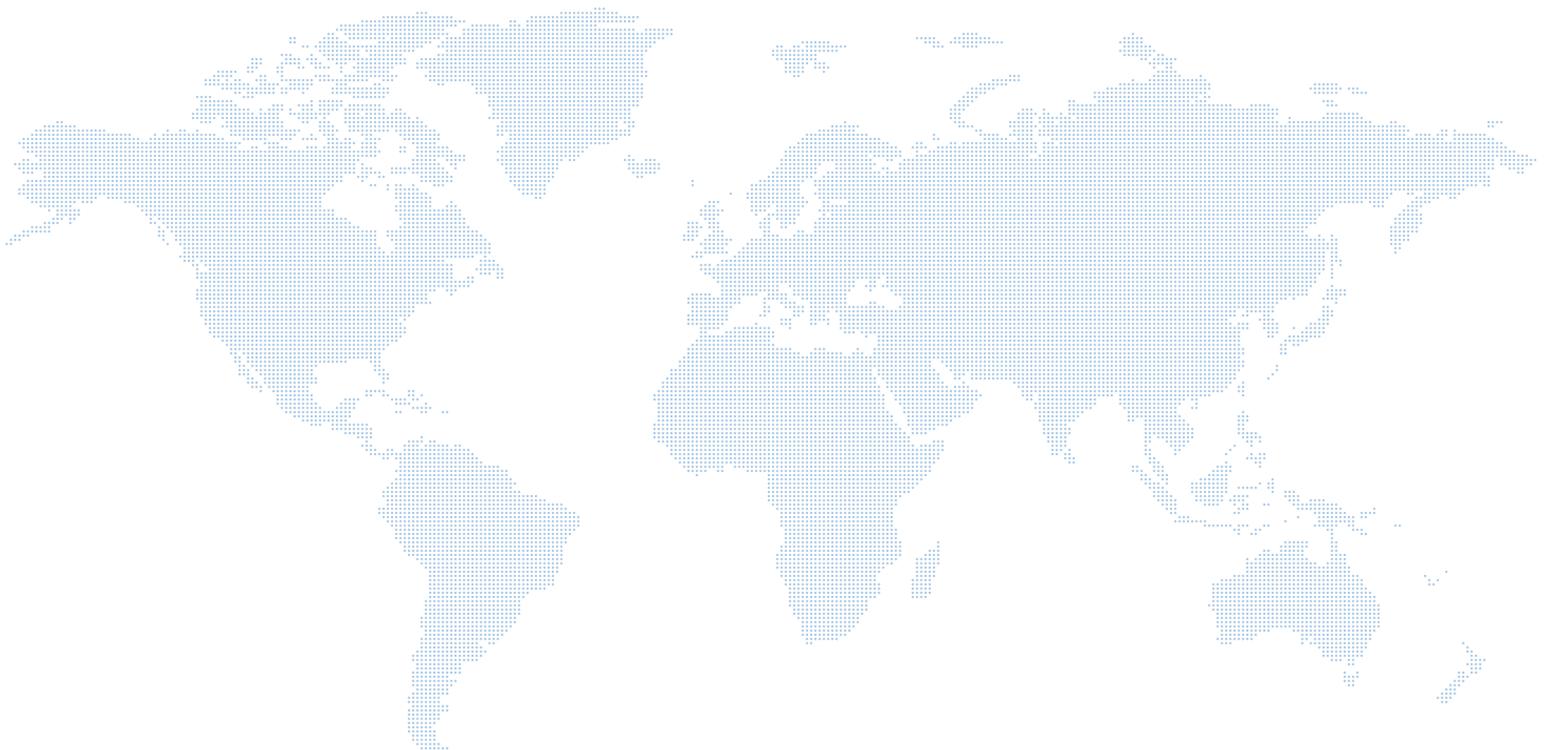




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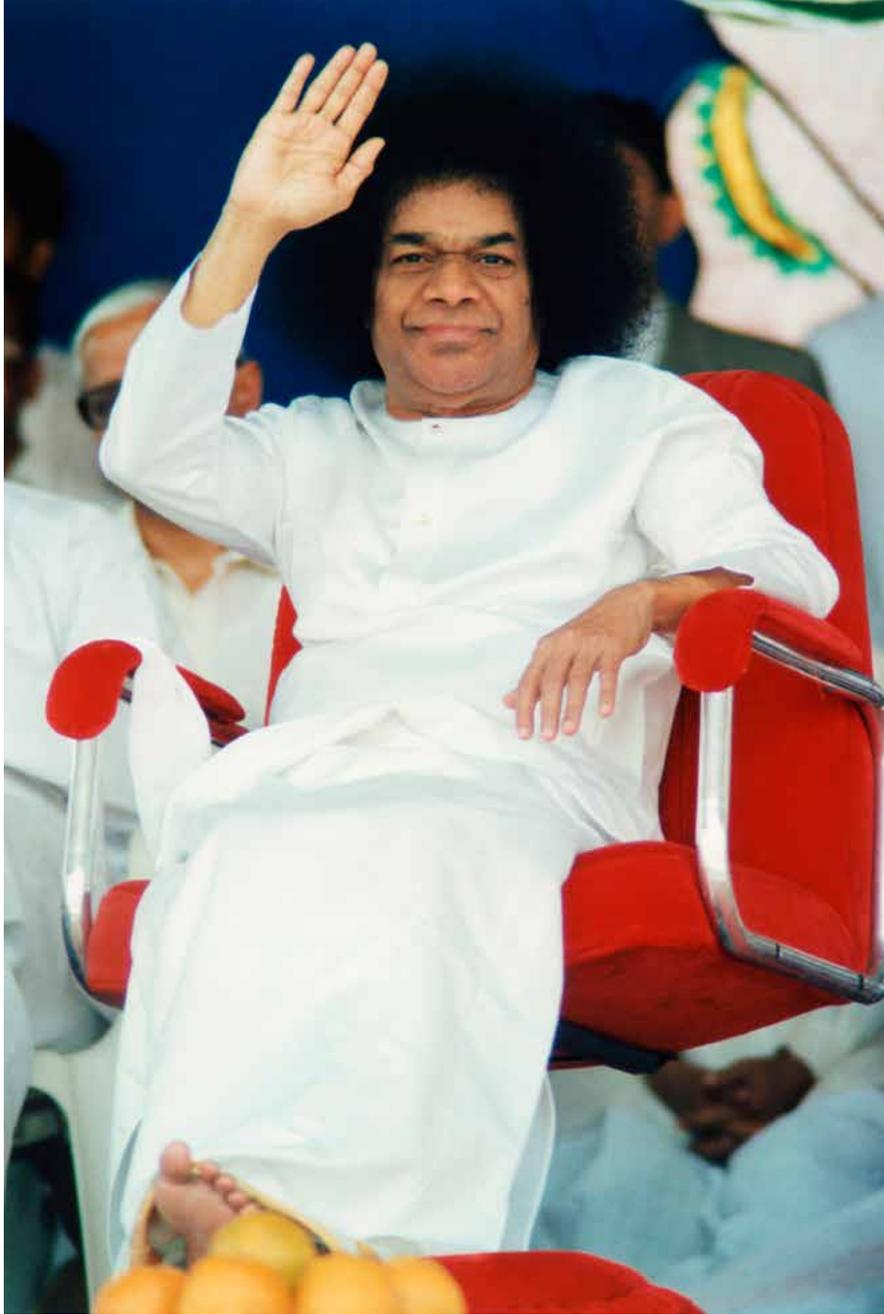


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God's love cannot be acquired with wealth, education, or the various *sadhanas* (spiritual disciplines) we undertake; it is only by offering pure, unconditional and unselfish love for love's sake can one achieve divinity. People undergo so many difficulties today, not realising the fundamental nature of this pure love. They are concerned with only the worldly and physical aspect of love. None can attain divinity by any method, except through love. If divinity is attained, everything is attained.

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 23 July 2002

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SRI SATHYA SAI BABA



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Sathya Sai *seva samitis* (centres or groups) have to bear in mind the word “*seva*” (selfless service) and take up *seva* work enthusiastically. *Seva* must be directed towards the removal of physical distress, the alleviation of mental agony and the fulfilment of spiritual yearning.

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 20 November 1995

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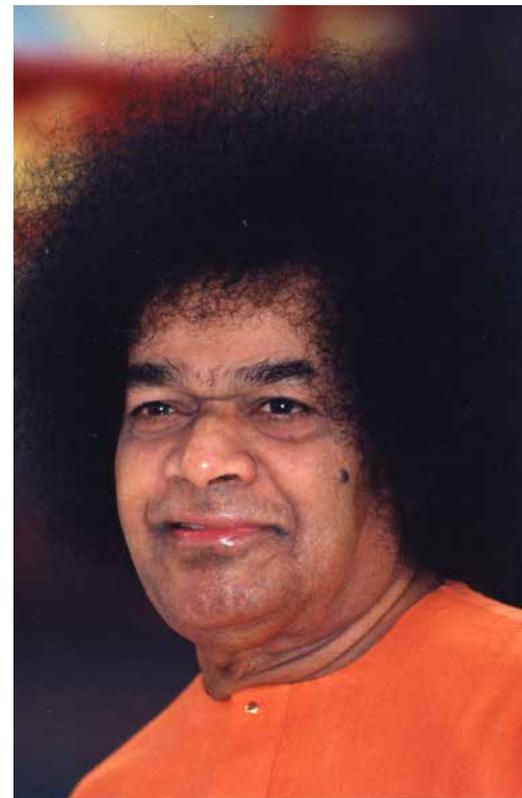


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FOREWORD

“Love is selfless-ness and self is loveless-ness. Love gives and forgives; self gets and forgets. When love underlies your activity, everything will be perfect.”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 16 February 1977

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba’s life, His message, His ideals and His humanitarian works can all be enshrined in one word—Love. Sri Sathya Sai Baba says that the best way to love God is to love all, serve all. Our true nature is pure love, which expresses itself spontaneously as selfless service and is perhaps the single, most efficient and universal tool for understanding, experiencing and expressing this divine principle of love. Service is love in action. Bhagawan says that *Vyakti* (individual) is a part of *Samashti* (society) and *Samashti* is an aspect of *srishti* (creation), which has emerged from *Parameshti* (God). All actions of the individual should be devoted to the service of society, which is service to God. It is therefore the duty of every individual to undertake sacred and selfless service to society.

Sri Sathya Sai Baba not only exhorted us to love all and serve all, but also blessed us with the opportunity to serve in the Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) and engage in loving service to humanity at large. He founded, nurtured and guided the SSIO for us to share His teachings and His love with everyone. It is remarkable that during His lifetime, His mission was established in more than 120 countries. In the early years, Baba proclaimed, “My life is My message”, and in later years, He said, “Your life is My message”. It is now our duty to move forward with the divine mission to transform ourselves and humanity through love and selfless service.

This Annual Report gives glimpses of numerous activities of SSIO members around the world during April 2014–March 2015. Nearly 2,000 Sathya Sai Centres in 123 countries, along with 31 Institutes of Sathya Sai Education (ISSEs) and 42 Sathya Sai Schools continued to spread the universal and eternal message of Bhagawan Baba through the service, education and spiritual wings of SSIO.

In commemoration of Sri Sathya Sai Baba’s 90th Birthday, the SSIO is holding the Tenth World Conference in November 2015 with the theme ‘Love is the source; Love is the path; Love is the goal’. In preparation for this event, Pre-World Conferences were held in 16 countries across the

world. This Annual Report provides highlights of these memorable and enjoyable events which will be long-remembered by SSIO members.

Some of the service activities addressed in the Annual Report are highlighted below. Following the principles of Sathya Sai Ideal Healthcare, many dedicated healthcare professionals and volunteers rendered loving, state-of-the-art medical services, free of charge, to more than 130,000 patients at 285 medical and dental camps and 44 medical clinics.

Sathya Sai youth participated in various activities of the SSIO with great enthusiasm and dedication. As instruments of His love, Sathya Sai Youth again led the global initiative, *Serve the Planet*, focussing in 2014 on the theme, *Children: Our Future*. This initiative commemorates Avatar Declaration Day on 20th October—the day when Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba revealed His divinity and His mission.

ISSEs, Sathya Sai Schools, Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) and Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) programmes are spreading Bhagawan's message on integral education. Educare is transforming hearts—young and old, in many countries around the world.

SSIO was honoured with awards and recognition in many countries for its timely, exemplary and loving services and some of them are featured in the Annual Report. This report also provides glimpses of inspiring and colourful cultural activities performed by SSIO members in Prasanthi Nilayam, the abode of supreme peace, reflecting the harmony of all religions, faiths, nations, languages, cultures and customs.

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba has shown us the path to experience divine love and realise our innate divinity. We are indeed blessed and fortunate to participate in His divine mission. Let us sanctify our lives by loving Him and serving Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength till our very last breath.

Samastha Loka Sukhino Bhavantu – May All the Worlds Be Happy.

Jai Sai Ram.

Dr. Narendranath Reddy

Chairman, Prasanthi Council

"True and selfless love manifests as sacrifice. Such love knows no hatred. It envelops the entire universe and is capable of drawing near even those who are seemingly far away. Love transforms the human into the Divine."

—Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 25 May 2000

SELECTED WEBSITES OF THE SSIO

The Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) has been serving society through various service, educational and spiritual activities all over the world. This Annual Report gives highlights of such activities for the period April 2014 – March 2015 in 123 countries. Beyond the content of the articles in this report, further information about the programmes of the SSIO may be obtained by visiting the three website links below.

Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) – <http://www.sathyasai.org>

Official central website and directory of the SSIO, containing information on events, special projects, publications, official communications and much more. Links to zonal, regional and country websites of the SSIO are also listed and updated periodically.

Sathya Sai Universe – <http://saiuniverse.sathyasai.org/>

Official SSIO website reporting service, educational and spiritual activities from around the world, on an ongoing basis.

Humanitarian Relief – <http://www.sathyasaihumanitarianrelief.org>

Official SSIO website with information on major humanitarian relief service projects supported by the SSIO.

WORLD MAP OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SATHYA SAI INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

Legend

- ✦ Medical Camps
- ▲ Medical Clinics, Mobile Clinic, Hospice
- Institute of Sathya Sai Education
- Sathya Sai Schools
- ▼ Sai Centres and Community Service

Europe

Austria ▼	Italy ▼●
Belgium ▼	Netherlands ▼
Denmark ▼●	Norway ▼
Finland ▼	Spain ▼
France ▼	Sweden ▼
Germany ▼	Switzerland ▼
Greece ▼✦	UK ▼✦●
Ireland ▼	

Caribbean Islands

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- Barbados ▼
- Cuba ▼
- Curacao ▼
- Dominican Republic ▼●
- Guadeloupe ▼●
- Jamaica ▼
- Haiti ▼▲
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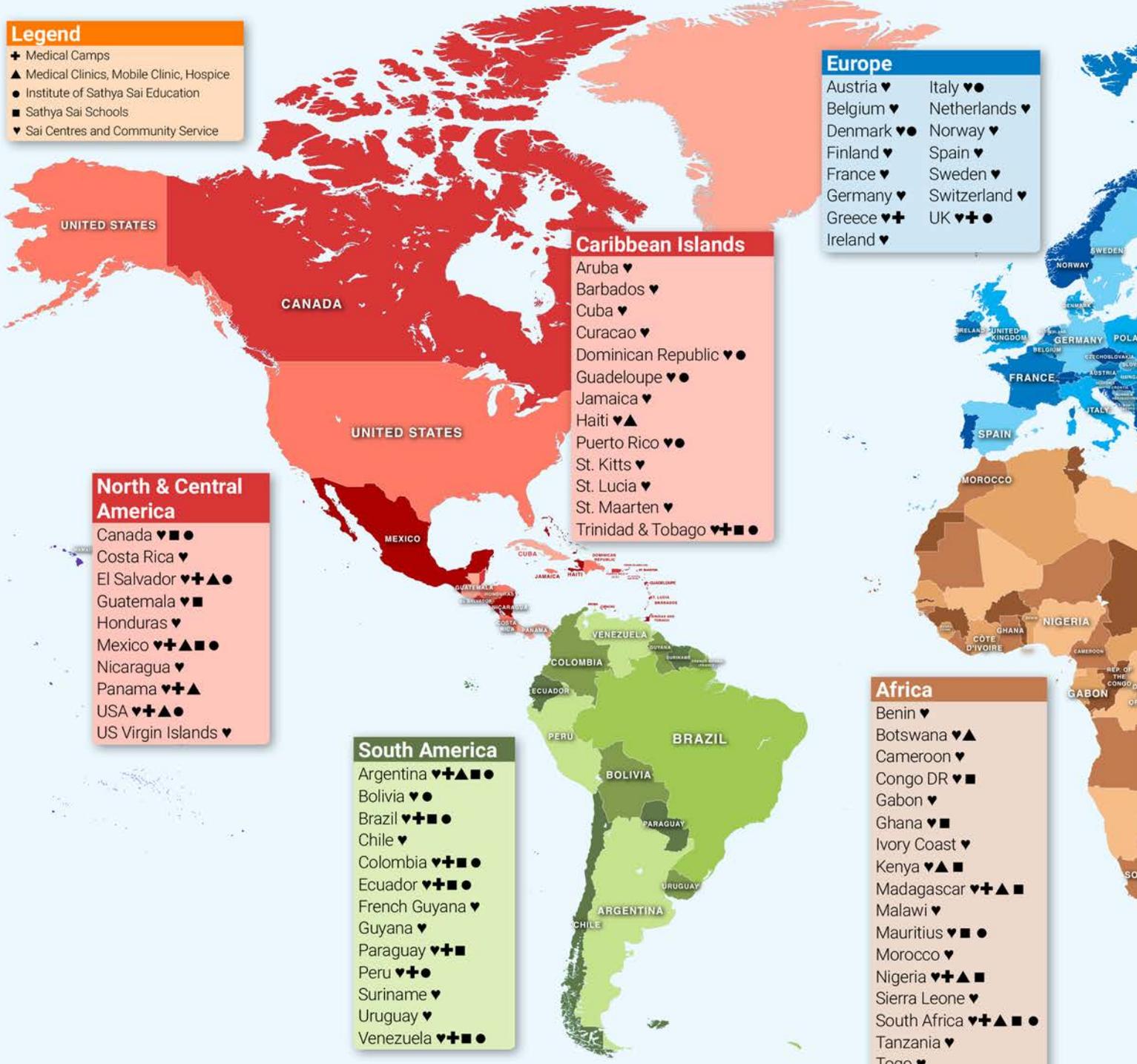
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South America

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- Venezuela ▼✦■●

Africa

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- Gabon ▼
- Ghana ▼■
- Ivory Coast ▼
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- Nigeria ▼✦▲■
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- Zambia ▼■●
- Zimbabwe ▼



Europe

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- Czech Republic ♥
- Estonia ♥
- Hungary ♥
- Latvia ♥
- Lithuania ♥
- Macedonia ♥
- Moldova ♥
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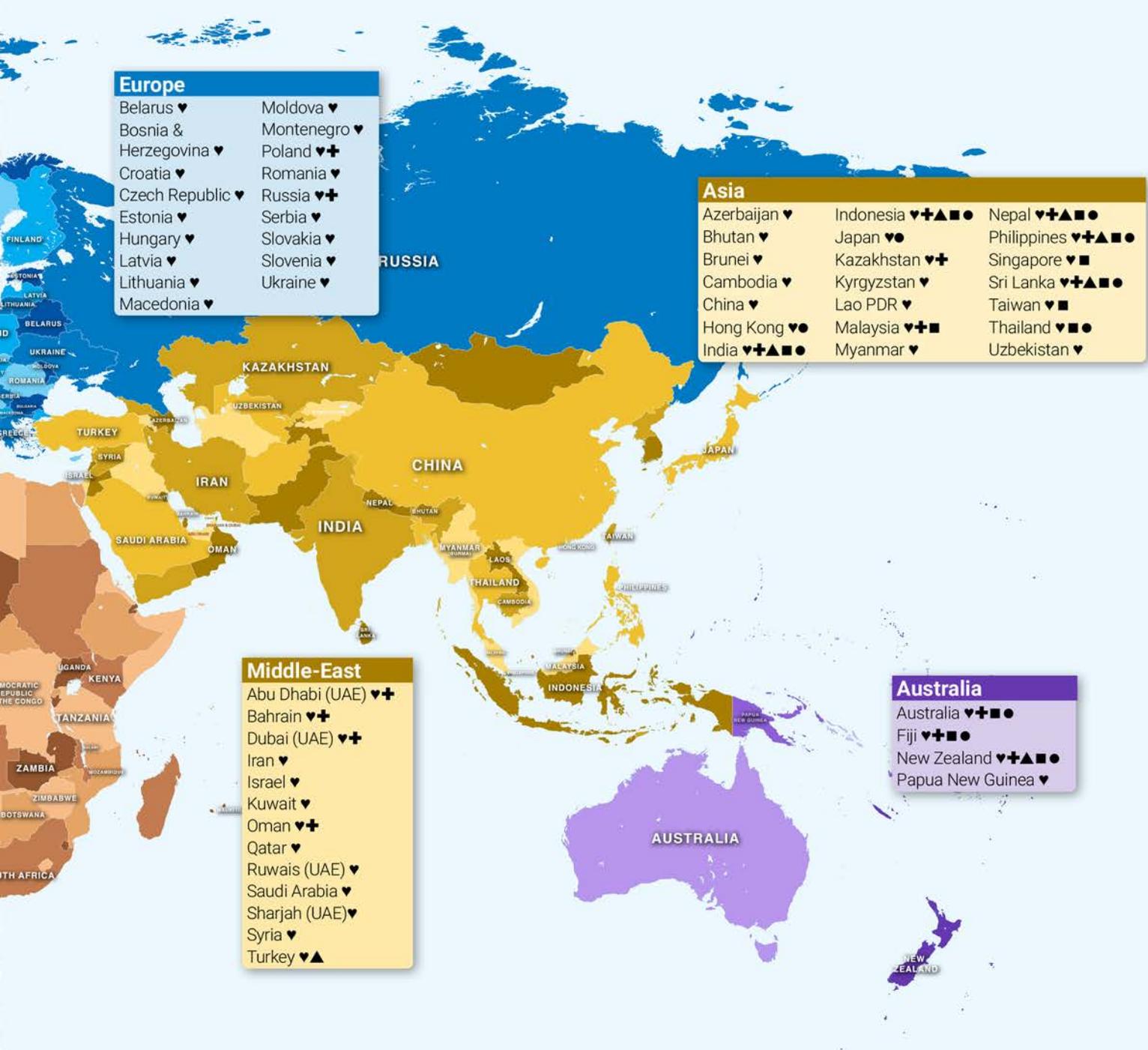
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- India ♥+
- Indonesia ♥+
- Japan ♥
- Kazakhstan ♥+
- Kyrgyzstan ♥
- Lao PDR ♥
- Malaysia ♥+
- Myanmar ♥
- Nepal ♥+
- Philippines ♥+
- Singapore ♥
- Sri Lanka ♥+
- Taiwan ♥
- Thailand ♥
- Uzbekistan ♥

Middle-East

- Abu Dhabi (UAE) ♥+
- Bahrain ♥+
- Dubai (UAE) ♥+
- Iran ♥
- Israel ♥
- Kuwait ♥
- Oman ♥+
- Qatar ♥
- Ruwais (UAE) ♥
- Saudi Arabia ♥
- Sharjah (UAE) ♥
- Syria ♥
- Turkey ♥

Australia

- Australia ♥+
- Fiji ♥+
- New Zealand ♥+
- Papua New Guinea ♥



A photograph showing a person from behind, wearing a white shirt with Thai text on the back, writing on a form. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with wooden structures and other people.

Sathya Sai Global Health Mission

The SSIO has been providing free and timely healthcare for those who need it most, with utmost compassion and love, reflecting Bhagawan's love for all beings. The Sathya Sai International Medical Committee (SSIMC) of the SSIO has undertaken activities to practise, promote, and facilitate the establishment of Sathya Sai Baba's global healthcare mission. The new Sathya Sai International Disaster Relief Committee (SSIDRC) in conjunction with SSIMC has been instrumental in coordinating global medical relief efforts delivering emergency medical services in countries affected by natural disasters.



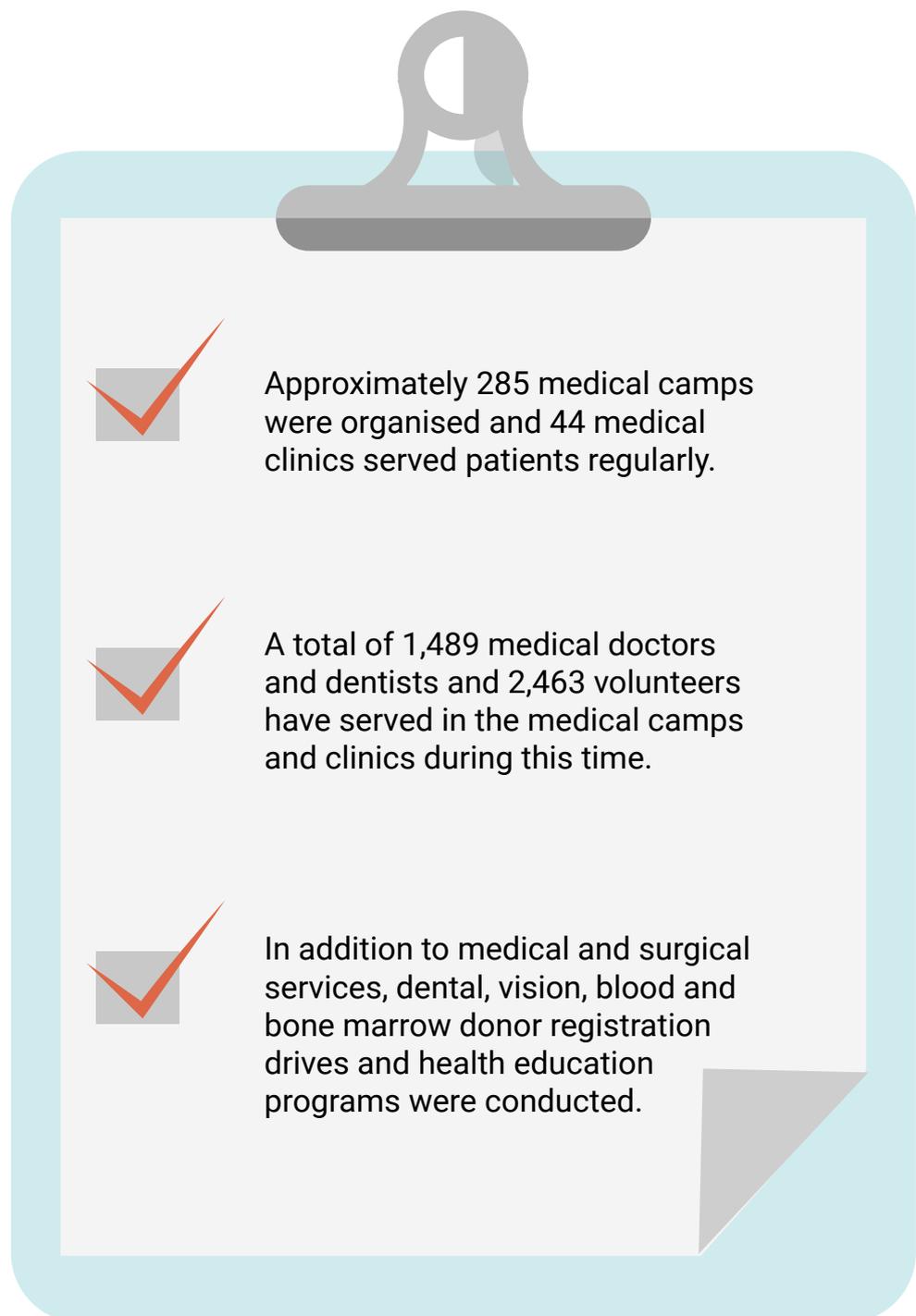
Laos

The medical activities included the following:

1. **Medical and dental rotations of doctors** in Sri Sathya Sai Hospitals and in medical camps in Prasanthi Nilayam.
2. **International medical and dental camps**, mobile and permanent medical clinics.
3. **Surgical services** included cardiovascular, eye, and gynaecological surgeries.
4. **Blood donations** (“liquid love”) and bone marrow donor registration drives.
5. **Medical camps** for disaster relief.
6. **Teaching programmes** for physicians in Sri Sathya Sai hospitals.
7. **Shipment** of medical supplies.

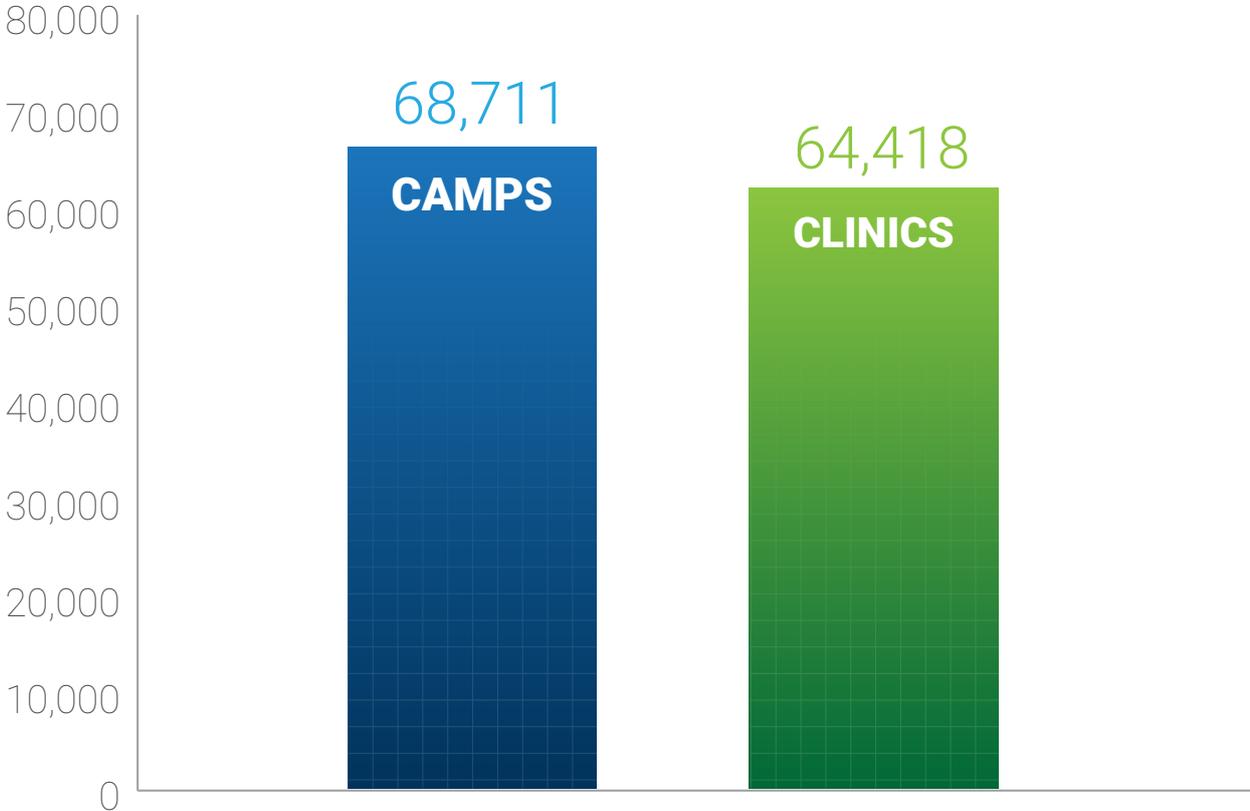
During the reporting period April 2014–March 2015, approximately **133,129 patients** were seen and served:

- 68,711 patients in **medical and dental camps** (including disaster relief)
- 64,418 patients in **medical clinics** (permanent and mobile clinics).

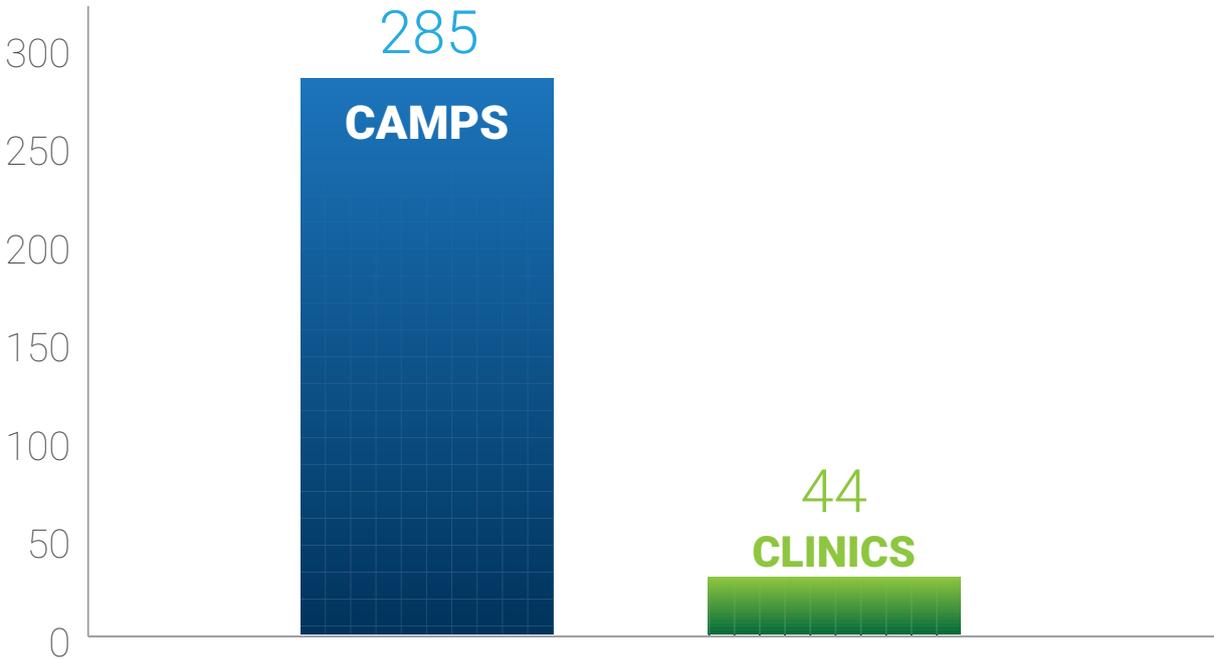


SATHYA SAI GLOBAL HEALTH MISSION

Total Number of Patients Seen



Total Number of Medical and Dental Camps and Clinics





ZONE 1

USA

California

The Sri Sathya Sai Baba Free Medical and Dental Clinic, Culver City, provides year-round healthcare services by 321 medical professionals in different fields, including registered nurses and pharmacists, along with general volunteers. A total of 643 patient visits were seen.

The 8th annual Oxnard Medical Camp on 19th October 2014 served 690 patients. Services included general health screening, women's health exams, vision exams with eyeglasses provided for 429 patients, 329 dental exams, and 335 fluoride treatments.

Ashland Free Medical Clinic (AFMC) is one of two free SSIO medical clinics in the USA and provides primary care and dermatology services weekly. The AFMC recently received an award acknowledging 10 years of dedicated service to the community. In 2014–2015, the clinic served 727 patients in 1,751 patient visits.

Florida

Podiatry camp: Sathya Sai Centres in Florida organised a podiatry (foot care) camp at St. Petersburg on 1st November 2014, serving 212 patients with foot washing, care, fitting with new pairs of socks, and providing with food, new shoes, and a blanket. Many attendees were overwhelmed by the loving service and compassion demonstrated by the doctors and volunteers.

Dental hygiene camp: The Sathya Sai Centre of Tampa Bay organised a dental camp on 26th July 2014, serving 60 patients with dental examinations and cleaning.

Missouri

The St. Louis County Sathya Sai Free Medical Camp has provided medical help to needy patients annually for more than 11 years, in coordination with other community health organisations. In October 2014, the medical camp served 156 people. The camp also offered a bone marrow donor registration drive to increase the donor pool for minorities.

SATHYA SAI GLOBAL HEALTH MISSION



USA, Zone 1



USA, Zone 1



CANADA

The Sathya Sai Organisation of Canada conducted a blood donation drive at a Canadian blood centre and collected more than 137 pints of blood.

GUYANA

Women's health care: Responding to need, SSIO medical teams performed 23 uterine fibroid surgeries and more than 10 hysterectomies, from 4th to 11th October 2014, at the New Amsterdam Hospital in Berbice, Guyana, assisted by hospital staff and local medical professionals. Every surgery was successful.

SATHYA SAI GLOBAL HEALTH MISSION

USA, Zone 1



Trinidad and Tobago, Zone 1



El Salvador, Zone 2A



Peru, Zone 2B



Peru, Zone 2B



TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Children's interventional cardiology: From 2nd to 9th April 2014, the SSIO conducted a paediatric interventional cardiology mission for children with congenital heart disorders. Four doctors and four paramedical staff from the USA, assisted by three doctors and a nurse from Venezuela, screened 114 children and performed 24 complex cardiac procedures.

ZONE 2A

MEXICO

At the Sathya Sai Medical Clinic, Mexico City, a doctor and nurse work daily and a psychologist works on weekends, attending to 6,000 patients annually.

EL SALVADOR

A Sathya Sai medical clinic operates weekly and two medical clinics operate bi-monthly in Santa Tecla and San Juan Opico, El Salvador, serving approximately 100 patients monthly.



ZONE 2B

ARGENTINA

SSIO volunteers conducted a total of seven medical camps, providing care to 382 patients during the reporting period. Sai volunteers have rendered medical services to about 100 needy people monthly since 2005, in Florencio Varela, Buenos Aires.

BRAZIL

Thirty doctors and volunteers conducted 14 medical camps in Brazil, serving a total of 1,300 patients.

PERU

More than 330 patients received services at four medical camps in Lima, Peru, during the reporting period.



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ZONE 3

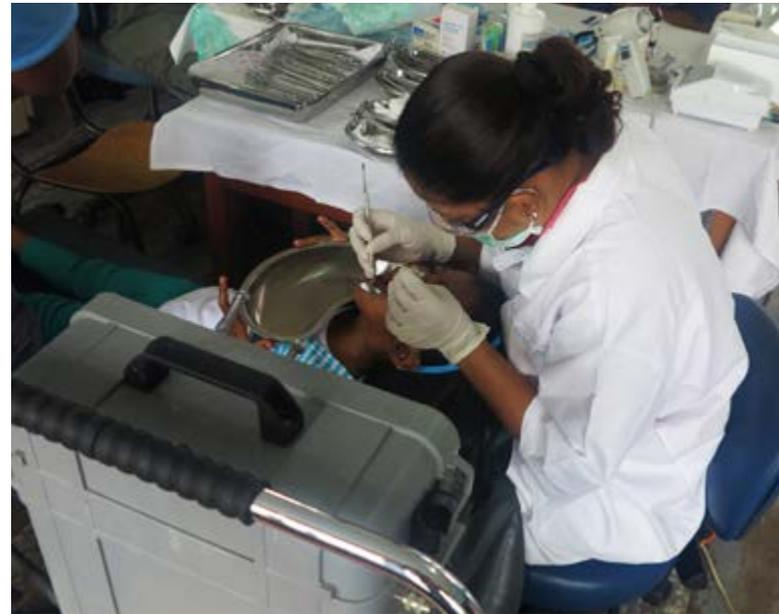
FIJI

Sathya Sai volunteers from Australia and Fiji organised an annual medical camp on the island of Vanua Levu, 17th–22nd August 2014. Following a medical conference, two-day camps were then held in the villages of Coqelua and Seaqaqa, serving a total of 1,736 patients over the four days, with 360 receiving dental care; 870, vision care; 880, general healthcare; 85, paediatric care; 141, dermatological treatment; and 167, women's healthcare.

Fiji, Zone 3



New Zealand, Zone 3



Indonesia, Zone 4



Laos, Zone 4



Services in remote settlements: In May 2014, more than 70 medical professionals and volunteers from New Zealand and Fiji provided medical services, including specialised screening such as electrocardiograms, PAP smears, gastroscopies, and colonoscopies over a 6-day period to more than 2,600 residents of remote settlements.

ZONE 4

INDONESIA

Sai volunteers conducted blood donation drives in Jakarta and North Sumatra, collecting a total of 527 donations.

LAOS

The SSIO of Lao PDR organised three medical camps in the villages of Ban Dakvor, Ban Dakvang, and Ban Nongdone, serving 841 people. The SSIO of Lao PDR, in partnership with local government and community leaders, also implemented a village improvement programme focusing on three villages in the Dakchung province, serving 1,200 people. From 19th to 21st March 2015, health screening camps provided training to improve sanitary conditions, including construction of toilets.

MALAYSIA

Between June 2014 and February 2015, Sathya Sai volunteers organised several medical screening camps along with health awareness talks. Blood donation drives in Perak and Batu Caves, Kuala Lumpur, collected a total of 2,364 blood donations.

NEPAL

Sathya Sai medical clinics served more than 14,000 patients across the country.



Sri Sathya Sai Health Center, Naxal, Kathmandu: This center offers multiple health care services and dental services to about 2,000 patients monthly.

Several medical and vision camps provided services to more than 5,000 people. On International Women's Day at Kalaiya, more than 500 women received gynaecological services. Four vision camps were held in Siddharthnagar.

PHILIPPINES

Typhoon Haiyan disaster relief: The Disaster Relief Committee of the SSIO and the Sathya Sai International Medical Committee together with local Sathya Sai Organisation volunteers provided ongoing medical relief efforts in affected areas.

Medical Camps/Missions

Dulag: Medical initiatives provided services to 2,095 patients, including dental care for 179 individuals. About 300 persons received instruction in "S.A.I." (stress alleviation intervention), exercise, and stress management education to alleviate ongoing stress and sleep problems.

Marabut: A total of 2,049 patients were served.

Sri Sathya Sai Maternity Center and Medical Clinic (San Jose, Dulag), inaugurated on 20th January 2015, delivers free outpatient and maternity services. Mothers-to-be receive medical attention and infant care in sterile facilities.

SRI LANKA

In addition to operating medical camps and clinics, the local SSIO conducted mobile medical camps, serving a total of 2,460 patients.

No. of doctors and volunteers	4 midwives and 2 nurses
Outpatient statistics (January–March 2015)	5,672 patients
Maternity statistics (January–March 2015)	Deliveries - 97 patients Prenatal care - 530 patients

SATHYA SAI GLOBAL HEALTH MISSION



Laos, Zone 4



Philippines, Zone 4



Philippines, Zone 4



Philippines, Zone 4

ZONE 5

TAIWAN

The local Sathya Sai Organisation sponsors blood donation drives twice a year and collected 200 units of liquid love during the reporting period.





ZONE 8

RUSSIA

During a medical, educational, and service camp in summer 2014, in north-west Russia, a medical team of 27 specialists from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Germany, Great Britain, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Ukraine, along with more than 155 volunteers, provided services to 2,560 people in eight villages. About 340 patients received eyeglasses at the camp.



ZONE 9A

BOTSWANA

The Sathya Sai Baba Free Medical Clinic in Botswana has operated for the past eight years, offering medical, dental, and vision services. During this reporting period, the clinic served a total of 3,126 patients, distributed 280 custom-made spectacles, and provided dental care to 120 patients. In collaboration with medical and nursing students from the University of Botswana, a medical education programme provided health counselling.

KENYA

Mombasa cataract surgeries programme: For the third consecutive year, the Sathya Sai Centre in Mombasa arranged cataract surgeries for rural community residents, screening 218 patients and identifying 17 candidates for cataract surgery at the Coastal General Hospital. All surgeries were successful, resulting in full restoration of vision.



ZONE 9B

Zone 9B medical teams conducted free medical camps along with blood donation camps; the volunteers also offered yoga, vision and preventive health education. A summary of the activities in Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Dubai, and Oman is provided below. Additionally, the zonal SSIO organised a medical camp in Puttaparthi, India, from 16th to 20th July 2014.

SATHYA SAI GLOBAL HEALTH MISSION

Russia, Zone 8



Russia, Zone 8



Ukraine, Zone 8



Kazakhstan, Zone 8



Botswana, Zone 9A



Kenya, Zone 9A



Summary of Healthcare Activities in Zone 9B

Number of medical camps: 46
 No. of medical camps for females only: 14
 Number of patients seen: 8,500
 Puttaparthi medical camp (patients seen): 1,670
 Number of Blood donation camps: 34
 Total units of blood collected: 2,219

MEDICAL AND DENTAL ROTATIONS

Sri Sathya Sai Hospitals and Medical Camps, Prasanthi Nilayam, India

SSIMC coordinates medical and dental rotations in Bhagawan’s hospitals, Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital (SSSGH) and Sri Sathya Sai Institutes of Higher Medical Sciences (SSSIHMS) in Whitefield and Puttaparthi, and conducts medical camps in Prasanthi Nilayam twice yearly.

The following table summarises data on services provided during April 2014–March 2015.

	Total patients seen	International doctors/ medical professionals	International volunteers
Medical camps in Prasanthi Nilayam	7,654		
9–13 July 2014	1,426	12	4
18–25 November 2014	6,228	24	25
SSSGH medical and dental rotations, Puttaparthi	6,900	21	

SATHYA SAI GLOBAL HEALTH MISSION



Kuwait, Zone 9B



Bahrain, Zone 9B



Oman, Zone 9B



Oman, Zone 9B

CONCLUSION

The SSIO continues to organise and facilitate the delivery of high-quality medical care with love and compassion worldwide. In many instances, this has drawn recognition from local government authorities. The global Sathya Sai system of free healthcare continues to expand each year, touching more and more individuals and transforming hearts with love for all.

"Doctors should infuse courage in their patients and speak soothingly, radiating compassion and love. While you are examining the patients, you should have smiling faces and talk to them sweetly."

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 6 February 1993



Sathya Sai Education

Sathya Sai Educational Institutions are based on the philosophy of education propounded by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, giving equal importance to spirituality and educational achievements. Bhagawan oversaw the establishment of Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) programmes in the Sathya Sai Organisation and the establishment of Sathya Sai Schools and Institutes with their Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) programmes in many countries around the world. At present, all the zones of the SSIO have active SSE programmes for children from 6 to 18 years, divided into Groups 1–4 according to age. Some countries also have a pre-Group 1 programme for children younger than 6. Currently, 31 Institutes of Sathya Sai Education (ISSEs) and 42 Sathya Sai Schools offer educational activities around the world.



Poland

Most of the Institutes have training programmes to certify teachers of SSEHV in the community. This reporting period brought the inauguration of two new Sathya Sai Schools – in the West Indies and the Dominican Republic.

The Conference in Prasanthi Nilayam on Sathya Sai Ideal Education during Guru Pournima in 2014 generated much enthusiasm in all the Institutes and Schools, fostering a new sense of unity and purpose among Sathya Sai educators. This report briefly summarises the educational activity in the SSIO, ISSEs and Sathya Sai Schools worldwide, outside India.



ZONE 1

USA: The Institute conducted SSEHV training at its two partnership schools and expanded its outreach to a number of schools. The ISSE-USA has trained 80 participants in Course One and 36 in Course Two, and the SSE programme in the USA continues to be notably active in all 10 regions of the United States.

Canada: In addition to offering a very successful National Dynamic Parenting programme, the Canadian Institute developed a variety of short courses on reducing stress, resisting peer pressure, saving energy, handling cyber abuse, and business ethics. The Sathya Sai School in Toronto continues to be ranked by the Fraser Institute among the top 18 schools in Ontario, out of 2,800 schools.

The **ISSE of West Indies** conducted a workshop for 38 administrators and teachers and certified 40 trainers in Dynamic Parenting. The Institute is developing a Life Skills programme for post-SSE students, young adults, and adults. The Special Advisor to the Minister of Education along with many educators in Trinidad and Tobago attended a function launching the Institute's Sathya Sai Education in Human Values for the Foundation Years and Beyond: Parents and Teachers Handbook.

Trinidad and Tobago: The SSIO opened an Early Childhood and Care Education Centre and continued to offer SSEHV in public schools as well as SSEHV training to 75 participants. In addition, 275 SSE students attended 237 classes with 60 trained teachers.

Guyana: Seminars and workshops were held on Educare, and during an SSE Art Festival, books on Human Values were distributed to schools, organisations, the Ministry of Education, and the President of Guyana.

Barbados and Jamaica: Weekly SSE classes continued for students in Groups 1 and 2.

Suriname: Sixty SSE students and 29 SSE teachers participated in a poetry recitation.



USA, Zone 1



Trinidad and Tobago, Zone 1



Puerto Rico, Zone 2A



Guatemala, Zone 2A

ZONE 2A

A unique feature of the Latin American Institutes is regular meetings for exchanging experiences and teaching materials. A 30-day Latin American residential diploma course took place in Mexico. Also in **Mexico**, 22 Sathya Sai teachers and 55 professional teachers attended a residential workshop on SSEHV. A manual on parenting was printed in Spanish, and public meetings on parenting were held in Chihuahua and San Luis Potosí, attracting 813 participants. In **Guatemala**, public meetings were held on family and human values



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Colombia, Zone 2B



Ecuador, Zone 2B



Brazil, Zone 2B



Peru, Zone 2B

and trainers were trained in Sathya Sai parenting. In **Puerto Rico**, 35 parents and teachers participated in a fourth contest on stories in human values, for which 27 authors participated in a writing workshop. Approximately 100 people attended the unveiling of the book, Heart Springs. In **El Salvador**, the Ministry of Public Works invited the ISSE to share SSEHV with executives. In **Panama**, the SSIO continued holding regular SSE classes for 88 students. In **Venezuela**, the Sathya Sai School continued offering education up to the technical secondary level. The ISSE conducted ten workshops and trainings in SSEHV for 270 people. Weekly SSE classes instructed two groups of children, ages 11–14. In the **Dominican Republic**, the SSIO acquired land for the Sathya Sai School.

ZONE 2B

In **Peru**, the Institutes from Ecuador, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, and El Salvador participated in a forum titled, “Excellence in Education in Human Values,” sponsored by the Ministries of Education and Culture, and 260 teachers attended a forum on SSEHV courses and workshops. In **Ecuador**, Yachay University and the Vice Minister of Education proposed SSEHV programmes for their constituents. The ISSE of **Colombia** has developed a unique strategy for SSEHV training in remote areas, through DVD recording of the diploma course and regular web meetings of Sathya Sai teachers from Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador. In Bolivia, a new ISSE was established to formalise the ongoing training of teachers. In **Brazil**, 150 educators attended a 10th National Congress of Education in Human Values, supported by the Municipal Department of Education. The Municipality of Minas Gerais in Brumadinho awarded the title “Sustainable Citizen” to the Sathya Sai School of Minas. In **Paraguay and Argentina**, the Sathya Sai Schools continued to spread the message of human values in the community.



2B

ZONE 3

In Australia, the ISSE offered training workshops in its introductory and intermediate courses and in parenting. The Sathya Sai School in Murwillumbah successfully continued its course of emphasising academic excellence as well as character development.

A remarkable achievement of the ISSE in Fiji was the recognition of SSEHV programmes by the Ministry of Education, which now requires SSEHV training for all teachers. The Sathya Sai Primary School has become acknowledged nationally as an exemplar of integration of the indigenous and the Indian communities. Fiji has an SSE programme with 45 trained teachers; about half the children in the SSE programme



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Australia, Zone 3



New Zealand, Zone 3



Philippines, Zone 4



Nepal, Zone 4

Singapore, Zone 4

Thailand, Zone 4



are from the public. The ISSE of New Zealand continued with its SSE and SSEHV programmes, utilising the themes of national heroes, spiritual awareness, unity of faiths, and serve the planet. The Australian ISSE trained 35 participants in Dynamic Parenting, in New Zealand. The Sathya Sai Preschool received warm recognition from the Ministry of Education, and a national SSE magazine was launched during the year.

ZONE 4

In **Thailand**, the Sathya Sai School received recognition for outstanding performance from the universities and Ministries of Education of a number of countries, including Indonesia, Poland, Singapore, and India, as well as UNESCO. The ISSE in **Nepal** also gained recognition in its collaboration with the Government and UNESCO in a pilot programme to build eco-efficient water infrastructure, for rainwater harvesting and wastewater treatment. In **Indonesia**, the ISSE, with its two Sathya Sai Schools, is a leading institution in adapting SSEHV to the mainstream Muslim society. The Ministry of Education has requested an SSEHV training programme for all teachers in the country. The Sai Study Group in Medan conducted a seminar in SSEHV, inaugurated by the Regent of Samosir Island, for 600 police officers and 50 teachers. The SSIO of **Singapore** continued holding SSE classes for 800 children, who engaged in a variety of activities centred on learning and practise of the human values. In Malaysia, a first National Educare Conference resulted in requests for training in SSEHV by several schools. The Malaysian trainers continued to provide SSEHV courses for other countries in the zone. The ISSE in **Sri Lanka** finalised its resource for trainers, for the launch of training programmes in SSEHV. In **Laos**, SSEHV classes were held daily for children in the local community. The ISSE in **Philippines** continued its ongoing SSEHV training of teachers in its Sathya Sai School. An SSEHV seminar was held at Leyte Normal University in Tacloban City, sponsored by the Department of Education.





ZONE 5

In **Hong Kong**, the focus of SSE and SSEHV is on English-language tutorials to primary school children and the Life Education Program for non-Chinese students in Forms 1, 2, and 3. In **China**, the ISSE of Hong Kong, in partnership with the South China Normal University, has consolidated SSEHV in clusters of schools in four provinces. The ISSE provides resources and regular seminars for teachers and teacher educators/leaders, programme evaluations, and research data collection. In Yang Shuo County, Guangxi Province, more than 70 teachers, 10 school principals, university professors, and graduate students participated in a two-year research project. In **Taiwan**, 91 Chinese volunteers, students, and teachers conduct classes for 45 Chinese students, while separate classes are held for the Indian students. In **Japan**, children of Indian and Japanese origin also attend separate SSE classes.



ZONES 6, 7 and 8

In **Greece, Italy, and France**, regular SSE/SSEHV classes are being arranged for children and adolescents. In **Macedonia**, the ISSE of Southern Europe offered an SSEHV seminar attended by 25 teachers as well as school psychologists and educators. In **Serbia**, the ISSE held a Certificate I course for 25 participants.



The European Sathya Sai Education Institute (ESSE) in Zone 7 has campuses in Germany and Russia (Zone 8) and trainers in several European countries. In addition to providing SSEHV training, the ESSE conducted a variety of innovative seminars and workshops, e.g., Human Values for Life, Human Values in Business, and other workshops. In **the UK**, the ISSE offered a training programme for teachers and developed a unique interactive website. The SSE programme in the UK includes 1,226 children and 304 teachers, and special SSE activities included a Family Values Day, national

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China, Zone 5



Poland, Zone 7



Germany, Zone 7



Russia, Zone 8

teacher training, a national Sathya Sai Retreat for children, and National Easwamma Day celebrations. In **Germany**, more than 110 people, including 34 children and youth, attended a seminar on Sathya Sai education. In **Hungary**, 30 Sathya Sai members attended a seminar on dharma. In the **Netherlands**, an interdisciplinary values-based programme to promote unity in diversity takes place regularly, in cooperation with the municipal educational office, and up to 21 children participate weekly in SSEHV classes for immigrants. In **Poland**, a summer camp featured SSEHV classes for about 100 children, supervised by 13 SSE teachers from Poland, Austria, Sweden, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and the Netherlands. In Morocco, the ESSE conducted two trainings for public school teachers, social workers, educators, and business representa-

tives. In Suriname, two SSEHV mentors from the ESSE presented a four-day training session in the Dutch language.

In **Zone 8**, the ESSE conducted training seminars for 300 participants in **Russia, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan**. SSE and SSEHV programmes are being implemented in all countries in Zone 8, and SSEHV training is also expanding into public and private schools. People from 20 cities in **Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia and Ukraine** attended a Zone 8 conference on education.



ZONE 9A

The ISSE in **Mauritius** has become well established in offering SSEHV activities, many of which have been recognised by the Ministry of Education. The ISSE of **South Africa** organised SSEHV Certificate training in seven regions and graduated 121 Introductory Certificate participants. Following evaluation of its three Sathya Sai Schools, the ISSE developed and implemented new standards of governance and teaching and learning policies. In **Zambia**, the African ISSE oversees two primary schools and one secondary school in Ndola, and celebrated the schools' 25th anniversary. **Kenya** has two Sathya Sai Schools, of which the School in Kisaju provides free education, board, and lodging for 164 destitute students. With its large grounds and emphasis on student participation in farming, the school has become self-sufficient in many ways. In addition to academics, children learn carpentry and computing and are encouraged to respect the local Masai cultural values. **Nigeria and Ghana** each have one Sathya Sai School. The SSIO of **Botswana** held regular SSE classes for 92 children.



Mauritius, Zone 9A



Oman, Zone 9B



ZONE 9B

In this zone, 209 SSE teachers teach 1,676 children, and regional conveners conduct SSE teacher training in the different countries. E-magazines and the publications, *Inspiring Hearts* and *Sathya Sai Parenting*, are published in the zone. Workshops for parents, on spiritual topics, are offered in the various countries and states. In **Abu Dhabi**, most of the 195 SSE children participated in a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam, in the Annual Sports Day, and in service activities for the Serve the Planet initiative. In **Oman**, seminars on values parenting are organised for the parents of SSE Children. With the approval of the Ministry of Education, 3,326 children from 262 schools across Oman participated in a 12th annual essay-writing and poster-making competition. SSEHV classes were held at the Dorat Al Khaleej Private School, and seminars on integrating human values in teaching were conducted at various schools. **Bahrain** has 397 SSE children with 27 teachers. SSE children participated in a choir for Bhagawan's birthday of 23rd November 2014. **Dubai** has 268 SSE children taught by 29 teachers. Workshops for Group 3 and pre-youth students were held on various practical topics. **Sharjah** has 30 SSE children with 7 teachers, while **Kuwait** has 168 SSE children and 26 teachers. In **Saudi Arabia**, 100 children receive SSE instruction from 12 teachers. SSE children participated in a drama titled "Start Early, Drive Slowly, and Reach Safely," for Bhagawan's 89th birthday celebrations. **Qatar** has 14 SSE children and 5 teachers.



Sathya Sai Youth

The Sathya Sai Youth programme encourages youth to learn and practise human values and acquire good character, as defined by the life and teachings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

On 20th November 2014, Sathya Sai youth from around the world convened at Sai Kulwant Hall to offer Bhagawan a programme titled “Service to Man Is Service to God.” Sathya Sai youth also offered a book of gratitude to Bhagawan on His 89th Birthday.

The Serve the Planet programme was launched globally in 2013, seeking to unite Sathya Sai youth and volunteers to render service to society on or about 20th October annually. In 2014, the theme was “Children: Our Future,” and more than 4,000 volunteers from over 70 countries participated in these activities.



Poland

Focus on youth leadership skill development has been a resolution of several youth conferences. To implement this resolution and produce dynamic leaders, the SSIO initiated the Sathya Sai International Youth Leadership Programme in February 2015.

The following report provides an overview of notable initiatives and activities undertaken by Sathya Sai youth.



ZONE 1

Sathya Sai youth participated with enthusiasm in the Zone 1 Pre-World Conference held in Florida, USA, in April 2015. Young adults were involved a special cultural presentation and an exhibition on the history of the SSIO in Zone 1. Youth in the USA also took part in organising a “Sai Go-Green Week” to inspire and remind everyone to continue loving and taking care of Mother Earth.

In Canada, youth joined in the 10th Annual Walk for Values held across many Canadian cities. Canadian youth also presented Christmas decorations and a musical offering to Bhagawan in Prasanthi Nilayam during Christmas 2014.

Youth of Guyana assisted an international medical team in October 2014 to perform 23 fibroid surgeries. They were also involved in creating environmental awareness in their country and used “ceiling on desires” to encourage “Green for Sai.” The youth in Suriname held a camp in April 2014 to conduct spiritual activities such as meditation and study circles. Young adults in Trinidad and Tobago helped organise a fun-filled day for the country’s National Easwaramma Sports and Family Day.



ZONE 2A

Service activities in Zone 2A included cleaning a beach in Loiza, Puerto Rico, and meditation sessions with children at a Community Centre in Iztapalapa, Mexico, where 60 children received human values instruction.

In El Salvador, youth presented a human values class to a group of children. The youth helped with the preparation and development of activities for the class, including games and a story with puppets.

In Guatemala, 14 students of the Sathya Sai School and two Sathya Sai youth held a human values class and performed a drama for 20 children.



Canada, Zone 1



Trinidad and Tobago, Zone 1



Mexico, Zone 2A



Guatemala, Zone 2A

In January 2015, Sai youth in the Dominican Republic organised a programme called “Give me a Toy,” wherein 150 toys were collected and distributed. Eighteen young volunteers and eight adults distributed the toys, shared a lunch with the children, played games, and discussed the importance of practising human values.

Youth retreats were organised in Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Guatemala, focusing on topics such as prayer, vegetarian food, service, practising the “light meditation,” and youth challenges.

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Brazil, Zone 2B



Brazil, Zone 2B



Australia, Zone 3



Fiji, Zone 3

2B

ZONE 2B

In Argentina and Venezuela, youth conducted service activities such as Narayana Seva, medical camps, and visiting orphanages and nursing homes. They also led workshops for children on the human values.

Brazilian Sathya Sai youth helped organise medical camps and community service in the cities of Chapada and Quingoma, Bahia, providing local communities with medical care and kits containing toothbrushes, toothpaste, clothing, and food.

More than 300 people were served in each city. Other service activities included visiting a home for elders, distributing sandwiches, juice, water, and blankets on cold days to homeless people, and leading human values classes for children.

In Colombia, Sathya Sai youth attended a 6th national youth meeting in October 2014, under the theme, "Sai Life and Leadership: Building the Future."

Approximately 70 youth participated in Zone 2B Pre-World Conferences in March 2015 in Brazil and Colombia.

ZONE 3

For the annual global Serve the Planet initiative, youth in Fiji organised a National Oratory Contest for teen youth on the topic, "Children: Our Future." In Australia, youth provided relief and support via personalised Christmas cards, stationery kits, and musical instruments provided to school students devastated by typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban, Philippines. In New Zealand, youth organised tree planting and clean-up of a lake and boardwalk.

An Australian national youth retreat was held in July 2014. The youth explored challenges faced in society today and methods of addressing those challenges using Bhagawan's teachings. Youth also conducted a blood and plasma donation drive across, in collaboration with the Service Wing.

Sathya Sai youth of New Zealand have been active in developing youth session templates called "I plan," community youth development projects such as "The Mangakino Project," and youth mentoring through a "Spirit of Mentoring and Communication" workshop.

In Fiji, a youth development workshop in August 2014, themed "Positive Steps to Mental Health," focused on helping young adults in the community understand the importance of mental health.



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ZONE 4

Over the year, Sathya Sai youth in Zone 4 met as a team at the zonal Pre-World Conference of January 2015. Youth members also served in integral roles in service projects, including two medical camps in Tacloban, Philippines, and the Village Improvement Project in Laos.

In Malaysia, Sathya Sai youth have organised a youth leadership development programme. Also, youth serve the community by training students in schools and universities regarding responsibilities in living the human values.

Malaysia, Zone 4



Thailand, Zone 4



Hong Kong, Zone 5



Taiwan, Zone 5



In Sri Lanka, youth from across the country participated in “Sramadana Seva,” which is cleaning and improving the living conditions within their communities.

Youth in Indonesia inspire other young people through music and devotion; they also participate in state, regional, and national camps; eco-care initiatives; home renovations; street service; and teaching the underprivileged.

The youth of Laos interact with children through daily SSE classes, learning about values and putting them into practice every day. Teen youth in Thailand take part in most of the national service initiatives, and, over the year, the small group has grown steadily.

ZONE 5

In Hong Kong, special “Educare English Enhancement Programmes” were conducted by the youth at two local primary schools. They also participated in visiting a home for mentally challenged adults and distributing Sai Seva packets and hot vegetarian meals to homeless people. For the Serve the Planet initiative, youth conducted SSEHV classes on three different occasions, alongside adults, for underprivileged children and children of ethnic minorities and their mothers.

In Taiwan, youth conducted weekend SSEHV classes for Chinese students, holding discussions in Mandarin. Youth also participated in a Walk for Values in May 2014 at the Fu Riverside Park.

In Japan, youth initiated work on their second book, Sai Words. Youth also contributed articles to the zone newsletter and participated in Bhagawan’s birthday celebrations.





ZONE 6

Sathya Sai youth from Zones 6 and 7 jointly publish the LOVExpress magazine. Young adults led the Serve the Planet projects, including the following activities: providing basic needs to children in areas affected by floods; visiting orphanages and children with special needs; assisting with human values classes; providing food and general provisions to children in needy families; and providing food and entertainment to hospitalised children.

Youth from France participate actively in monthly service activities, providing food and clothing to homeless people living in tents. Youth from Italy participated in a regional youth meeting in April 2014. Youth also took an active part in the Spring Festival in May 2014, helping to prepare a four-day entertainment programme for physically challenged people. In June 2014, Swiss youth organised a Human Values Walk at the National Sathya Sai Retreat in Geneva. In Spain, youth participated in EHV training programmes. In October 2014, youth in Madrid organised a “Values Treasure Hunt” activity for students at a public school. In Greece, youth helped construct and repair homes in a poor neighbourhood of Athens. They also organised monthly visits to children facing mental and physical challenges. Three Sai Youth camps also took place.



ZONE 7

A highlight of 2014 was the European Sai Youth Meeting organised in Prague in October 2014. Zone 7 youth participated in various 2014 Serve the Planet initiatives. In Hungary, youth visited a nursing home for children and young adults with physical and mental challenges. In Latvia, children, along with youth and adults, cleaned the Tervetes Country Park. Dutch youth were involved in collecting clothes, shoes, toys, and school supplies. They also dis-



Greece, Zone 6



Greece, Zone 6



Poland, Zone 7



Czech Republic, Zone 7

tributed items to a shelter that houses 11 families. Sathya Sai youth of Poland organised a Sai Boundless Service Camp for about 100 children, where ten Polish youth, together with four youth from Sweden, Austria, and Bosnia and Herzegovina held a seven-day programme based on human values.

Youth in Germany held a four-day retreat in May focusing on the “treasure of silence.” In the Netherlands, “Youth Days” were organised every six weeks, during which the youth participated in devotional singing, serving others, and preparing workshops. The youth of Latvia organised a first Sathya Sai children/youth camp that provided participants with fresh perspectives on developing gratitude to God.

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UK, Zone 7



UK, Zone 7



Russia, Zone 8



Russia, Zone 8



Russia, Zone 8



Ukraine, Zone 8

The European youth band, YOUnity, gave three concerts in Poland and the Czech Republic, sharing positive vibrations and the message of human values. The project is actively supported by the community.

Youth of the United Kingdom focused on “Love in Action” and serve food routinely on the streets of London. They also offer food items to local food banks. During Easter, youth encouraged SSE children to practise placing a ceiling on desires, resulting in the offering of more than 1,000 decorated Easter eggs to local children’s hospitals. For Serve the Planet in 2014, youth worked with a local UK charity to provide 332 emergency packets for children who have experienced domestic violence. Youth also participate in programmes for the care of the environment.

ZONE 8

The 14th Zone 8 Youth Conference and the 2nd Zone 8 Youth Festival were held in March 2015. The festival consisted of a concert, team games, workshops, and Sai-Olympics. Toys and crafts created during the workshops were given to children at an orphanage. Additionally, five youth conferences were held in Ukraine and in four regions of Russia.

At the zonal level, youth held seven virtual study circles and three youth webinars focused on topics related to organising activities for children, Sai Olympics, and service camps.

In Ukraine and Russia, youth visit children in rehabilitation centres and orphanages regularly. In Russia, classes were conducted for children in a public school on the dangers of alcohol and tobacco.

In Russia, highlights of projects involving the youth include collection of items for flood victims in southern Siberia, repair of a devotee’s house, renovation of a rehabilitation centre and the organisation of Sai Olympics. In addition, Sathya Sai youth cleaned a recreational area at a forest in Ukraine.



Youth also participated in conducting medical camps, conferences, and family camps. They offered regular classes on human values for Sathya Sai children, weekly study circles in centres and groups, and weekly food service for the needy.



ZONE 9A

Sai youth of Botswana are actively engaged in service activities by providing hampers to a children's home. During Mahasamadhi observance in 2014, they served meals to 180 children at a village. They participated in healthcare activities such as blood donation camps and medical camps.

Sai youth of Ghana provided food to children at the Orthopaedic Training Centre in Nsewam.

In Mauritius, "Sai At Your Doorstep" is an innovative youth programme designed to motivate the youth and strengthen their faith in Bhagawan. Some 300 youth across the island coordinated the annual Serve the Planet programme, entertaining 80 children with music, art, and dance.

In South Africa, a "Youth Living for Truth" (YL4T) programme takes place nationally every two to three months. Practical topics are selected and presented by 200 youth, involving music, drama, quizzes, team building activities, and games.

Sai youth of Kampala, Uganda, visited the New Midland Islamic orphanage school, presenting the children with gifts and books. A human values education session was also organised. Narayana Seva is conducted monthly in Uganda and meals are distributed to an orphanage.



South Africa, Zone 9A



Mauritius, Zone 9A



Bahrain, Zone 9B



Dubai, Zone 9B

ZONE 9B

The youth of Zone 9B work very closely with senior SSIO members. Food distribution is carried out on a weekly basis by the youth. Youth are mainly involved in the purchase, packing, and distribution of food packets. In 2014, the youth served 148,470 labourers. In addition, youth members of Dubai distributed hygiene hampers to over 270 taxi drivers. Youth from Abu Dhabi distributed large quantities



of fruits for *Iftar* (breakfast), during the holy month of Ramadan to 2,250 labourers. They also distributed 89 cold water dispensers to labourers working in hot and humid conditions.

Youth are also involved in medical services such as medical camps in Bahrain, health awareness camps in Abu Dhabi, and blood donation camps across the zone. In addition, as part of the Serve the Planet initiative, youth of Dubai organised a seminar by doctors on daily “Nutrition, Personal Hygiene, and Dental Hygiene” practices, for 65 children and parents. The Omani youth provided service to the Special Children Group (SCG) – about 35 children who require special services, and their parents. Serving the SCG includes weekly training/interactions, special children’s sports day activities, “World Autism Awareness Day” programmes, and outings to beaches, parks, and the Muscat festival.

Youth of Dubai organised an Annual Sai Sports Day, where more than 300 SSE children, parents, and others participated enthusiastically. Similarly, youth of Oman and Bahrain organised a “Unity Cup” cricket tournament in their respective countries. The youth of Oman were instrumental in organising a poster-making and essay-writing competition on the theme of human values, in which more than 400 children participated.

“The uniqueness of the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation consists in the fact that it regards *seva* (selfless service) as a form of service to the Divinity that is in each being. The bliss that is derived from such service is incomparable. It is a spiritual experience.”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 10 August 1993

Awards and Honours



AWARDS AND HONOURS

AUSTRALIA

Dr. Kathir Nadanachandran was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia by the Australian Government in January 2015 in recognition of significant services rendered to the international community, on behalf of the SSIO.

BOTSWANA

The Minister of Health awarded the best blood donation church award to the Sathya Sai Center of Gaborone on 14th June 2014.

CANADA

The 'Garden of Values' float by the Edmonton Sathya Sai Centre was awarded the Most Creative Float award out of 120 entries in the City of Edmonton's K-Day parade.

CROATIA

On 20th February 2015, the SSIO received an award for humanitarian aid and assistance rendered to the victims of floods in Sisak-Moslavina County during 2014.

DUBAI

The Health Authority recognised the SSIO with a certificate for organising a blood donation campaign on 20th March 2015.

GHANA

The Nsawam Orthopaedic Centre and the Osu Remand Home gave letters of appreciation to the SSIO for rendering selfless service.

INDONESIA

On 10th December 2014, the Governor of Jakarta conferred an award on the SSIO for serving children with physical challenges.

KAZAKHSTAN

In Saran City, the SSIO received a certificate from a school director for organising an international workshop during October 2014.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Oman Nepal



Croatia



MAURITIUS

The Blood Bank of Mauritius awarded the trophy for Best Blood Donor to the SSIO on 14th June 2014 for the highest blood donation in the country.

NEPAL

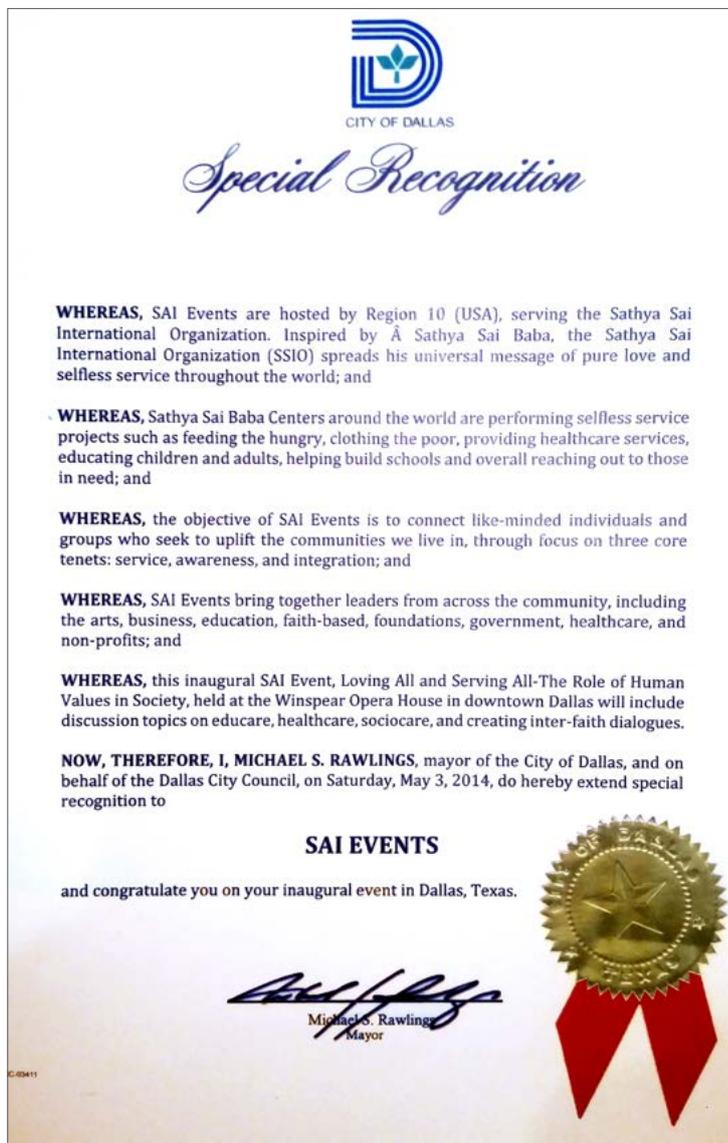
On 14th June 2014, the Nepal Blood Donors Association conferred an award on the SSIO for donating the highest quantity of blood.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Indonesia



Taiwan



USA



OMAN

The Ministry of Education conferred a certificate of appreciation on Sathya Sai volunteers for participating in the 2015 Muscat Festival from 15th January to 14th February 2015.

POLAND

The SSIO received a certificate for services offered during the June 2014 Sai Boundless Service Camp.

RUSSIA

A letter of appreciation was awarded to Sathya Sai volunteers for their dedicated, year-long services to needy people in a city in Southern Russia.

TAIWAN

The Taipei Blood Center recognized the SSIO on 22nd August 2014 with a certificate of appreciation for blood donations. More than 6,000 units of Liquid Love have been donated through this project, started over 10 years ago.

The Taiwan Catholic Foundation of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia recognised the SSIO with a certificate on 24th December 2014 for organising a children's musical programme during Christmas celebrations.

USA

The SSIO received a certificate of appreciation on 2nd May 2014 from the Orange County Department of Education for donating food and essential supplies to needy school children and their families in Southern California.

On 3rd May 2014, the Mayor of Dallas, Texas awarded a certificate of special recognition to the SSIO for organising the Sai Event to bring together community, government and business leaders for increasing awareness of community needs and social services.

On 8th December 2014, the city of Irving, Texas recognised the SSIO for outstanding service in organising an art exhibition, Attitude of Gratitude, during 19th-20th September 2014.



Aruba



Barbados



Canada



Curacao



Guyana



Jamaica

Zone 1

Twin Pitons, St. Lucia



St. Kitts



St. Lucia



St. Maarten



Suriname



Trinidad & Tobago



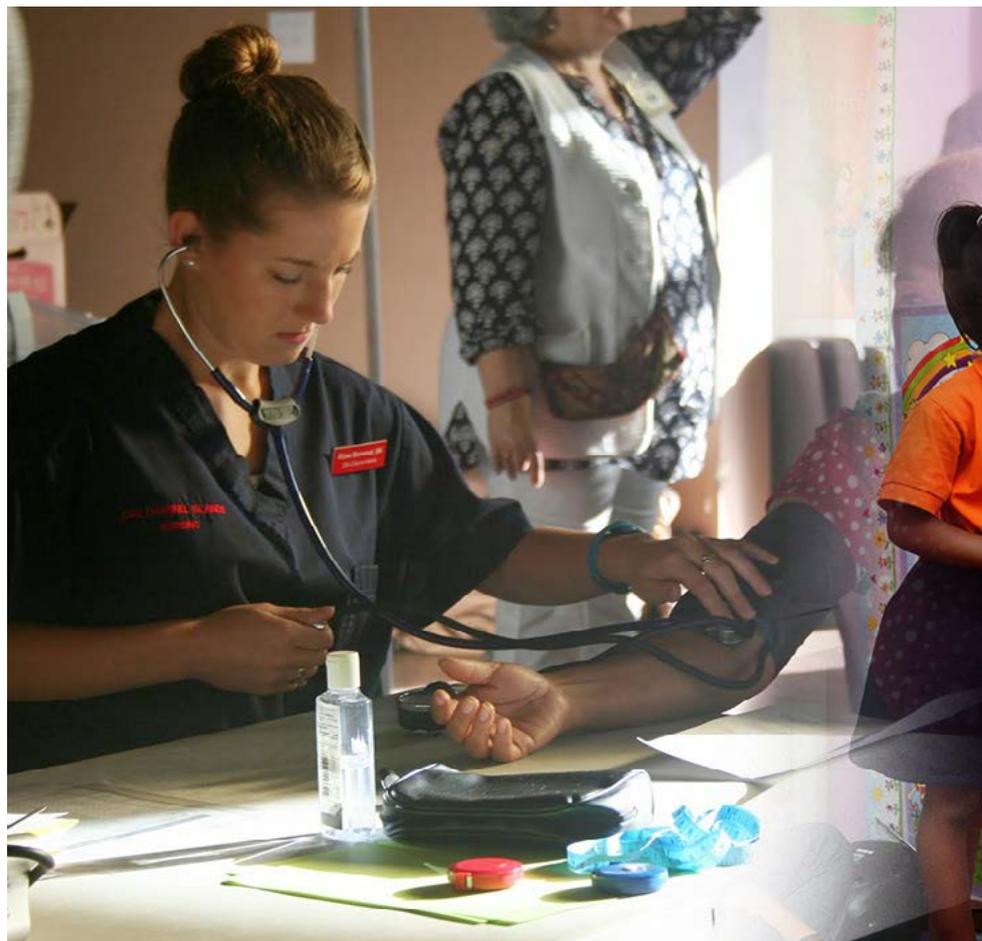
USA/Virgin Islands

ZONE 1 HIGHLIGHTS

The first Sathya Sai Centres outside India were established in the USA over four decades ago, with the blessings of Bhagawan. Now, 218 Sathya Sai Centres and Groups are active in the USA, with over 11,000 members engaged in more than 700 spiritual, service, and educational projects. During 2014, 18 medical, vision, and dental camps were held across the USA, serving 3,400 patients, while the two ongoing free medical clinics in California served 2,400 people. Regional conferences are held in all regions of the country, attended by SSIO members and the public.

More than 400 SSIO members from Canada, USA, Israel, and the West Indies attended a Zone 1 Pre-World Conference in early 2015. Sathya Sai youth presented a brilliant exhibition on the history of the Sathya Sai Organisation in Zone 1, as well as an inspiring drama.

In Canada, SSIO volunteers organised service activities regularly, including food distribution to the needy, mobile food ser-



ZONE 1 HIGHLIGHTS

vice, caring for seniors, caring for the environment, blood donations, Christmas programmes, and children's and youth activities. The Sathya Sai School of Toronto, Canada, inaugurated in September 2000, has ranked consistently amongst the top elementary schools in the province of Ontario, out of more than 3,000 public and private schools.

The Walk for Values event, initiated in 2003 by the Sathya Sai School, Toronto, has now spread to 28 major cities across four continents. It is noteworthy that 23 Canadian city governments have issued proclamations in honour of Human Values Day, with 10 cities in Canada declaring 23rd November – the Birthday of Sri Sathya Sai Baba – as Human Values Day.

The island nations and territories of the West Indies organise many educational and service activities throughout the year. Every two weeks, fully furnished houses are built in Trinidad and Tobago, from scratch, in a matter of hours, and donated to a needy family. Youth activities include service to the blind, caring for orphan children, education in human values, and other programmes. During 2014, a fibroid surgery camp was held in Guyana by medical professionals from the USA and other countries, for the benefit of local women who had been long neglected.



ZONE 1 HIGHLIGHTS



SSIO members engaged in more than 700 spiritual, service, and educational projects.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Aruba	1	6	0	-	-
Barbados	2	30	25	-	-
Canada	60	5,903	2,106	1	1
Curacao	2	24	0	-	-
Guyana	13	372	54	-	-
Jamaica	2	66	11	-	-
St. Kitts	1	25	0	-	-
St. Lucia	1	15	0	-	-
St. Maarten	1	32	0	-	-
Suriname	4	155	55	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago	48	1,530	275	1	1
USA/Virgin Islands	218	11,298	2,631	1	-
Total	353	19,456	5,157	3	2

ZONE 1 HIGHLIGHTS



ZONE 1





Country Highlights



In **Canada**, during 2014, the annual Walks for Values took place with lots of outdoor fun, floats, and multicultural activities in Calgary, Edmonton, Kingston, Ottawa, Regina, Saskatoon, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Yellowknife. The event encourages everyone to embrace and pledge to practise at least one of the five universal human values of truth, right conduct, peace, love, and nonviolence. The Walk for Values in Toronto has been designated an official sponsor of the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games, involving 6,000 athletes from 41 nations in 36 sports.

For the tenth year in a row, the Sathya Sai School of Canada, in Toronto, received a perfect score of 10.0 on the Fraser Institute's evaluation of more than 3,000 elementary schools for the year 2013–2014, in the province of Ontario. The evaluation is based on students' performance in reading, writing, and mathematics tests.

A first-ever National Sai Youth Conference was held in Val Morin, Quebec, in August 2014. More than 230 youth attended the three-day conference under the theme, "FOCUS" (Faith, Openness, Consciousness, Unity, and Spirituality).

The Edmonton Sathya Sai Centre participated in the city's annual K-Days parade (K stands for Klondike, a historic region of Western Canada), a 10-day summer event in Edmonton, attended by thousands of spectators, where its "Garden of Values" float won the "Most Creative Float" award, out of 120 entries.

In a United Call for Global Peace and Harmony, the SSIO of the British Columbia region invited various faith groups, including Christians, Buddhists, and Sikhs, to participate in Akhanda Bhajan.

In Ottawa, Sathya Sai volunteers launched a "We Care, We Share" program in April 2014 to serve home-cooked meals to the homeless every month from a mobile van. At least 10,000 hot meals have been served so far, attesting to the program's success.

In a "Feel the Pain, Fill the Plate" project, SSE children and devotees sacrificed a meal or two in order to feel the hunger that many experience. Food items collected from such selfless actions were then



Canada



Canada



donated to a food bank. Currently in its fourth year, the project has generated 3,500 pounds of non-perishable food items for the food bank.

Canadian Sathya Sai volunteers undertook park-cleaning and tree-planting activities across the country in 2014, especially around Earth Day, resulting in more than 1,200 trees being planted.

ZONE 1



USA



USA



In the **USA**, Sathya Sai youth in the northeast region organised a musical workshop in August 2014, focused on devotional songs, hymns, and chants from all continents and in a variety of languages, including Hebrew and Arabic.

More than 200 Sathya Sai volunteers in the mid-Atlantic region received hands-on training in performing CPR, using an automated external defibrillator (AED). In addition, at least 200 volunteers participated in 60-plus service projects during the month of November 2014, in observance of Bhagawan's 89th Birthday.

In the southeast region, Sathya Sai volunteers participated in a Back to School Bash in Palm Beach, Florida, helping to provide about 5,000 underprivileged students with school supplies, backpacks, uniforms, physicals, and immunisations before the start of the school year.

Sathya Sai centres in Florida collaborated with local health clinics, government health agencies, and hospitals to host a podiatry camp, a vision camp, and a dental camp for the unemployed, homeless, or uninsured.

Sathya Sai youth from Northern California and Nevada spearheaded a 16-week summer literacy programme to help Hispanic farm workers and their families in Morgan Hill, California. The intent was to teach English to the farm labourers and help their children with mathematics, reading skills, and character improvement.

SSIO members in Southern California organise annually several medical camps in Corona, Vista, Huntington Park, and Oxnard, to provide a broad range of medical services to neighbourhoods identified as having significant populations of low-income or immigrant labourers.

In May 2014, the SSIO of the USA south-central region organised a conference bringing together 300 community leaders and more than 70 organisations to raise awareness on pressing societal needs and key service initiatives, and to develop commitments to take action. Panel discussions were held on Educare (Education in Human Values), healthcare, and socio-care, with active engagement of the audience.

Sai Young Adults in Houston, Texas, organised a two-day event for children who reside under the custody of Child Protective Services, to provide these children with enrichment in life skills. The children participated in interactive human values workshops, inspirational talks, visits to vocational schools, and values-based games.



Country Highlights





Country Highlights



In **Barbados**, the Sathya Sai youth have started a monthly newsletter. Also, the children's SSE programme is thriving – children presented a touching drama during Bhagawan's Birthday observance in 2014.



In **Curacao**, Sarva Dharma Nilayam, the new location for the Sathya Sai Centre, officially opened. This Sathya Sai Centre also accepted the challenge of building five homes for the needy, with the help of Sathya Sai volunteers from Trinidad and Tobago.



In **Guyana**, during October 2014, SSIO medical teams successfully performed 23 uterine fibroid surgeries and more than 10 hysterectomies at the New Amsterdam Hospital in Berbice, Guyana. The Fibroids Project, now in its second year, represented a successful collaboration between the SSIO, the Ministry of Health in Guyana, and a local hospital.



In **Jamaica**, several service projects have been implemented to provide groceries and food items to an infirmary and a few children's homes, and to supply fabric to a rehabilitation centre so the residents could make pillow covers and generate income.



In **Suriname**, Education in Human Values trainers from the Netherlands conducted a four-day teacher-training course for current SSE teachers, local school teachers, parents, and others. Sathya Sai Young Adults also initiated a service project for 11 children with multiple disabilities.



In **Trinidad and Tobago**, fully furnished houses are built and donated to the needy every two weeks. In this unique construction project, highly skilled workers build the homes in record time, representing a gift of love to people who have been living in abject poverty.



Trinidad and Tobago



Trinidad and Tobago



Guyana



Suriname

The ISSE established its first Sathya Sai Preschool, Sathya Sai Garden of Blossoms, in Trinidad. The preschool began operating in January 2015 with 18 children, ages three to five. The ISSE also launched a book, *Sathya Sai Education in Human Values: for the Foundation Years and Beyond*, in the presence of community leaders and government officials. The first Sathya Sai bookshop in the region was inaugurated during the 89th Birthday celebrations of Bhagawan.

During April 2014, the SSIO in Trinidad and Tobago conducted a paediatric interventional cardiology mission for children with congenital heart disorders, with the help of Sathya Sai doctors from several countries.



Costa Rica



Cuba



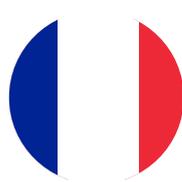
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Zone 2a

Metropolitan Cathedral, Mexico



Haiti



Honduras



Mexico



Nicaragua



Panama



Puerto Rico

ZONE 2A INTRODUCTION

The SSIO of Zone 2A held workshops and meetings in Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama, to spread the divine message of Bhagawan and raise the level of spiritual awareness in all. Increasing enthusiasm among Sathya Sai followers has led to more service and educational activities. The Education in Human Values programme spreads Bhagawan's message in many of the zone's countries. On 21st December 2014, a book titled *Brotos del Corazón: Cuentos de Valores Humanos* (Buds of the Heart: Stories of Human Values) was published in Puerto Rico, containing 36 prize-winning children's essays on human values.

Public meetings have spread Bhagawan's teachings, especially in Mexico, Dominican Republic and Guatemala, which were visited by the senior leaders of the SSIO. Retreats played an important role in bringing together Sathya Sai Organisation members from the various countries. Live streaming on Sai TV has helped many people, even in other parts of the world, to view events they could not attend otherwise.



ZONE 2A INTRODUCTION

The global Serve The Planet project, conducted in October 2014, brought together the youth of several countries of Zone 2A and helped them join hands with senior members in service activities.

The Zone 2A Pre-World Conference was held in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, from 27th February to 1st March 2015, and attended by senior SSI0 leaders and members from many Latin American countries. A public meeting held on 26th February drew an overflowing crowd, and Sathya Sai youth kept the audience enthralled with uplifting performances and musical programmes based on Bhagawan's teachings.

Key Activities

- Educational programmes and activities
- Youth initiatives, retreats and conferences
- Serving food to the needy
- Devotional singing and musical programmes
- Public meetings
- Service to children and orphans



ZONE 2A HIGHLIGHTS



The SSIO of Zone 2A held workshops and meetings in Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. Public meetings were held in Mexico, Guatemala and Dominican Republic.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSES	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Costa Rica	3	25	0	-	-
Cuba	7	125	0	-	-
Dominican Republic	8	220	25	1	-
El Salvador	11	106	16	1	-
French Guyana	1	4	0	-	-
Guadeloupe	2	23	6	1	-
Guatemala	5	160	2	-	1
Haiti	1	68	0	-	-
Honduras	2	22	4	-	-
Mexico	43	852	81	1	2
Nicaragua	1	20	0	-	-
Panama	5	130	70	-	-
Puerto Rico	4	28	0	1	-
Total	93	1,783	204	5	3

ZONE 2A HIGHLIGHTS



ZONE 2a



Country Highlights



In **Costa Rica**, Sathya Sai volunteers visit HIV patients at a health-care facility every month, showering them with hope and love.

On 7th August 2014, Sathya Sai members in San José organised a public meeting at the Braulio Carrillo University. The university authorities have noted a positive influence on the students since their association with the SSIO, and have expressed interest in continuing the meetings.



In **Cuba**, weekly meditation classes were initiated in downtown Havana with approval from the government, wherein volunteers offer instruction in the “Light Meditation” and yoga exercises to local participants.



In the **Dominican Republic**, Sathya Sai youth from seven Sathya Sai centres conduct a service project every week after their Education in Human Values class, including cleaning the beach and helping younger children with their homework.

For the past three years, the youth have organised a “Give Me a Toy” initiative to distribute toys to needy children. On 4th January 2015, 18 youth, assisted by eight adult SSIO members, presented 150 toys to children of the town of Don Juan, in the Monte Plata province.



In **El Salvador**, two medical clinics serve more than 1,000 needy patients annually who otherwise do not have access to healthcare. The clinics also provide free medicines. Emergency cases requiring immediate medical attention are handled at no cost to the patient, through an arrangement with a private hospital.

The Sathya Sai Institute of Human Values in El Salvador will help the government train all teachers in the country in Education in Human Values, at the request of the Minister of Education. This request was received after the Institute trained about 30 teachers in Santa Tecla, San Salvador, with outstanding results.



El Salvador



Costa Rica



El Salvador



Guatemala



In **Guatemala**, Sathya Sai volunteers distribute food at a home for orphans. This service project is carried out by the youth, with support from senior SSIO members.

The youth held a retreat on 27th and 28th September 2014 in San Rafael Las Hortensias, Guatemala, with a programme featuring various devotional activities.

The Sathya Sai School in Guatemala was recognized by an official of the Ministry of Education as the best school in the district. The school was established 16 years ago and provides education from kindergarten through ninth grade.

ZONE 2A



Haiti



Mexico



Panama



Puerto Rico



In **Haiti**, the SSIO continued to provide food to children six days a week in tent camps that still house 80,000 survivors of the massive earthquake of 2010. Signs of divine grace, demonstrating Bhagawan's omnipresence in Haiti, have continued in 2014.



In **Honduras**, public meetings are held regularly and talks on Education in Human Values are given at the National University.



Country Highlights



In **Mexico**, a school has been started in a dilapidated sector of Mexico City where the Sathya Sai Organisation has operated a free medical clinic since 2002. More than 100 children receive Education in Human Values classes every week as a result of this initiative.

About 130 youth from all parts of Mexico converged in San Luis Potosí for a national retreat, from 31st October to 2nd November 2014. Responding to the global Serve the Planet initiative, 136 Sathya Sai volunteers organised human values classes and activities for more than 540 children and adults, and distributed food.



In **Panama**, SSIO members help the poorest sector of migrant workers who lost their livelihood when banana plantations that had provided employment previously were closed a few years ago. The women and children continue to live next to the abandoned rail tracks, while the men have left to look for work in other areas.

A Sathya Sai Newsletter is published three times a year in Panama and is well received.



In **Puerto Rico**, the ISSE sponsors an annual essay contest on human values, for school children. Winning entries are published in a story book, and the authors are recognised at a ceremony. This year, the ISSE organised its fifth contest, from February to April 2015, and received 72 entries.

In addition, Sathya Sai volunteers cook and serve food to about 40 homeless people on the first Sunday of every month. In January 2013, they secured a permanent location in the city of San Juan for this service project.



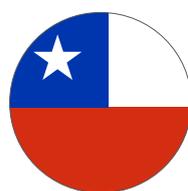
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Zone 2b

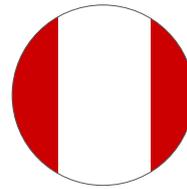
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Venezuela

ZONE 2B INTRODUCTION

SSIO members in the South American countries are active in all three major areas – devotional, educational, and service. Seven ISSEs and ten Sathya Sai Schools provide Educare and Education in Human Values training to Sathya Sai children and the public. Nine permanent medical clinics have been established in the South American countries that serve needy patients year-round. Service activities to the poor and disadvantaged are conducted regularly in remote mountainous regions. Two orphanages and twelve Complimentary Sathya Sai Schools are operated in Zone 2B. Sai TV has added a new dimension to media reporting, enabling thousands of viewers to see SSIO activities, when they are unable to attend in person.

Two landmark Pre-World Conferences were held in Zone 2B in early 2015, in preparation for the Tenth World Conference to be held in Prasanthi Nilayam in November 2015, commemorating the 90th Birthday of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.



ZONE 2B INTRODUCTION

Many senior SSIO leaders along with Sathya Sai Organisation members enjoyed inspiring and uplifting discussions in Bogotá, Colombia, on 28th February and 1st March 2015, and in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 6th–8th March 2015. Additionally, a public meeting held in Bogotá on 2nd March 2015 was well attended by local people, including dignitaries.

Key Activities

- Providing education in human values
- Serving the destitute in remote areas
- Caring for orphans and the elderly
- Organising medical camps and medical clinics
- Holding public meetings
- Serving food to the needy



ZONE 2B HIGHLIGHTS



Seven ISSEs and ten Sathya Sai Schools in Zone 2B provide education in human values. Nine permanent medical clinics serve the needy year-round. Public meetings are held with success in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSES	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Argentina	45	2,095	118	1	1
Bolivia	6	120	50	1	-
Brazil	57	803	40	1	4
Chile	3	68	0	-	-
Colombia	12	180	32	1	1
Ecuador	4	68	6	1	2
Paraguay	2	94	0	-	1
Peru	7	137	23	1	-
Uruguay	1	61	8	-	-
Venezuela	20	315	24	1	1
Total	157	3,941	281	7	10

ZONE 2B HIGHLIGHTS



ZONE 2b



Country Highlights



In **Argentina**, an inspiring national retreat took place in April 2014, where Sri Vedanarayanan from Prasanthi Nilayam discussed the teachings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, His glory, and the ancient wisdom of India.

In many parts of the country, SSIO members provide humanitarian relief for those affected by natural disasters by supplying goods, mattresses, clothing, and food.

The Sathya Sai Group of Punilla City in Argentina was established in April 2014. Members of the Group visit residents of remote locations who cannot travel to Sathya Sai centres or attend meetings. The Group has travelled to La Falda, Huerta Grande, Villa Giardino, Carlos Paz, Tanti, Falda del Carmen, and Alta Gracia, sharing devotional singing and the glory of Bhagawan.

Medical camps and regular medical clinics were held periodically, wherein 3,710 people received medical care in 2014. In addition, dental and eye camps were organised, providing 170 lenses and 60 prostheses to needy patients.

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In **Bolivia**, despite difficult travel conditions across inhospitable terrain, Sathya Sai Organisation members attend a national retreat annually, held in a different city every year. In 2014, the meeting took place in Cochabamba from 20th to 23rd November and focused on Educare as a practical spiritual approach in education and daily life. Bolivia's newly established Sathya Sai Institute of Human Values provided teacher training in various cities, including Cochabamba, Sucre, and La Paz.

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In **Brazil**, SSIO members served food and provided clothing to the needy; visited elderly residents of hospitals and welfare homes; distributed food packets, school items, books, sweets, and cleaning products to needy families; and distributed medicines to indigent people in rural areas.



Argentina



Argentina



Brazil



Brazil

Three regional and two national meetings were held, including a Pre-World Conference from 6th to 8th March 2015. The Education Wing of the SSIO held nine workshops throughout the country, and the Devotion and Service Wings organised three workshops.

In Sao Paulo, Sathya Sai volunteers founded a vocational school that teaches underprivileged local residents to sew, cook, read, write, and repair electrical appliances.

On 18th and 19th April 2014, the ISSE of Brazil hosted a 10th national congress at its headquarters in Ribeirão Preto. About 150 educators from five Sathya Sai schools around the country, and others, attended the meeting.

ZONE 2B



Chile



Chile



Ecuador



Paraguay



In **Chile**, homeless people living near Santiago's Sathya Sai Centre accept a standing invitation to enjoy a nutritious meal every Sunday. Volunteers also present talks on human values and offer workshops as part of this Sunday programme.

Every Saturday, 2,000 kilometres to the north of Santiago, members of the Iquique Sathya Sai Group visit people sleeping in the streets and serve them a lovingly-prepared meal, to bring warmth and cheer.



Country Highlights



In **Colombia**, Sathya Sai volunteers from Medellín provide a loving home to 20 orphans. The orphans get up very early to meditate and sing bhajans, and the older children help the younger ones dress for school. All share in the household tasks, such as cooking, washing dishes, cleaning, and gardening. Then the children walk to school, accompanied by their dog, who waits faithfully for them outside the school, until they are ready to return home.



In **Ecuador**, hundreds of people attended a second Walk for Values organised by the Sathya Sai School of Guayaquil. The students of this school also visit other schools in the area every week and present dramas based on practising the human values.

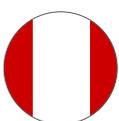
The Sathya Sai School of Guayaquil traditionally organises a Cultural Week to celebrate Bhagawan's Birthday each year. In 2014, 300 individuals attended a five-day programme of cultural activities, culminating on 23rd November 2014.



In **Paraguay** a workshop offered every Sunday focuses on Bhagawan's teachings and their practice in daily life, featuring different speakers. Following the workshop, volunteers provide services to 300 patients at a mental hospital. Once a month, SSIO volunteers conduct service activities at a children's hospital.

The SSIO also operates a kindergarten, which has provided human values education since 2002.

In 2014, three CDs of heartfelt and original devotional songs were released by the Tupa Ñee Sathya Sai group.



In **Peru**, SSIO members from Lima adopted a small village high in the Andes, which they visit every year. The volunteers deliver a truck-load of warm clothing, food, personal healthcare items, building materials, water storage tanks, and other necessities for the indigent residents of this remote mountainous region.



Country Highlights



In **Uruguay**, a successful course in Education in Human Values was offered in 2014. About 60 participants, including 30 teachers from all levels of education, participated in this event, with full concentration. The Montevideo Sathya Sai Centre, which hosted the course, publicised its availability to the public through coverage in newspapers, magazines, and TV interviews.



Uruguay

On 27th April 2014, several hundred Sathya Sai followers gathered to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the SSIO of Uruguay. The participants joined in singing 25 bhajans and offering 25 flowers at the divine lotus feet of Bhagawan.

“The best way to love God is to love all and serve all.”

—Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 22 November 2002





Australia



Fiji



Zone 3

Queenstown, New Zealand



New Zealand



Papua New Guinea

ZONE 3 INTRODUCTION

Sathya Sai organisation members in Zone 3 countries are engaged in inspiring service projects, alongside educational and devotional activities. The focus of their service projects ranges from mentoring the youth and children of disadvantaged communities, to medical camps and blood drives, to environmental projects and assisting street populations.

The strongest bond between the countries of Zone 3 is an annual medical camp held in Fiji to serve needy residents of the islands nation. Medical professionals and volunteers from various countries come together for the landmark medical camp, which celebrated its 9th anniversary in 2014. Dr. Kathir Nadanachandran, who leads the service team, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia by the Australian Government in January 2015, in recognition of his services on behalf of the SSIO.



The **ISSE of Australia** was restructured recently for greater efficiency, held its first meeting in Melbourne under the new structure, and is now developing Education in Human Values courses for professional educators. The Sathya Sai School in Murwillumbah, northern New South Wales commenced in 1997 and continues to serve mainly low-income communities. A secondary campus was acquired in September 2014.

In **New Zealand**, Sathya Sai volunteers participate in mentoring at-risk youth, with the aims of helping prevent suicides and restoring normalcy. In addition to parenting programmes centred on practising human values, SSIO members have helped needy children with their educational needs through a Community Adoption Programme for more than 15 years. The ISSE of New Zealand launched and completed its first introductory course for 12 educators in Sai Spiritual Education in 2014.

A **Zone 3 Pre-World Conference** was held in Sydney, where senior officers of the SSIO, representing international, zonal, and national levels, shared Bhagawan's message, along with news of initiatives and major highlights of the SSIO.



ZONE 3 HIGHLIGHTS



Service projects include mentoring the youth and children of disadvantaged communities, medical camps and blood drives, environmental projects and assisting the homeless.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSES	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Australia/ Papua New Guinea	90	3,561	654	1	1
Fiji	9	352	193	1	1
New Zealand	27	986	207	1	1
Total	126	4,899	1,054	3	3



Key Activities

- Organising international medical camps
- Providing food and services to the disadvantaged
- Mentoring and supporting vulnerable youth
- Blood donations
- Helping children from needy families
- Organising environmental clean-up programmes

ZONE 3 HIGHLIGHTS





Country Highlights



In **Australia**, SSIO members participated in a “Clean Up Australia Day” on 1st March 2015, a national day of action benefiting the environment. SSIO volunteers were part of a 526,000-strong contingent who joined hands to remove 13,933 tonnes of waste from 6,333 public spaces across Australia. In addition, the SSIO Education Wing took advantage of this opportunity to involve SSE children, so that they may learn to care for Mother Earth.

The School Head Start project by the Sathya Sai Centres in Western Australia entered its second year. This service activity leverages community partnerships to help children from disadvantaged families, who could not otherwise afford to purchase school uniforms or supplies. With the help of a local stationery supplier, more than 300 notebooks and other supplies were distributed to children from 150 families, over Christmas 2014.

The Liquid Love project is conducted annually for SSIO members to donate blood. The SSIO of Australia has been recognised in local regions with awards and news reports. The SSIO of Western Australia was designated by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service as an ambassador of multiculturalism for blood donation, a recognition that reflects a major social policy goal of the Australian Government.

The Sai National Conference in Australia is a biennial event that unifies SSIO members from all over Australia. In March 2015, this meeting was hosted in Adelaide under the theme, “Surfing the Inner Net.” The opening ceremony included an ancient Aboriginal smoking ceremony, a traditional blessing to mark the opening of significant events.

“Service to man is service to God.”

—Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 21 November 1981



Australia



Australia



Fiji



Fiji



In **Fiji**, Sathya Sai volunteers provided nutritious food to those sleeping in the streets in observance of Bhagawan's Mahasamadhi Day, 24th April, 2014. Volunteers spent an entire day, from preparation to distribution, carrying out these activities. Bags containing hygiene kits and basic necessities were also distributed.

Medical camps in Fiji led by SSIO members from New Zealand and Australia began ten years ago. Each year, the Sathya Sai Organisations of New Zealand and Australia organise the medical camps in May and August, respectively. This medical camp project, eagerly awaited by the local population, benefits needy Fijians, improves local medical capabilities, and brings together Sathya Sai volunteers from many countries.

ZONE 3



In **New Zealand**, the SSIO operates a youth mentoring programme, addressing one of the highest national youth suicide rates in the world. This disturbing statistic inspired 40 Sathya Sai volunteers, including 15 youth, to train as mentors to vulnerable youth. This service has helped the volunteers develop a deeper understanding of themselves as well as connect with the community.

Sathya Sai volunteers in New Zealand also devote time to refugees by providing food, supporting the refugees' integration into the community, and helping them with job search skills and education.

To commemorate Avatar Declaration Day in 2014, the SSIO of New Zealand hosted a community day focused on human values in Rongomai, an economically disadvantaged district, to promote unity and oneness. The programme included children's activities, medical services, fire safety education and other activities.



New Zealand



New Zealand







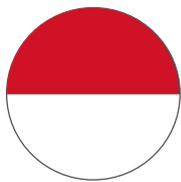
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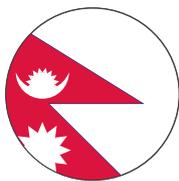
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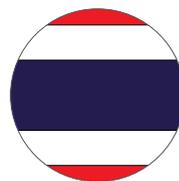
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Sri Lanka



Thailand

ZONE 4 INTRODUCTION

Sathya Sai Organisation members in Zone 4 were active during the reporting period in all the wings of the SSIO. In addition, attention was also channelled towards youth and ladies' wing activities such as developmental and empowerment programmes. Many youth activities, interfaith programmes, and disaster relief activities continued to be organised jointly by SSIO members. Sathya Sai members of Zone 4 also organised pilgrimages to Prasanthi Nilayam, where they presented of cultural programmes and rendered service projects to needy villagers in India.

Sathya Sai volunteers from Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines joined hands to serve the needy in Dulag and Merabut, Philippines – areas affected by Typhoon Yolanda in 2013. The SSIO of Zone 4 hosted two medical camps in the Philippines,



ZONE 4 INTRODUCTION

in June 2014 and March 2015. The Sri Sathya Sai Maternity Home and Sri Sathya Sai Free Clinic has operated since January 2015 in Tacloban as a medical facility serving the local community. Food continued to be served on a daily basis to several hundred hungry residents of the impacted area. Children in local schools, along with their teachers, continued to receive education and training, respectively, in human values.

To commemorate the 90th Birthday of Bhagawan, the SSIO is organising a Tenth World Conference in Prasanthi Nilayam in November 2015, with the theme, "Love Is the Source; Love Is the Path; Love Is the Goal." In preparation, **a Pre-World Conference was held in Singapore from 16th–18th January 2015.** Senior SSIO leaders attended the conference, along with 470 delegates from Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Indonesia, Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar, Brunei, and the Philippines. Sathya Sai Youth united in preparing a play highlighting various service activities they are involved in. Enchanting entertainment programmes with spiritual messages were also presented.



ZONE 4 HIGHLIGHTS



SSIO members in Zone 4 were active in all the wings of the SSIO.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSES	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Bhutan	1	150	45	-	-
Brunei	1	75	0	-	-
Cambodia	1	10	24	-	-
Indonesia	31	3,317	698	1	2
Lao PDR	2	255	250	-	-
Malaysia	83	4,764	3,908	-	1
Myanmar	1	104	600	-	-
Nepal	207	30,000	9,157	1	2
Philippines	1	94	26	1	1
Singapore	19	1,386	850	-	1
Sri Lanka	87	12,452	1,251	1	1
Thailand	9	187	81	1	1
Total	443	52,794	16,890	5	9

ZONE 4 HIGHLIGHTS

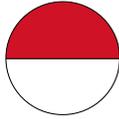




Country Highlights



In **Cambodia**, in February 2015, Sathya Sai devotees distributed food to 108 needy families from various villages, as well as notebooks, pencils, erasers, rulers, and other school supplies to 108 school children of indigent families in three villages.



In **Indonesia**, several Sathya Sai Centres in Bali carried out an “eco-care” project by planting 500 trees in the area surrounding the famous Uluwatu Hindu temple. When floods affected the remote area of Daeyuh Kolot, in Southern Bandung, West Java, at 1,500 metres above sea level, Sathya Sai volunteers from two Sathya Sai centres in Bandung served freshly-cooked food, provided medical assistance to the residents, and offered SSEHV lessons for children living in the affected area.



In **Lao PDR**, the SSIO implemented a village improvement programme in 2014 for three villages in the Dakchung province, inhabited by the poorest people of the country. Volunteers organised health screening camps and provided residents with training to improve sanitary conditions, from 19th to 21st March 2015. Three medical camps were organised in the villages of Ban Dakvor, Ban Dakvang, and Ban Nongdone, wherein 841 people were examined. Human values-based educational materials on sanitation and hygiene were distributed, and a programme was initiated for the construction of sanitary toilets.



In **Malaysia**, floods in December 2014 and January 2015 impacted the eastern states, creating hardships for many residents. Sathya Sai volunteers immediately initiated humanitarian relief efforts to care for 500 affected families. Over a two-month period, volunteers provided food and supplies, and helped with the planning of a multi-purpose community hall. In addition, Sathya Sai teachings were distributed to the Chinese community through video recordings. Concurrent pilgrimages for young men and young women in December 2014 to Prasanthi Nilayam provided the youth with uplifting spiritual experiences.



Cambodia



Indonesia



Malaysia

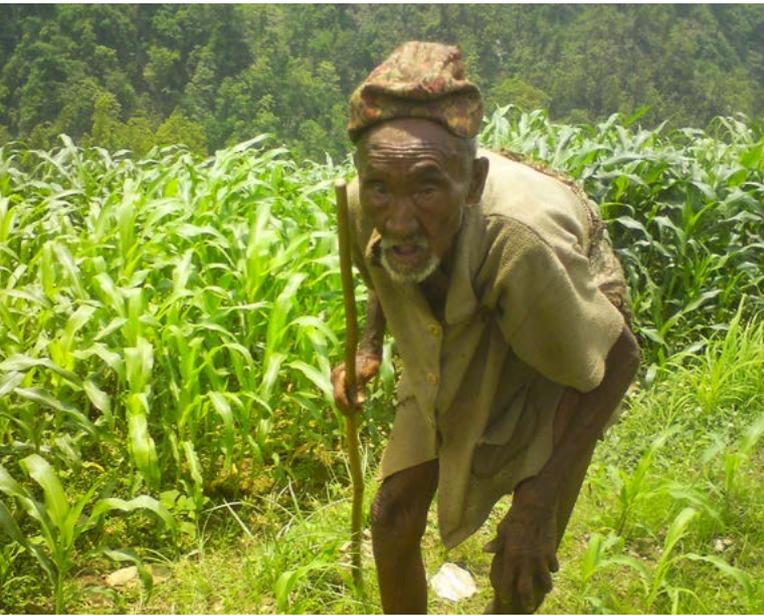


Lao PDR



In **Myanmar**, Sathya Sai members contributed towards the construction of tube wells at two remote villages – one east of Phyu township, in upper Myanmar, and one in KanGyi Village, in Yamethin township, 293 miles north of Yangon. The tube wells enabled water supply to 8,000 families. Also, in October 2014, volunteers served food and distributed clothing, supplies, and medicines to 65 children at an orphanage.

ZONE 4



Nepal



Nepal



Philippines



Philippines



In **Nepal**, various educational, service, and devotional activities were organised during the year. In one instance, Sathya Sai devotees helped an elderly and destitute tribesman who was on the verge of ending his life due to various hardships. The timely presence of Sathya Sai volunteers, attending to his urgent needs, coincided with a dream he had experienced on the previous day, wherein Bhagawan blessed the man with an assurance of immediate relief.

During 5th–6th September 2014, the ISSE of Nepal conducted a two-day introductory training programme on SSEHV, for 300 private school teachers. Inaugurating the programme, the district education officer of the Government of Nepal spoke glowingly about SSEHV. The ISSE of Nepal has trained 10,690 private school teachers and 3,848 master trainers in the education department of Nepal, besides providing talks on human values parenting to 2,238 parents.

On the occasion of the Hindu Hari Talika Teej festival on 26th August 2014, the SSIO Ladies' Wing served lunch to 492 female inmates of five prisons, and distributed bangles, beads, and ornaments. The prisoners were touched by the loving service. At another location, drinking water was served to 2,000 pilgrims visiting a nearby Shiva temple.



Country Highlights



In the **Philippines**, SSIO members from Zone 4 have engaged in major initiatives serving food and water, providing medical assistance, and organising educational infrastructure, including teacher training and school rebuilding. In November 2014, an international Education in Human Values seminar was held at Leyte Normal University in Tacloban and featured eminent speakers from Australia, Europe, the USA, and the Philippines.



In **Singapore**, the SAFFRON (Sai Action For Family Relief of Needy) project is a unique service opportunity, involving a family-to-family relationship, where a guardian family supports a needy family. More than 50 families are benefitting from this project. The youth wing works along with senior members of the organisation to make this program sustainable and available to all needy families in Singapore. The youth conduct public outreach through Sathya Sai centres.



Country Highlights



In **Sri Lanka**, the “Chitravathi Water Project” was initiated for the construction of a water purification plant with the capacity to deliver 10,000 litres of purified drinking water on a daily basis to the Sai Children Home in Vavuniya, to address a rise in kidney-related diseases due to water contamination.

Under an ongoing village improvement programme, two additional villages, Uththuchenai and Vadamunai, were adopted in the eastern part of Sri Lanka. SSIO members provided food staples and clothing to 250 families, supplied cows and buffaloes to women who had been widowed by warfare, constructed water wells, and assisted residents with the growing of vegetables as a means of livelihood.

In addition, the “Sai Shakthi” project served war widows by providing them with sewing machines for generating further means of livelihood, and by providing bicycles to needy school children who otherwise must walk long distances to their schools.



In **Thailand**, SSIO members prepared and served meals to approximately 800 refugees, 400 children, 250 families, and 500 other people in need. The ISSE in Thailand has a global reputation for leading educational initiatives in human values and spreading the teachings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. In Thailand, SSIO members prepared and served meals to approximately 800 refugees, 400 children, 250 families, and 500 other people in need. The ISSE in Thailand has a global reputation for leading educational initiatives in human values and spreading the teachings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.



Sri Lanka



Sri Lanka



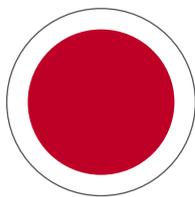
Thailand



Thailand

“Start the day with love, fill the day with love, spend the day with love, end the day with love. This is the way to God.”

—Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 29 July 1969



Japan



Hong Kong



Zone 5

Chureito Pagoda and Mount Fuji, Japan



Taiwan



China

ZONE 5 INTRODUCTION

Zone 5 comprises China, Hong Kong, Japan, and Taiwan, commonly known as the Far East countries. Regular devotion-
al and educational activities are held in all the Zone 5 coun-
tries, in English as well as in the local languages. SSE classes
in Sathya Sai Centres and SSEHV training in the communities
in Hong Kong are organised in Chinese and English, as well as
in Nepalese for the benefit of people from Nepal.

A Sathya Sai Centre in China was established in 2012 by lo-
cal members and celebrated its second anniversary in October
2014, when visitors from Southeast Asia attended the celebra-
tions. Additionally, there is a Sai Centre in a leading port city in
southern China.

Educational programmes and community service are lead-
ing activities of the Sathya Sai volunteers in Zone 5. There is a
Sathya Sai Kindergarten School in Taiwan and an ISSE in Ja-
pan and an ISSE in Hong Kong. Bhagawan's mission in China
in the form of SSEHV teacher-training is carried out by the ISSE
of Hong Kong.



Key Activities

- Service to seniors at homes for the elderly
- Teaching English and human values to Chinese children
- Serving hot meals to the homeless
- Offering food to the residents of “cage homes”
- Serving food to people with mental challenges
- Education in human values for community members
- Assisting local school children
- Organising Christmas Fair for underprivileged families
- Blood donations – twice a year
- Annual Walk for Values



ZONE 5 HIGHLIGHTS



Educational programmes and community service are leading activities of the SSIO in Zone 5.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSES	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
China	1	25	0	-	-
Hong Kong	2	521	246	1	-
Japan	27	394	24	1	-
Taiwan	2	125	69	-	1
Total	32	1,065	339	2	1

ZONE 5 HIGHLIGHTS



ZONE 5



Country Highlights



In **Japan**, numerous books written by Sri Sathya Sai Baba or about Him have been translated into the Japanese language over the years. Additionally, Japanese SSIO members have produced more than 23 CDs of Japanese devotional songs, which have inspired many Japanese youth and SSIO members. Additionally, for many years, meals have been offered to the homeless regularly in various parts of Japan. During 2015, the Tokyo Sathya Sai Centre distributed 280 meals every Thursday and 140 meals every Saturday.

SSE classes are held for 75 children of the Tokyo, Chiba, Kobe and Kanazawa Sathya Sai Centres, with some classes held in Japanese. Whilst the children attend classes, their mothers attend parenting classes on human values. A national SSE Camp is offered each year.



In **China**, the ISSE HK is in its 12th year of teacher-training projects in China. With the collaboration of local university professors, ISSE HK teacher-trainers have trained local staff and students from three universities to be teacher-trainers of Education in Human Values. In turn, they have helped train teachers in primary schools in four provinces to incorporate Education in Human Values into class curricula. Some of these university students have used Education in Human Values-related topics as part of their dissertations.

Significantly, multiple Education in Human Values resources have been localised. Two Education in Human Values leadership conferences have been held in Guangzhou.

At the Sathya Sai Centre in China, food distribution is done in the local community from time to time. In May 2014, new toilets for students and teachers were installed by the Sai Centre at a school, replacing existing toilets that had become dangerously unsafe.



Japan



Japan



China



Taiwan



In **Taiwan**, Sathya Sai programmes for elementary and junior high school students are organised weekly, and a Walk for Values event is sponsored annually. Blood donation drives have been held twice a year, resulting in the collection about 200 bags of “liquid love.” Additionally, Sai Inspires, the daily message from Prasanthi Nilayam, is circulated by e-mail in Chinese. A Chinese quarterly newsletter on SSEHV and a weekly newsletter of extracts from the Vahinis, written by Bhagawan, are also circulated amongst SSIO members. Also, with assistance from the Malaysian SSIO, the Love and Selfless Service study guides were translated into Chinese.

ZONE 5



Hong Kong



Hong Kong



In **Hong Kong**, over the past 15 years, the SSIO of Hong Kong has become a leading provider of hot meals and food packets to “street sleepers” – individuals living on the sidewalks and in public areas. The group serves an estimated 1,200 meals to the needy on the streets of Hong Kong each month. Since 2004, they have distributed rice and basic necessities regularly to residents of dilapidated private rental premises. Since 2006, this service activity has expanded to include distribution in Dongguan, China.

Additionally, each year the SSIO hosts a variety of spiritual programmes, including talks by senior members and presentations about the activities of the SSIO.

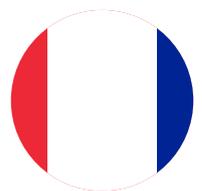




Bosnia and Herzegovina



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France



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Italy



Israel

Zone 6



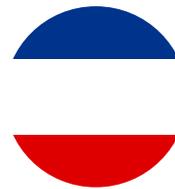
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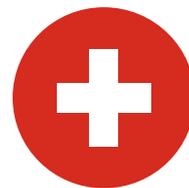
Serbia/Montenegro



Slovenia



Spain



Switzerland

ZONE 6 INTRODUCTION

Zone 6 consists of 12 countries, grouped into two regions.

Regular devotional, community service, and educational activities are held in every country, including SSE classes and SSEHV training, in Sathya Sai Centres and in communities, respectively. The ISSE of Southern Europe, located in Italy, hosts training activities for school teachers and SSE teachers. A specific programme for business managers is also offered.

Zone 6 countries continued their close cooperation across several endeavours, all for the purpose of spiritual growth. After severe floods in early 2014 in the Balkans, SSIO members in Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, and Bosnia joined in providing disaster relief to affected communities. Meanwhile, Sathya Sai members in other countries Zone 6 practised placing a “ceiling on desires” and using the savings generated thereby to support the humanitarian relief activities in the Balkans.

In October 2014, an innovative project at Mother Sai House in Italy focused on using music as a tool for spiritual advance-



ZONE 6 INTRODUCTION

ment. Sathya Sai organisation members from Spain, Switzerland, Italy, and Croatia jointly conducted an in-depth study of devotional singing while adhering to local culture and traditions.

A Zone 6 Pre-World Conference was held in 2015. Sathya Sai devotees from 10 countries collaborated in this inspirational meeting where study circles were held to share experiences on love and service, under the loving guidance of senior SSIO leaders and long-standing devotees.

Key Activities

- Serving food to the homeless
- Disaster relief activities
- Service to the physically and mentally challenged
- Musical performances
- Caring for orphans
- Helping the needy in remote areas
- Blood donation camps
- Educational programmes



ZONE 6 HIGHLIGHTS



Regular devotional, community service and educational activities are held in every country, including SSE classes and SSEHV training.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSES	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Bosnia/ Herzegovina	2	28	0	-	-
Croatia	18	204	23	-	-
France	4	82	6	-	-
Greece	6	123	19	-	-
Israel	2	75	0	-	-
Italy	38	593	37	1	-
Macedonia	2	28	0	-	-
Romania	1	8	0	-	-
Serbia/ Montenegro	4	25	10	-	-
Slovenia	2	53	8	-	-
Spain	6	395	93	-	-
Switzerland	11	299	47	-	-
Total	96	1,913	243	1	

ZONE 6 HIGHLIGHTS



ZONE 6



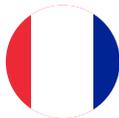
Country Highlights



In **Bosnia**, SSIO members offered disaster relief following severe flooding in May 2014. Volunteers coordinated the distribution of many relief necessities, including food, hygiene kits, utensils, and clothing. Volunteers also supplied needy families with firewood and coal for the winter.



In **Croatia**, the SSIO has gained increasing recognition as a universal spiritual organisation, and the singing of devotional songs in the local language has gained in popularity. In May–June 2014, SSIO members offered aid to residents affected by severe flooding in the Posavina and Slavonia regions of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia. From September to December 2014, volunteers engaged in humanitarian relief services for the benefit of flood-affected residents of Sisak-Moslavina County in Croatia, on four occasions. Likewise, Sathya Sai volunteers in Osijek offered disaster relief in Racinovci, Slavonia, in October 2014.



In **France**, 35 SSIO members from France, Belgium, and Switzerland participated in a human values seminar in Paris. On 20th October 2014, Sathya Sai youth in Paris distributed clothing, shoes, toys, and school supplies to the children of 11 slum-dwelling families. The youth were moved more by the sharing of love than the sharing of goods. Every month, Sathya Sai volunteers in France visit homeless people camped in the woods near Paris and distribute clothing, food, and other necessities.

“Members of the Sai Organisation must carry on their work with the firm faith that all are children of one God.”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 12 May 1984



Bosnia



Croatia



France



Greece



In **Greece**, SSIO youth worked hand-in-hand with senior organisation members and officers, in harmony, on various projects. Sathya Sai volunteers continued to distribute food, clothing, school supplies, and other necessities to the residents of Perama, a very poor area near Athens. The volunteers also provided needy local families with wood for heating in the winter, lessons in English, and medical services, and assistance was provided to help needy residents pay their electricity and water bills.

Sathya Sai volunteers regularly visit the patients of a chronic ailment clinic in Agia Barbara, Athens. They organise a festival twice a year with music and dancing, and serve home-made meals to lift the spirits of the patients, and this year was no exception.

ZONE 6



Greece



Italy



Serbia



Macedonia

SSIO members continued visiting the Children’s Recuperation and Rehabilitation Centre in Voula, Attica, interacting lovingly with the children. In conjunction with the global Serve The Planet project in October 2014, a joyful festival was organised for the children that included SSEHV songs, music, and a play.

SSIO members also participated in two blood donation drives in observance of Bhagawan’s Mahasamadhi (April) and His Birthday (November) during 2014, and 17 units of blood were donated to a blood bank.



Country Highlights



In **Israel**, the SSIO works for peaceful and loving integration of multicultural and multifaith social communities. Service projects in 2014 included art lessons for children at the Rambam Hospital paediatric ward, and teaching English to ninth graders in a junior high school. SSIO members in Israel also hosted an Educare Conference and launched an Educare newsletter as well as a Facebook site. In addition, two books written by Bhagawan, Prema Vahini and Sandeha Nivarini, were translated into Hebrew, and SSIO members presented an informational programme about Sri Sathya Sai Baba to members of The Rose of Galilee, another spiritual organisation.



In **Italy**, an earthquake had affected the Emilia Region in May 2012. In May 2014, a programme was organised at the Mother Sai House in Divignano to assist nine disabled children who had been affected by the earthquake. Elsewhere, in Piazza Venezia in Rome, food continued to be distributed every Wednesday, year round, to about 40–70 homeless individuals.



In **Macedonia**, more than 20 children, ages 10–13, participated in a five-day SSEHV workshop organised as part of an international children's film festival, "Giffoni Macedonia," in Skopje, in October 2014.



In **Serbia**, people were affected by the same floods that impacted Bosnia in May 2014. SSIO volunteers assisted residents by distributing packages of food, utensils, stoves, mattresses, supplies, hygiene items, and other necessities.



Country Highlights



In **Slovenia**, a national SSIO website provides Slovenian translations of the “Thought for the Day” from Radio Sai (radiosai.org), on a daily basis, garnering positive feedback from more than 800 registered recipients. Sathya Sai volunteers also organised a picnic in Novo Mesto for 12 females affected by domestic violence, along with their 10 children. The impacted women and children live in a safe house that provides them with temporary shelter.



In **Spain**, once every two months, about 12 Sathya Sai volunteers visit Cruz Blanca, a home for disabled boys with mental challenges. The group interacts lovingly with 25 boys, takes them out for a drive, and then serves a freshly-cooked lunch.



In **Switzerland**, an increasing number of participants attended a national retreat and a national prayer day meeting, representing more than 25 percent growth from the previous year. Also, Sathya Sai volunteers continued to provide food to the Magic Table – which further distributes the food weekly to needy people and refugees.





Switzerland



Serbia



Spain

“Education must instill the fundamental human values; it must broaden the vision to include the entire world and all mankind.”

—Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 5 February 1981



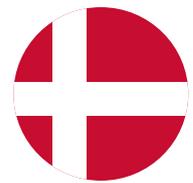
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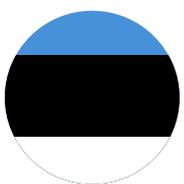
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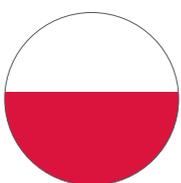
Lithuania



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Poland



Slovakia



Sweden



United Kingdom

ZONE 7 INTRODUCTION

In educational activities, Sathya Sai members in Zone 7 countries were active in programmes related to SSE and SSE-HV, organised by the ESSE Institute in Denmark.

In the domain of service projects, Sathya Sai volunteers from the Netherlands, Austria, Sweden, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, and Poland came together as in previous years to take part in a “Sai Boundless Service Camp” in Poland to serve the needy.

In devotional and cultural offerings, SSIO members from North European countries have been well recognised for their musical performances, many of which have been rendered during organised pilgrimages to Prasanthi Nilayam. The “Sarva Dharma Choir” continued to spread Bhagawan’s message of love and selfless service in many languages, through spiritually-charged musical performances.



ZONE 7 INTRODUCTION

Sathya Sai Youth engaged in service activities to help the needy, the aged, and the disabled on an ongoing basis. During the past year, the youth formed an integral part of all SSIO wings' activities, working efficiently with elders and holding leadership positions at all levels in Zone 7.

Key Activities

- Sai Boundless Service Camps in Poland
- Children's Summer Camp
- Christmas programme for the disadvantaged
- Musical performances
- Annual Meeting of Zone 7 countries
- Providing food for animals at animal shelters
- Visiting children in hospitals
- Multifaith activities



ZONE 7 HIGHLIGHTS



SSIO members in Zone 7 help the needy, the aged and the disabled regularly. Multifaith activities and educational programmes are organised on a regular basis.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSES	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Austria	11	70	1	-	-
Belgium	4	31	0	-	-
Czech Republic	2	31	0	-	-
Denmark	6	66	2	1	-
Estonia	2	11	0	-	-
Finland	1	8	0	-	-
Germany	35	335	111	-	-
Hungary	4	72	0	-	-
Ireland	4	61	0	-	-
Latvia	2	34	7	-	-
Lithuania	4	65	23	-	-
Netherlands	23	323	8	-	-
Norway	1	3	0	-	-
Poland	15	173	0	-	-
Slovakia	1	4	0	-	-
Sweden	3	67	0	-	-
U.K.	92	5,107	1,200	1	-
Total	210	6,461	1,352	2	-

ZONE 7 HIGHLIGHTS



ZONE 7



Country Highlights



In **Austria**, service activities during the reporting period included devotional singing and gift distribution to residents of homes for the elderly; providing care for physically and mentally ill individuals; and distributing food to children seeking asylum and to the homeless. On 18th and 19th October 2014, a programme for a group of refugee children ages 5–10 of various nationalities was organised, as part of the year’s global initiative on the theme of “Children: Our Future.”



In **Belgium**, service activities in Antwerp included visiting the elderly at a senior’s home on a weekly basis. In Brussels, service activities included serving food for the needy weekly, collecting baby clothes for distribution in India, and organising a concert during Christmas. In Liège, volunteers visited terminally ill people and gave them good company with loving interaction.



In **Czech Republic**, SSIO members organised a public event for children as part of the global SSIO Serve the Planet project during October 2014, featuring games and other human-values based activities. Other organised programmes during the reporting period included a national SSIO meeting featuring international guests, Bhagawan’s birthday celebrations, and a Christmas cultural programme. An international youth meeting was held in Prague in November 2014, and a national Sai magazine was published bimonthly.



In **Denmark**, Sathya Sai volunteers visited nursing homes and homes for the elderly on an ongoing basis. Likewise, food and clothing were provided to homeless people. SSIO members organised cultural excursions and picnics, distributed gifts during special events and Christmas, and organised games for the children. On 20th October 2014, as a part of the Serve the Planet initiative, loving care was offered to refugee children and parents at an asylum near Copenhagen.



Austria



Austria



Germany



Germany



In **Estonia**, as a part of a summer camp, a local forest area was cleaned. On 20th October, food was provided for animals in a local zoo.



In **Germany**, Sathya Sai volunteers continued to organise plays, picnics in the countryside for neighbourhood refugees, and also to ship children's materials to Sathya Sai centres in impoverished eastern European countries. On 20th October 2014, SSIIO volunteers served more than 200

ZONE 7



Hungary



Lithuania



Netherlands



Lithuania

refugee children, who had been forced to abandon their country and live in asylums. From 2nd to 4th January 2015, more than 110 people took part in a “New Year with Sai” event in Bad Homburg, Germany, consisting of an educational seminar. A highlight of 2014 was a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam by fifty SSIIO members, including youth.



Country Highlights



In **Hungary**, ongoing service activities included serving food to the needy; giving clothes, books, and toys to needy families; organising social programmes for the elderly in nursing homes; and providing activities for children and young adults with special needs. Such service activities were featured twice on local online media channels.



In **Lithuania**, activities in the reporting period included distribution of food and supplies to the needy, presentation of concerts at children's institutions, and service activities at Vilnius Hospice. At an annual SSIO meeting, held from 22nd to 24th August 2014, in Palanga, at a children's summer camp near the Baltic Sea, SSIO members from Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia were entertained by the Sarva Dharma Choir. In October 2014, Sathya Sai Youth gathered in Kaunas to write letters to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, which later were presented during the 2014 Birthday Celebrations in Prasanthi Nilayam.



In the **Netherlands**, service and SSEHV activities included choir performances in prisons and homes for the elderly, weekly English classes for prison inmates, participation in the Sai Boundless Service Camp in Poland, and weekly SSEHV activities at a community centre. In Amsterdam-West, on 20th October 2014, volunteers conducted an educational activity for children about eating right, and distributed healthy food. The Sathya Sai Centre of Arnhem initiated another project at a primary school, where week-long lessons were given on cleanliness. In five primary schools, in collaboration with the city council of Arnhem, programmes were and continue to be held for children on the unity of faiths and on cultural awareness. Sathya Sai Youth organised nine national meetings during 2014 and also coordinated a festival at the national level, which was attended by more than 100 people.



Country Highlights



In **Poland**, SSIO members typically serve food to the needy, and they distributed 1,000 meals during the reporting period. They also provided food to animal shelters; visited children in hospitals; distributed food packets, school items, books, sweets and hygiene products for children; and distributed gifts to residents of social welfare homes. On 29th June 2014, a 10th Sai Boundless Service Camp in Poland was held in Kwiejce, providing healthcare, community service, education, and construction services for the needy.



In the **United Kingdom**, events are organised at both regional and national level. On 26th April 2014, in conjunction with Bhagawan's Mahasamadhi, about 600 Sathya Sai followers along with representatives from nine different faith groups participated in a human values day event in London.

In May 2014, more than 500 Sai Organisation members including 200 children participated in the national Easwaramma Day celebrations in Hatfield, Hertfordshire. In London, on 14th June 2014, Sathya Sai volunteers participated in the 29th annual Westminster Multi-Faith Pilgrimage for Peace organised by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster. The event included people of different ages, backgrounds, and faiths.

Lady Gretton, Lord-Lieutenant, the official representative of Her Majesty the Queen for the County and City of Leicester, was the chief guest for the first SSEHV Stokes Wood Good Values Club event, held from 26th to 30th May 2014. About 50 children from two schools and 25 volunteers gathered to learn about the five human values and put them into practice.

The SSIO of UK organised its national Christmas celebrations on 14th December 2014 at the Cheltenham Ladies College in Gloucestershire. The Christmas service was led by Reverend Katie McClure, chaplain of the prestigious college.



Poland



Poland



UK



UK

On 20th December 2014, Sathya Sai youth in Leicester hosted a Christmas party for residents of the Dawn Centre, a temporary shelter for the homeless. Shelter residents were touched by the caring and loving services rendered by Sathya Sai volunteers.



Azerbaijan



Belarus



Kazakhstan



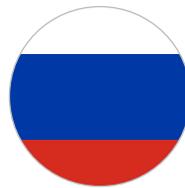
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Zone 8

St. Basil's Cathedral, Russia



Moldova



Russia



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Uzbekistan

ZONE 8 INTRODUCTION

Since 2008, SSIO members of Zone 8 have joined in serving food to the needy on a zone-wide basis semi-annually, in October and March. On 14th March 2015, more than 300 volunteers from 59 cities lovingly served food to over 1,400 people, touching the hearts of many recipients and volunteers.

Also, public meetings were organised twice a year to inform the public about Bhagawan's life and teachings, and about SSIO activities. In November 2014, more than 330 newcomers to the SSIO and 300 SSIO members from 44 cities attended public meetings in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, and the Ukraine. At these meetings, the public had an opportunity to learn about the mission of the SSIO and to receive videos about Bhagawan.

On 23rd November 2014, more than 1,000 people celebrated Bhagawan's birthday at various locations in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, and the Ukraine.



ZONE 8 INTRODUCTION

Inspirational talks, presentations, videos, devotional singing, and concerts were organised by Sathya Sai volunteers, SSE children, and teachers. Mementos on Bhagawan's life and works, as well as calendars, were distributed. Throughout the zone, Sathya Sai volunteers visited children's rehabilitation centres, homes for the disabled, orphanages, and homeless shelters to offer food to those in need.

Key Activities

- Children's and family camps
- Educational seminars and conferences
- Youth festivals and meetings
- Caring for the environment
- Sai Olympics
- National and regional conferences
- Zone-wide public meetings



ZONE 8 HIGHLIGHTS



Food is served to the needy on a zone-wide basis twice a year. Children's and family camps are organised. Public meetings are held twice a year.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Azerbaijan	3	23	0	-	-
Belarus	5	40	14	-	-
Kazakhstan	9	111	20	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	1	9	0	-	-
Moldova	1	8	3	-	-
Russia	75	639	710	-	-
Ukraine	12	118	11	-	-
Uzbekistan	2	15	0	-	-
Total	108	963	758		-

ZONE 8 HIGHLIGHTS



ZONE 8



Country Highlights



In **Azerbaijan**, Sathya Sai volunteers were active providing medical services to the needy, distributing food and clothing at nursing homes, visiting children's centres, and serving the disabled.

In October 2014, Sathya Sai volunteers visited a homeless shelter in Baku and distributed detergent, dish soap, light bulbs, paint for home, faucets, clothing, and baked goods to more than 40 children and their mothers.



In **Belarus**, Sathya Sai volunteers visited disabled children and prison inmates on a regular basis. A magazine, "Sai Ram," continued to be published once a year.

In August 2014, Sathya Sai volunteers from the cities of Vitebsk, Baranovichi, Minsk, and Lida served 35 children from troubled families living at a temporary shelter. Volunteers planted flowers and bushes, installed tile in a laundry room, stored construction materials, distributed children's clothing, and donated supplies to the shelter.

A first national conference on education, focusing on human values and the role of SSE teachers, was organised on 7th–8th June 2014 in Vitebsk.



In **Kazakhstan**, service activities included visiting and organising concerts at nursing homes; visiting orphanages and shelters where human values classes were conducted; visiting needy children's and women's colonies; visiting a boarding school for mentally retarded children; cleaning local parks; helping the lonely and the disabled; and distributing clothes, shoes, and other items to the needy.

A 19th medical and service camp was organised jointly by Sathya Sai volunteers from seven cities, in April 2014, in the town of Saran, where 66 patients were examined. The volunteers also renovated a



Azerbaijan



Azerbaijan



Belarus



Kazakhstan

75-square-metre classroom at a boarding school and distributed meals, food supplies, and new clothes for the students.

During Christmas 2014, in Astana, a new version of the musical show, “The Wolf and the Seven Little Kids,” was presented to an audience of 100 at a boarding school for children with disabilities.

ZONE 8



Russia



Russia



Kyrgyzstan



Russia



In **Kyrgyzstan**, service activities included distribution of gifts to the children at an orphanage; caring for a garden; and distribution of clothing and food to the needy.

In October 2014, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed clothing such as jackets, boots, socks, and other items to children in Bishkek, as part of the global SSIO Serve the Planet initiative. The volunteers also provided the children with an enjoyable lesson on the topics of friendship, unity, and mutual help.



In **Russia**, Sathya Sai volunteers participated in a variety of service projects in all seven regions of Russia. Activities included weekly distribution of clothes, food, medicine, and shoes; helping animals; and providing assistance to refugees, the poor, the disabled, and the elderly. Sathya Sai volunteers also visited nursing homes and children's rehabilitation centres; organised regional service camps; and distributed food and supplies at medical and construction camps. The SSIO organised summer family camps, which included children's educational and recreational activities.

A medical, educational, and service camp was organised during the summer of 2014, in northwestern Russia. More than 155 volunteers from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Germany, Great Britain, Kazakhstan, Russia, and the Ukraine provided medical services to 2,560 people in eight villages. Eye glasses, clothing, and food packages were distributed, buildings were renovated, and Educare programmes were offered.

In October 2014, volunteers from all regions of Russia took part in the Avatar Declaration Day global "Serve the Planet" project, under the year's theme, "Children: Our Future." Service activities focusing on children were organised in boarding schools, public schools, rehabilitation boarding schools, orphanages, and in large families.

About 35 people attended an annual regional family Sai camp in the Urals region, in early January 2015. The camp programme, dedicated to encouraging respect for and friendship with elders, included a joyful Sai Olympics event, creative workshops, morning and evening devotional singing, games, and concerts.

On March 8th–9th 2015, a second Zonal Youth Festival took place near Moscow, under the theme, "Service Is the Flowering of Love," and the motto, "Love All, Serve All." The festival was attended by 47 youth from three countries and 20 cities, who viewed a film about service in other zones and attended workshops to make children's toys, bracelets, and paper flowers, for distribution to children in orphanages.



Country Highlights



Country Highlights



In **Moldova**, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed food to widows and war veterans on an ongoing, weekly basis. Likewise, they served food and distribute winter clothes to the homeless, and on a monthly basis they organised activities for children and distributed clothing, fruits, and sweets to the children.

On 28th December 2014, Sathya Sai volunteers celebrated the New Year's holiday with 23 children at the Children's Temporary Residence Center in Chisinau. Santa Claus distributed sweets and prizes to the children for poetry recitations, and the Snow Maiden presented them with stationery sets.



In **Ukraine**, service activities included visiting nursing homes and orphanages; serving food to the needy; distribution of humanitarian aid; distribution of warm clothing and food to refugees; cleaning of parks; providing lamps for a children's home; and assistance to animal shelters by donating food and medicines.

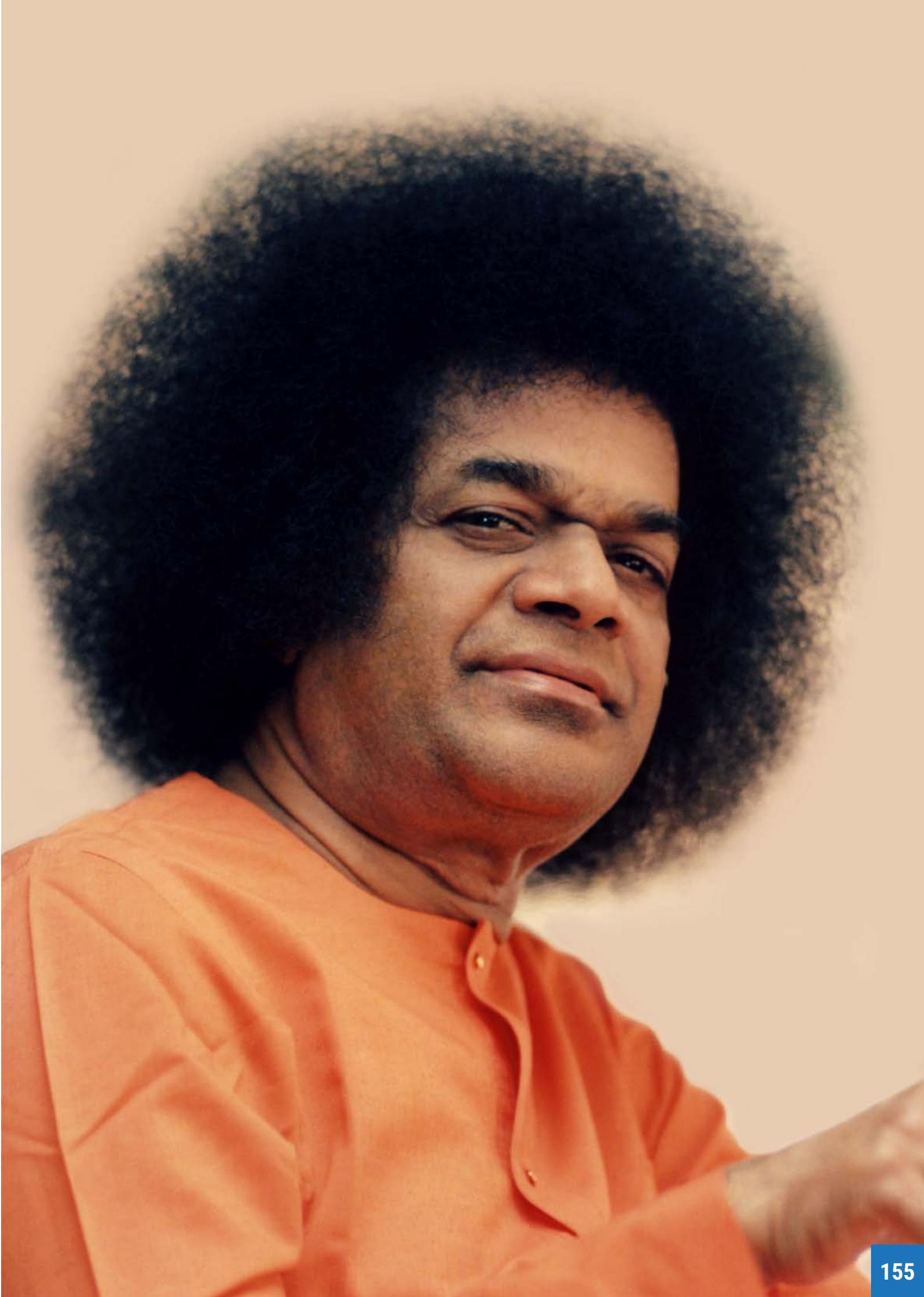
In October 2014, more than 35 Sathya Sai volunteers lovingly served about 400 children in orphanages, homeless shelters, and schools, across nine cities. Activities were organised for children ages 6–17, including art classes and lessons on human values. Children's diapers were also distributed to refugees.

Moldova



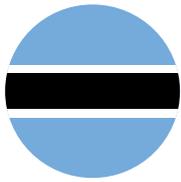
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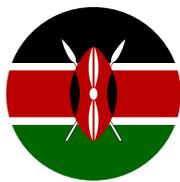
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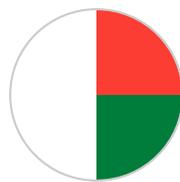
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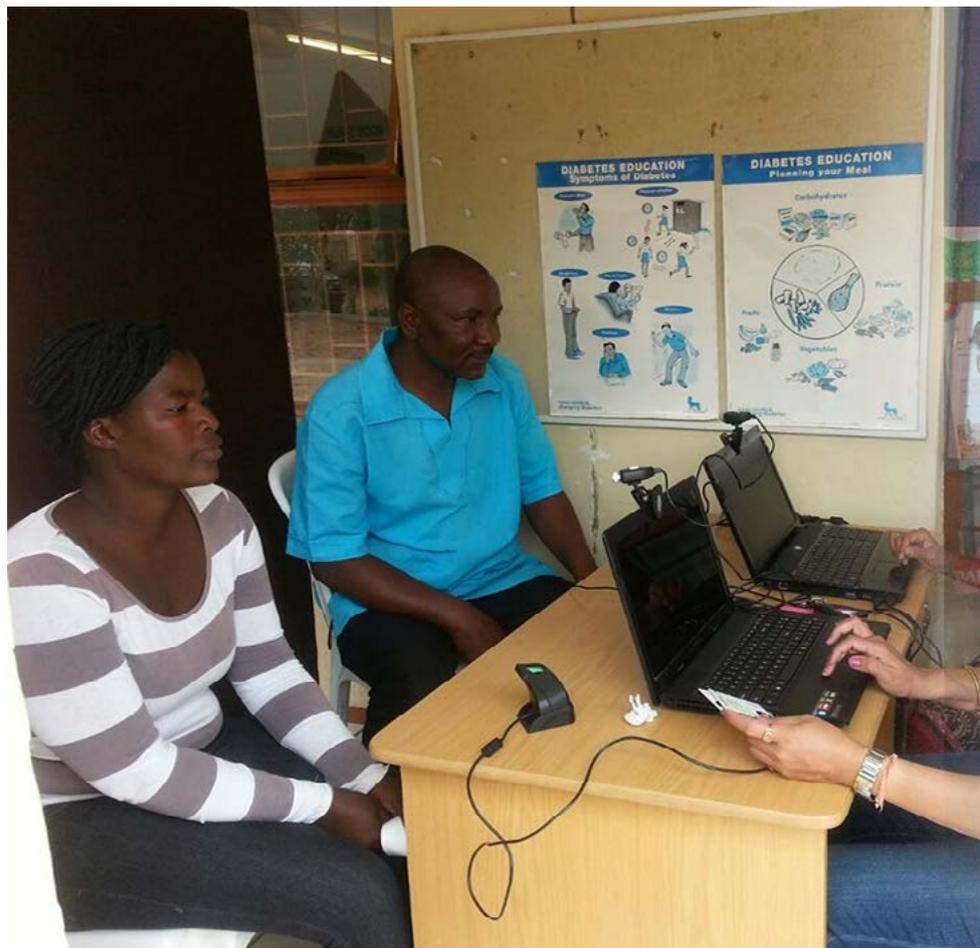


Zimbabwe

ZONE 9A INTRODUCTION

Zone 9A comprises 20 countries in Africa. Rich in cultural heritage, Africa is the only continent outside India visited by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in 1968. Currently, South Africa and Mauritius jointly have more than 13,000 SSIO members and about 3,300 Sathya Sai students – one of the highest concentrations of Sathya Sai followers and children outside India.

Educational programmes and community service continue to be leading activities of Sathya Sai volunteers in Zone 9A. Sathya Sai schools in Africa are known for their excellence and character development, rooted in Sathya Sai Education in Human Values. Medical clinics in Botswana, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa serve thousands of needy, underprivileged patients each year. Besides supplying food and medicine, the Sai Organisation implements water projects to serve the needy.



Key Activities

- Organising medical clinics and camps
- Providing drinking water
- Serving orphans
- Education in human values for local children
- Holding blood donation camps
- Distributing blankets and supplies
- Planting trees
- Organising veterinary clinics



ZONE 9A HIGHLIGHTS



Zone 9A comprises 20 countries in Africa, which is the only continent outside India visited by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in 1968.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSES	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Benin	3	86	0	-	-
Botswana	3	278	111	-	-
Cameroon	1	59	0	-	-
Congo DR	21	1,870	666	-	1
Gabon	2	21	8	-	-
Ghana	1	103	75	-	1
Ivory Coast	2	0	0	-	-
Kenya	2	220	24	-	2
Madagascar	1	71	121	-	1
Malawi	1	7	0	-	-
Mauritius	89	5,240	1,472	-	1
Morocco	1	18	12	-	-
Nigeria	8	290	35	1	1
Sierra Leone	1	189	50	-	-

ZONE 9A HIGHLIGHTS

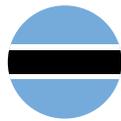
COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSES	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
South Africa	119	8,088	1,840	1	3
Tanzania	1	50	0	-	-
Togoland	1	32	20	-	-
Uganda	1	50	0	-	-
Zambia	3	157	0	1	4
Zimbabwe	2	40	0	-	-
Total	263	16,869	4,434	3	14



ZONE 9a



Country Highlights



In **Botswana**, the Sathya Sai Baba Free Medical Clinic, open on Sundays, reached the milestone of serving over 14,000 people since its inception in 2006. In 2014, the clinic served more than 3,100 people and provided spectacles to 270 individuals.

Each month, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Gaborone provide food hampers to children at the Naledi Day Care Centre in Old Naledi village and serve patients at the Cancer and T.B. Centre of Gaborone. The Sathya Sai Centre of Gaborone again was awarded the Best Blood-Donating Church Award for 2014 by the Ministry of Health.



In **Kenya**, Sai volunteers distributed food items, stationery supplies, and toiletries as a part of Mahasamadhi Day observance in Mombasa.

For the third consecutive year, the Sathya Sai Centre of Mombasa, in cooperation with other charitable organisations, helped arrange cataract surgeries for rural community residents. The surgeries were performed at the Coastal General Hospital, 75 miles from Mombasa.

On 27th July 2014, more than 200 people attended a day-long programme at the Sathya Sai School in Kisaju, to celebrate Guru Poornima. An official from the Ministry of Education cut the ribbon to inaugurate the newly-built volleyball and basketball courts on the school playgrounds. On Avatar Declaration Day, 20th October 2014, Sathya Sai volunteers and children at the school entertained a group of elderly ladies, ages 65–98, from the surrounding villages.

Sai volunteers also organised a blood donation camp in honour of Bhagawan's 89th Birthday celebrations.

In Nairobi, Sathya Sai devotees serve needy people in remote villages on a quarterly basis. A free medical clinic offers healthcare to the local community six days a week. Since August 2014, SSEHV lessons have been given to about 200 local children.



Botswana



Kenya



Kenya



Mauritius



In **Mauritius**, the SSIO collected more than 5,300 pints of “liquid love” in blood donation drives during 2014. SSIO office-bearers attended a workshop on “Ideal Sathya Sai Organisation” on 22nd June 2014, after which 60 Sai youth attended a leadership training programme. A national conference on the theme, “Unity and Love,” took place also, in September 2014.

During the weekend of 7th–8th March 2015, severe flooding affected the southern parts of the island of Mauritius, whereupon Sathya Sai volunteers from Savanne rendered assistance to disaster victims.

ZONE 9A



Nigeria



South Africa



South Africa



South Africa



In **Nigeria**, Sathya Sai volunteers serve the residents of various institutions including hospitals, homes for infant orphans, and homes for the elderly. Volunteers also renovate and operate Sathya Sai orphanages. In Ajah, Lagos, volunteers serve packs of juice and biscuits to the needy every Sunday at the national headquarters of the SSIO.

As a part of Bhagawan's 89th birthday celebrations, 150 SSIO members from various parts of Nigeria attended a spiritual retreat at the national headquarters in Lagos, from 21st to 23rd November 2014. The programme included a choir performance, sharing about personal experiences with Bhagawan by elderly devotees, and cake cutting.



In **South Africa**, a “Unity of Faiths” programme, organised in Johannesburg on 18th May 2014, attracted more than 300 people. The event included songs, dance, drama, and inspirational talks given by representatives of the world’s leading faiths.

More than 2,000 SSIO members participated in a “Walk for Values” event organised across South Africa to raise public awareness of human values.

About 1,000 people attended a two-day national conference that included talks by students from Bhagawan’s educational institutions and an exhibition on SSIO activities.

During 2014, more than 6,100 people received medical, dental, and vision care services from SSIO programmes, and Sathya Sai volunteers donated over 7,560 pints of blood. In remote villages, more than 8,700 meals were served 1,800 food hampers distributed to the needy. In December 2014, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed approximately 14,000 pairs of shoes to school children in urban and rural areas.

Sathya Sai youth took part in various programmes, including a national youth camp and “Youth Living for Truth” – a programme to develop spiritual knowledge through practising Sathya Sai ideals.

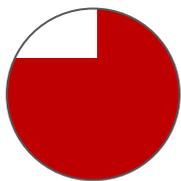
A “train the trainer” programme, which included arts and crafts show, was organised by the Ladies Forum in Durban for SSE teachers and educators in February 2015.



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“Hands that serve are holier than lips that pray.”

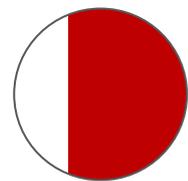
–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 27 April 1990



Abu Dhabi
(UAE)



Bahrain



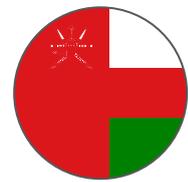
Dubai (UAE)



Iran



Kuwait



Oman

Zone 9b



Blue Mosque, Turkey



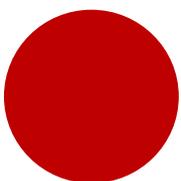
Qatar



Ruwais (UAE)



Saudi Arabia



Sharjah (UAE)



Syria



Turkey

ZONE 9B INTRODUCTION

Sathya Sai members in Zone 9B serve the needy on an on-going basis, distributing food and beverages and offering health screening services tailored to the very hot climate in the Middle East. The SSIO also conducts Education in Human Values activities for spreading Bhagawan's message on education to local communities. Sathya Sai Youth join their elders in service activities to help the needy and the disabled. The region's e-magazine, *Inspiring Hearts*, is published every quarter.

The SSIO of Abu Dhabi took the lead in coordinating a retreat for Sathya Sai members in the Middle East and conducted 26 medical screening camps in 2014, serving an estimated 2,700 labourers. In many countries of Zone 9B, blood donation camps are organised regularly throughout the year. **The SSIO of Dubai** organises devotional activities on special occasions. **The SSIO of Kuwait** provides day care for children with special needs, including autism, cerebral palsy, dyslexia, Down



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syndrome, and other disabilities. The “Serve And Inspire” (SAI) group of Oman works closely with the Ministry of Education of the Sultanate of Oman to spread Bhagawan’s teachings on education and human values. **Sathya Sai organisation members in Saudi Arabia** presented a wonderful musical programme on 5th December 2014 in honour of Bhagawan’s 89th Birthday. Several awards have been received by the countries of Zone 9B for service projects rendered in the areas of education and healthcare.

Key Activities

- Food service for *Iftar* (fast-breaking) during Ramadan – Abu Dhabi
- Mega Grain Support – Bahrain
- Special SSE events for adolescents – Dubai
- 40 Education in Human Values workshops for educators – Oman
- Programme for special needs children – Kuwait



ZONE 9B HIGHLIGHTS



SSIO members in Zone 9B serve the needy, distribute food, offer health screening services and conduct education in human values activities.

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSES	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Abu Dhabi (UAE)	1	338	205	-	-
Bahrain	3	190	318	-	-
Dubai (UAE)	1	350	266	-	-
Iran	1	20	0	-	-
Kuwait	1	330	157	-	-
Oman	7	460	504	-	-
Qatar	1	58	14	-	-
Ruwais (UAE)	1	35	0	-	-
Saudi Arabia	4	177	126	-	-
Sharjah (UAE)	1	71	30	-	-
Syria	0	0	0	-	-
Turkey	2	40	0	-	-
Total	23	2,069	1,620		

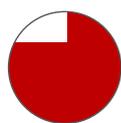
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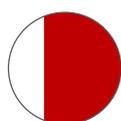
Country Highlights



In **Abu Dhabi**, besides other ongoing service activities, Sathya Sai volunteers organised blood donation drives. Volunteers also distributed water and laban (buttermilk) on weekends during the extremely hot summer months. During the holy month of Ramadan, food service at the end of fasting periods (*Iftar*) is provided every day, with home-cooked snacks and savouries. Cold water dispensers are donated to labourers during the summer. In winter, SSIIO members distribute warm jackets.



In **Bahrain**, blood donation camps, a Mega Grain Support project, and medical camps were undertaken during the 89 days leading up to the 89th Birthday celebrations of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. As part of the global Serve the Planet initiative, Sathya Sai Youth participated in four Mega Grain Support projects for the benefit of about 980 labourers. The youth also organised four special programmes, of which three were webinars with alumni of the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning. During winter, tea was provided to about 800 workers every Saturday.



In **Dubai**, a special event was presented by Sathya Sai student alumni to SSE Group 3 and other students in December 2014, focusing on practical challenges during the adolescent years. SSE children offered a beautiful programme, Krutanjali, on 14th November 2014, as part of the Birthday celebrations. Blood donation camps are organised regularly.



In **Iran**, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed food to the needy and visited patients in hospitals. Donations were given to needy families for procuring food.



Abu Dhabi



Bahrain



Bahrain

Dubai



Bahrain

Dubai



ZONE 9B



Kuwait



Kuwait



Oman

Oman



Oman

Saudi Arabia





Country Highlights



In **Kuwait**, a programme has been organised for many years to serve the children of the Physically Challenged Society run by the Kuwait Government. Volunteers take the children out for picnics and offer music sessions. SSIO volunteers also help provide support for children with special needs at a day care centre. Sathya Sai volunteers organised education in human values activities throughout the year.

Sathya Sai children presented a brilliant programme on 21st November 2014 in honour of Bhagawan's Birthday.



In **Oman**, during 2014, the SSIO held its annual Essay Writing and Poster Making Competition on Human Values for school children, for the 11th year.

Working in close cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Sultanate of Oman, the SAI group organised 40 workshops under the theme, "Integration of Human Values in Teaching." The three-year programme, from 2011–2014, provided training to teachers from 40 schools in Oman. The SAI Group also received a certificate from the Ministry of Education in appreciation of its efforts in displaying posters highlighting the human values at a festival in Muscat. Several medical camps are held for the benefit of needy labourers.



In **Qatar**, in addition to regular devotional programmes, Education in Human Values classes were conducted.



In **Saudi Arabia**, sandwiches, fruit, and juice were distributed weekly to the needy, in Jeddah. Food service was also rendered in Riyadh and Dammam, especially during Ramadan.



In **Turkey**, Sathya Sai members offered food and supplies to the needy, and SSE classes were organised in a children's prison. Also, Sathya Sai literature was translated into Turkish.



Prasanthi Events

Chinese New Year

On 24th and 25th February 2015, about 300 SSIO members from Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand and Taiwan celebrated Chinese New Year in Prasanthi Nilayam. The programme included an ancient Chinese musical instrument performance, a colourful traditional Chinese dance by children from Indonesia, a performance by students from Medan, Indonesia, and an inspiring talk by Justice Isabella Chu from Hong Kong.



Chinese New Year Celebration

Musical Performance by Children from Indonesia



Dance by Children from Indonesia



PRASANTHI EVENTS

Buddha Poonnima Celebrations

On 14th and 15th May 2014, groups from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Indonesia, Japan, China and Taiwan celebrated Buddha Poonnima in Prasanthi Nilayam. The celebrations included traditional Buddhist recitation, speeches, and a drama titled *The Master Lives On*, by Sai Youth from Malaysia.

Education Conference

A three-day Sri Sathya Sai Education Conference organised by the SSIO took place in Prasanthi Nilayam from 6th to 9th July 2014, on the theme, "Sathya Sai Ideal Education." The conference, attended by more than 280 delegates from over 55 countries, focused on Sathya Sai Schools and the Institutes of Sathya Sai Education.

Dancers from Sri Lanka, Buddha Poonnima Celebrations



Sathya Sai Ideal Education Conference



Russian Choir



European Music Offering



Guru Poornima Celebrations

From 9th to 15th July 2014, SSIO members from various countries took part in a variety of programmes as part of Guru Poornima celebrations. Members from Indonesia including SSE children presented the enchanting story of *Little Krishna* in a colourful dance drama accompanied by songs. A group of 100 from Russia and adjoining countries presented a choir singing folk songs arranged as nine musical gems of devotion. A group from the USA also presented a beautiful programme of devotional music.

Sai Retreat – Middle East & Gulf Countries

From 15th to 21st July 2014, more than 290 SSIO members from the Middle East and Gulf countries held a retreat at Prasanthi Nilayam. On 20th July 2014, the group presented a special musical offering.

Sai Samarpanam: Our Way to Sai – UK Pilgrimage

On 2nd August 2014, a group of 54 members from the United Kingdom, including SSE children and youth, offered a programme titled *Sai Samarpanam: Our Way to Sai*. The programme included a dance offering by SSE children and a soulful musical programme of songs in Telugu, Tamil, Hindi and English.

Gratitude – European Musical Offering

On 7th August 2014, more than 100 SSIO members from 18 European nations presented a musical offering titled *Gratitude*, in Prasanthi Nilayam. The participating countries included Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia and Sweden. The group also presented a short video on SSIO activities in the participating countries.

“Love is God. God is Love. Live in Love.”

–Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 3 April 2005

PRASANTHI EVENTS

Bhagawan's 89th Birthday Celebrations

As part of Bhagawan's 89th Birthday celebrations, a variety of cultural programmes were presented by the SSIO. These included a musical presentation by youth from various parts of the world, titled *Service to Man Is Service to God*, a dance offering by children from the Sri Sathya Sai School, Thailand and a concert by Ms. Dana Gillespie.

Christmas Programme

From 24th to 27th December 2014, SSIO members took part in Christmas celebrations at Prasanthi Nilayam. The celebrations included an international Christmas choir, a youth choir from Canada, a Christmas discourse by Bhagawan, and an international children's choir. Also included were a colourful drama titled *Eight Virtuous Offerings to God* by children from the Sathya Sai School, Toronto, Canada; a Walk for Values flag march; a multifaith prayer session; and a musical programme by youth from Canada.

Sathya Sai Youth at Birthday Celebrations



Thai Dance during Birthday Celebrations



Christmas in Sai Kulwant Hall



Christmas Celebrations



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