present. Correct your outlook and recognise this unity in the apparent diversity around you. When God is omnipresent, what need is there to go in search of Him? The search is meaningless. If one gets rid of attachment and hatred, one will experience the Divinity inherent within.*

– Sathya Sai Baba, 6 March 1989





## ZONE 9A COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

### **Botswana**

More than 30 general volunteers, 15 doctors, six pharmacists, four opticians, and a nurse have operated a medical clinic in Gaborone for many years. The clinic is open on Sundays and treats about 70 needy patients weekly. More than 3,100 patients were seen during this reporting period, including 122 for dental services and 224 for vision care. A team of 12 opticians runs an annual vision check-up for more than 400 public school students, resulting in the dispensing of 265 pairs of eyeglasses. Recent efforts to automate medical services include registering by texting from smartphones.

On the first Sunday every month, volunteers served 400 children in Old Naledi, and about 30 patients of the Cancer & T.B. Centre on second Sundays. On third Sundays, volunteers offer food to about 120 destitute children at SOS village and on fourth Sundays to 35 children at Child Line.

SSIO volunteers collected more than 90 pints of blood to donate to the Ministry of Health, Botswana, in two blood camps held on 24th July 2016 and 12th February 2017.

On 19th November 2016, members of the Ladies Wing served food at the Cheshire Foundation, for people with disabilities.



# ZONE 9A COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS



## Ghana

SSIO volunteers distributed food and other items at homes for the elderly, offered loving care and sustenance to children with disabilities, and distributed food to the needy. Year-round, SSIO members offered services at the Nsawam Orthopaedic Training Centre (NOTC) in Ghana, which helps children who have lost one or both limbs due to accidents or birth defects.

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## Kenya

In early April 2017, SSIO volunteers rendered service in Kilfi – the town worst affected by a major drought, impacting countless lives. Touched by the sufferings of many, 13 Sathya Sai volunteers from Nairobi and 17 from Mombasa helped to distribute maize, flour, dry beans, cooking oil, salt, bread, and clothing to about 30,000 children and adults. Volunteers also distributed seven truckloads of food and clothes in Malindi. The Kenyan government appreciated the efforts of SSIO and requested continued assistance to serve victims of the drought.

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## Madagascar

SSIO volunteers routinely distributed reading and stationery material such as pens, pencils, erasers, and sharpeners to the needy children. Periodically, they also distributes toys and sports items to children, including bats and balls.



Ghana



Madagascar





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### **Malawi**

SSIO members spearheaded an alternative energy use and electricity conservation campaign by providing solar powered lamps to villagers. This campaign restored electricity to a region previously affected by severe power cuts, with no electricity at night.

The SSIO also organised blood donation camps during this reporting period.

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### **Mauritius**

On 25th September 2016, the Ladies Wing organised a workshop on the role of women in society. The ladies served in various hospitals, distributing medicines and water bottles, and spending time with patients.

On 23rd October 2016, SSIO members organised an exhibition to create greater awareness on the prevention of cruelty to animals, with active participation of many local and international animal care groups.

On 1st January 2017, more than 200 SSIO members served in a blood donation camp, collecting about 450 pints of blood.

For the past six years, the SSIO Grand Port Region organising committee has recognised Sathya Sai students who successfully completed their primary and higher secondary school, and university education with merit; 47 students were honoured this year.



Mauritius

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## **Morocco**

Sathya Sai volunteers offer food and clothing to children in orphanages every quarter. They also supply food for the hungry on a monthly basis.

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## **Nigeria**

Every Sunday, SSIO volunteers in Ajah, Lagos, distributed food to the needy. Children received sweets, chocolates, and juice. As part of public outreach, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed food, supplies, and clothing in nearby villages. In early April 2017, SSIO members organised a medical camp and provided services and medicines free of charge.

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## **South Africa**

Members of the National Council, Education Trust, and Central Trust gathered for a first Leadership Interactive Session on 28th January 2017, followed by a musical performance enjoyed by an audience of 1,300 SSIO members.

On 30th April 2017, the SSIO of South Africa hosted a beautiful programme honouring the life and legacy of Sathya Sai Baba. About 8,000 Sathya Sai followers offered love and gratitude to Sathya Sai Baba at Chatsworth Stadium in Durban. International guest speakers and musicians from India, Kenya, Singapore, Nigeria, Argentina and the USA graced the occasion, and the Deputy Minister of Health delivered a keynote address. A blood drive was also organised, collecting 108 pints of blood for the local blood bank.

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## **Tanzania**

In October 2016, SSIO volunteers dug a borewell and installed a submersible pump at a school for blind children, to supply clean drinking water. SSIO members also distributed food and clothing to the children.

*Good company can elevate one to the level of Divinity, whereas bad company can degenerate one to the level of an animal. You should make efforts to rise above the human level.*

– Sathya Sai Baba, 8 March 1996



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### Uganda

As part of a Go-Green initiative, SSIO members organised tree planting drives. During January 2017, more than 1,000 trees were planted at various places.

On 12th February 2017, 45 pints of blood were collected.

In Uganda, the SSIO has sponsored the Mama Day Care Centre, which specialises in therapies for people with speech impairments. Sathya Sai lady volunteers also visited hospitals and served the patients.

### Zimbabwe

SSIO volunteers in Zimbabwe regularly visited residents of homes for the elderly to offer food and distribute blankets and medicines.

