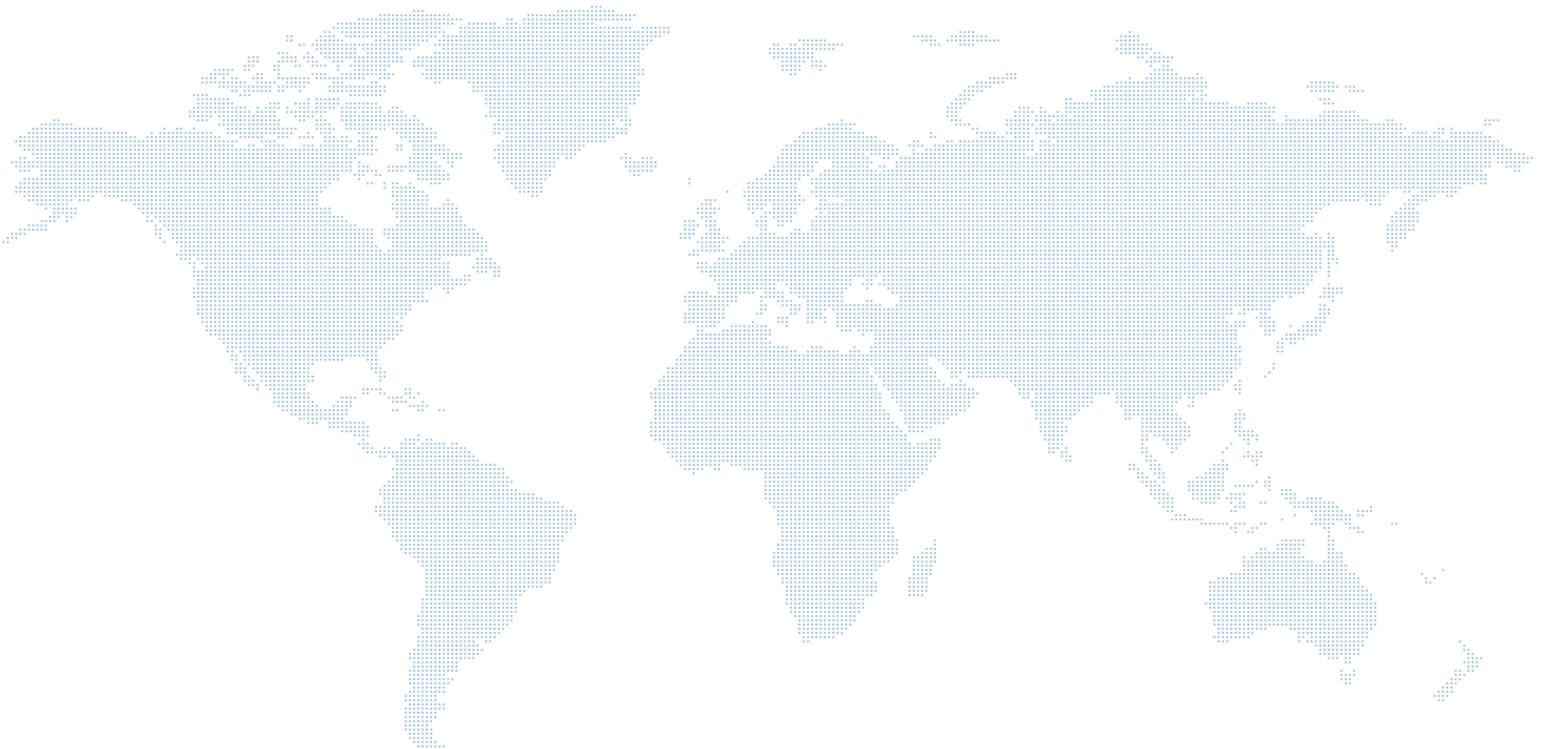


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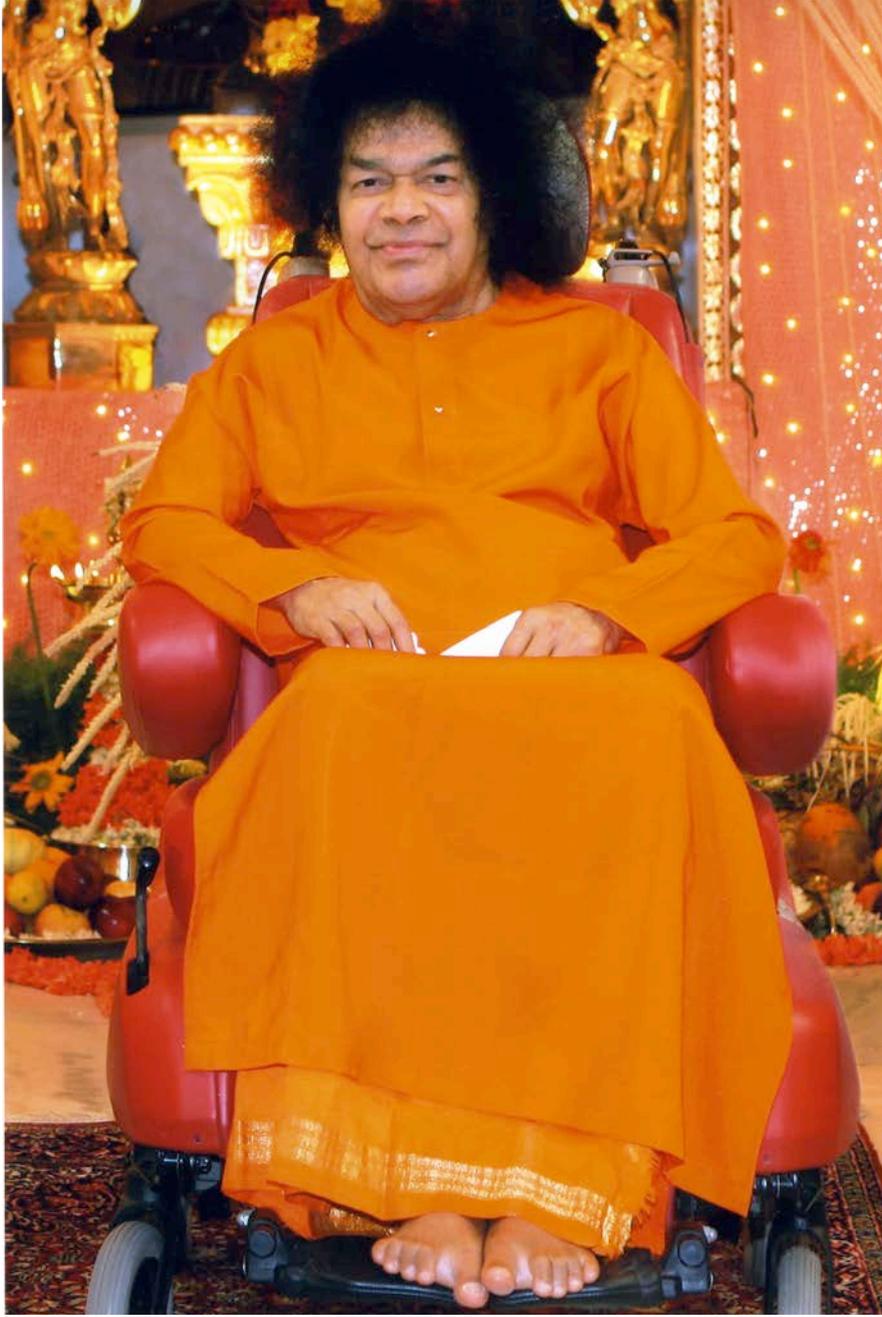


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Love more and more people, love them more and more intensely;  
transform the love into service, transform the service into worship;  
that is the highest spiritual practice.

–Sathya Sai Baba, 23 July 2002

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DEDICATED WITH LOVE AND REVERENCE TO  
**SRI SATHYA SAI BABA**



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Service is the highest of path of devotion which wins the grace of God. It promotes mental purity, diminishes egoism and enables one to experience, through sympathetic understanding, the unity of mankind.

–Sathya Sai Baba, 21 November 1986

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# FOREWORD

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*The Lord is Love. His form is Love. All beings are Love. Love saves and serves.  
Through Love alone can good arise. Love reveals the God in all.*

**–Sathya Sai Baba, 25 December 1981**

With love and reverence, members of the Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) offer the 2015–2016 Annual Report humbly at the divine lotus feet of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, during His Birthday celebrations in November 2016. This offering expresses our love and gratitude for the One, who is an incarnation of love and who has gifted us this wonderful organisation, the SSIO, to enable humanity to reach the supreme goal of life, Self-realisation.

His love and glory is unfathomable, boundless, and beyond human comprehension, perception and expression. The Annual Report provides glimpses of the mission of the SSIO being carried out around the world.

Reports from the 11 zones of the SSIO feature highlights in the fields of education, service to society, and spiritual activities to enable the spiritual seeker to realise his or her own innate divinity and help others to realise the same goal.

The cover page of each zonal report shows pictures of animals and birds in their natural habitat in that geographic area, reminding us that the same divine principle exists not only in human beings but in all creation. This also reflects the theme of the service projects being organised globally this year in honour of the Avatar Declaration Day – Love for Animals.

The chapter on education shows how ideal Sathya Sai Education, called Educare, is spreading Baba's teachings on human values in communities worldwide, through Sai Spiritual Education, Sathya Sai Schools, Institutes of Sathya Sai Education (ISSE), and Education in Human Values programmes.

The chapter on Sathya Sai Global Health Mission sets forth numerous examples of ideal Sathya Sai healthcare, wherein medical professionals are providing state of the

art healthcare with love and compassion, completely free of cost, through medical camps, medical clinics, primary, secondary and tertiary care medical institutions, preventive medicine, and health educational programmes.

The chapter on Sathya Sai Youth illustrates how youth, though faced with many challenges and distractions, are practising the teachings of Baba to transform themselves. The youth have embraced the Sathya Sai International Youth Leadership Programme (SSIYLP) to prepare themselves for leadership roles in the SSIO and in society.

During the period covered by this report, various earthquakes and floods around the globe took heavy tolls in human and animal life and caused widespread damage. SSIO members quickly jumped into action after the devastating earthquakes in Nepal in April 2015; after Cyclone Winston struck Fiji in February 2016; and after the earthquakes that occurred in Ecuador and Japan in April 2016. The SSIO promptly provided food, water, medicine, and shelter to those affected by the natural disasters, with love and compassion.

This report also includes a short description of the Tenth World Conference, held in Prasanthi Nilayam, India, in conjunction with the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations of Sathya Sai Baba. SSIO members from about 80 countries came together to share their love for Bhagawan. Events and celebrations presented by the SSIO at Prasanthi Nilayam demonstrated the tenet that there is only one religion, the religion of love; there is only one language, the language of the heart; and there is only one God, Who is omnipresent.

The momentous Sathya Sai World Youth Festival in July 2016 attracted approximately 3,000 energetic, intelligent, able, and motivated Sathya Sai Youth from an estimated 70 countries, including India. The theme of the festival – Love is the Source; Love is the Path; Love is the Goal – continued beautifully the resplendent theme of the Tenth World Conference.

May the Lord bless us with strength, dedication and discrimination to lead our lives according to His teachings and sanctify our lives.

Jai Sai Ram.

Narendranath Reddy, M.D.

Chairman, Prasanthi Council

Sathya Sai International Organisation

# SELECTED WEBSITES OF THE SSIO

This Annual Report gives highlights of SSIO activities for the period April 2015 – March 2016 in 121 countries. Beyond the contents of 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://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.

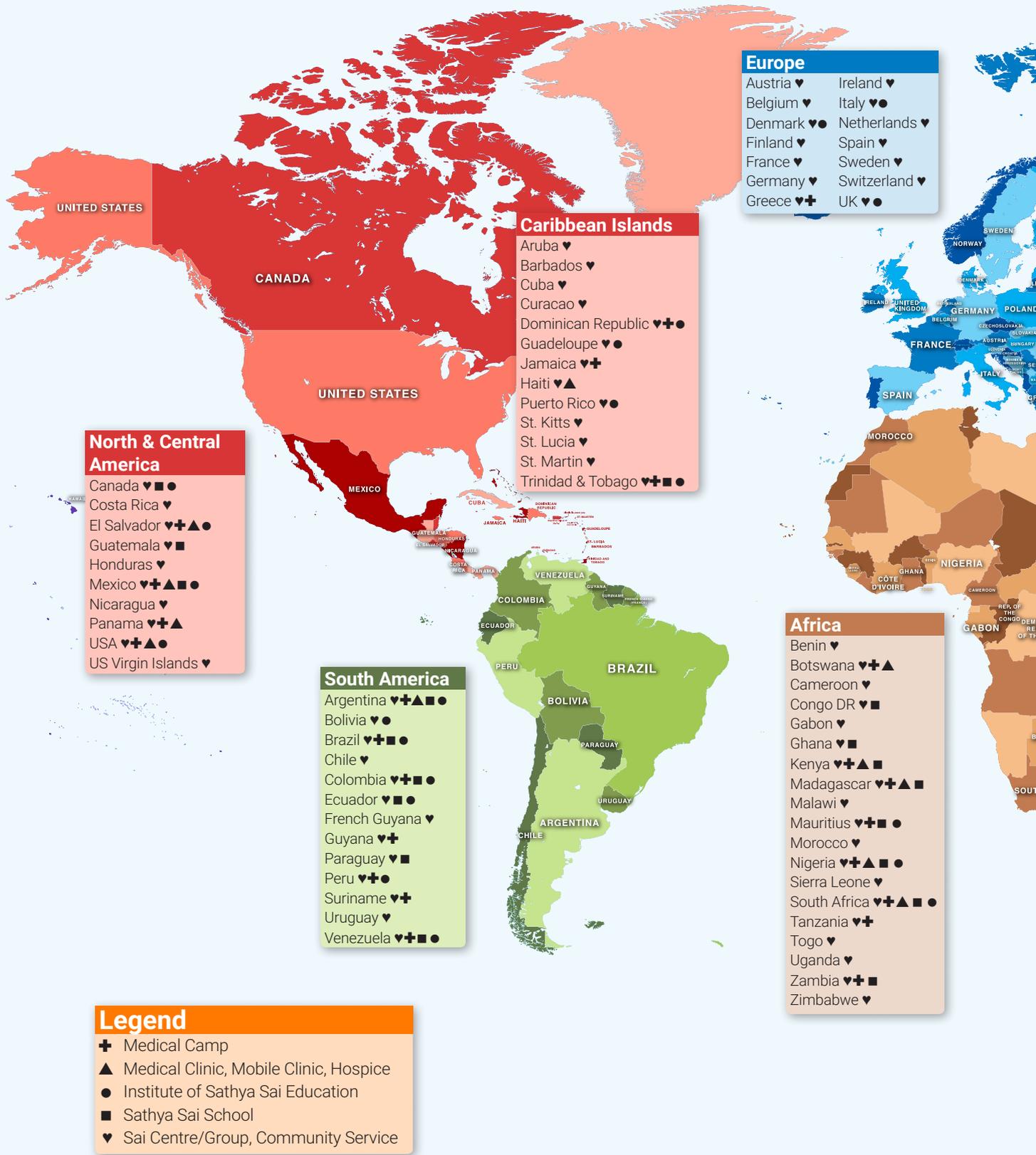
**Sathya Sai Universe – <http://saiuniverse.sathyasai.org/>**

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

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

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

# ACTIVITIES OF THE SATHYA SAI INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION



### Europe

- Belarus ♥
- Bosnia & Herzegovina ♥
- Croatia ♥+
- Czech Republic ♥
- Estonia ♥
- Hungary ♥
- Latvia ♥
- Lithuania ♥
- Macedonia ♥
- Moldova ♥
- Montenegro ♥
- Poland ♥+
- Romania ♥
- Russia ♥+
- Serbia ♥
- Slovakia ♥
- Slovenia ♥
- Ukraine ♥+

### Asia

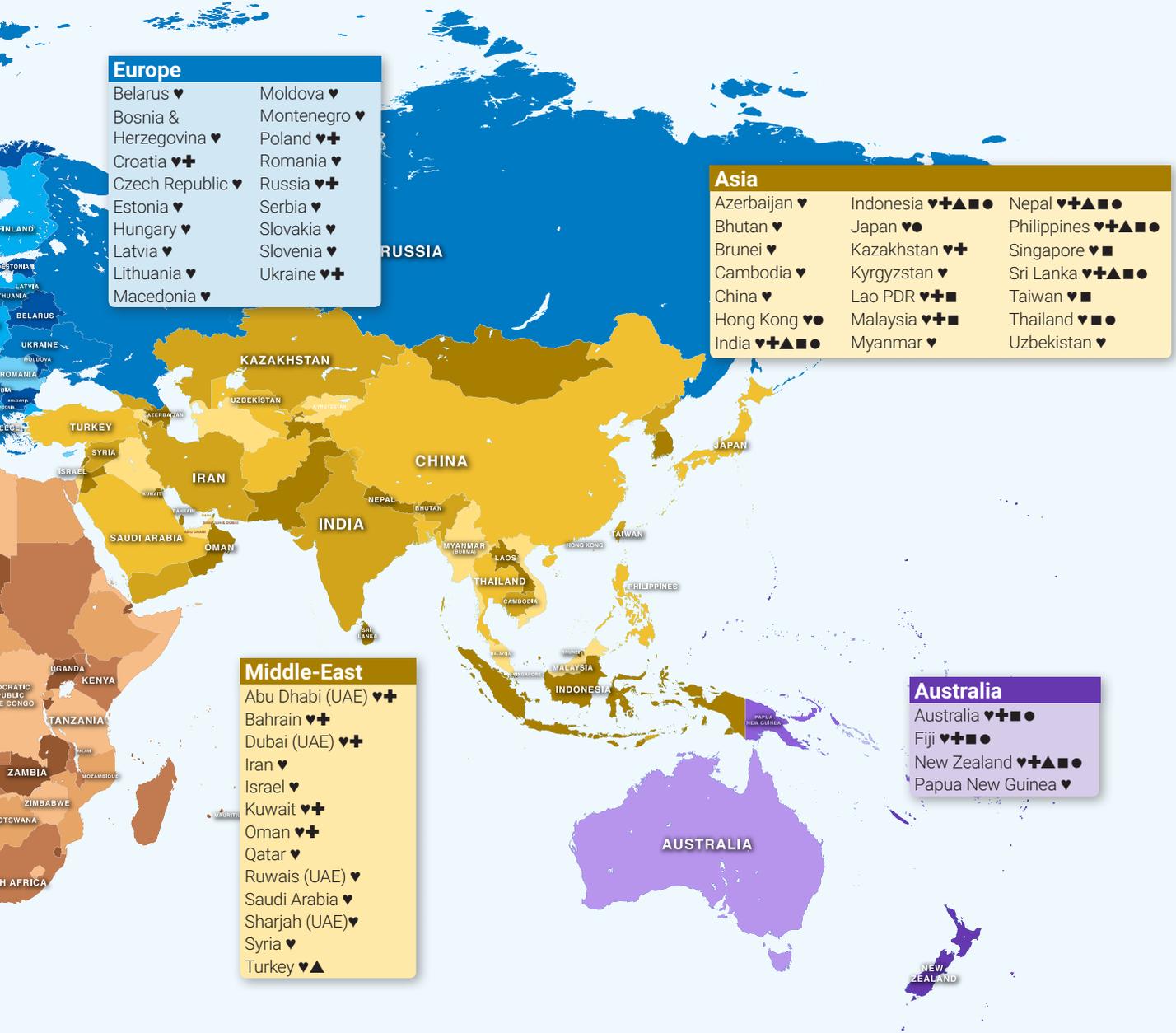
- Azerbaijan ♥
- Bhutan ♥
- Brunei ♥
- Cambodia ♥
- China ♥
- Hong Kong ♥
- India ♥+
- Indonesia ♥+
- Japan ♥
- Kazakhstan ♥+
- Kyrgyzstan ♥
- Lao PDR ♥+
- Malaysia ♥+
- Myanmar ♥
- Nepal ♥+
- Philippines ♥+
- Singapore ♥
- Sri Lanka ♥+
- Taiwan ♥
- Thailand ♥
- Uzbekistan ♥

### 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 ♥





# Sathya Sai Global Health Mission

**The Sathya Sai International Organization (SSIO)** continues to provide free and timely healthcare for those in need with compassion and love, reflecting Bhagawan's love for all beings.

During the reporting period April 2015–March 2016, approximately 223,800 patients received free services worldwide. This includes 112,825 patients seen in 510 medical and dental camps, which were held over short durations in areas of need. In addition, 110,975 patients received care in 31 medical clinics.

- Several thousand medical professionals and volunteers rendered loving services during this reporting period.
- In addition to medical services, health care services included surgery, dental and ophthalmology services, blood donations, bone marrow drives, and health education.

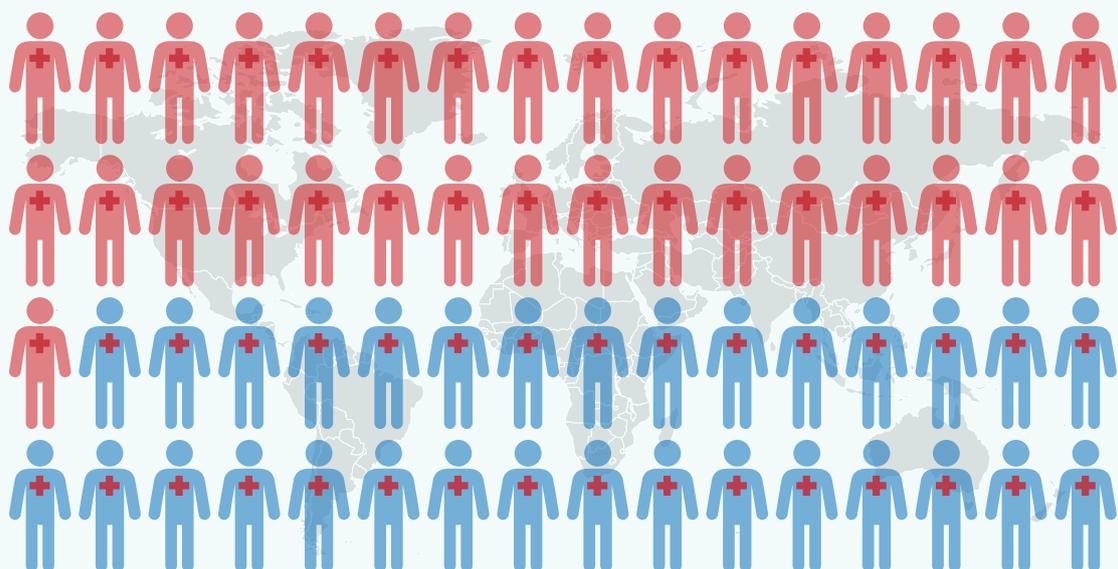
# SATHYA SAI GLOBAL HEALTH MISSION

Examples of medical services rendered during this reporting period across the globe include:

1. Medical and dental rotations of doctors in Sri Sathya Sai General and Super specialty hospitals and medical camps in Prasanthi Nilayam, India.
2. Special medical missions by SSIO doctors, offering specialized surgeries in the fields of cardiac surgery, neurosurgery, cataract surgery, gynaecological surgery and other special procedures at the SSSIHMS, Prasanthigram, SSSIHMS, Whitefield, and other parts of the world including Guyana, Fiji and Russia.
3. Medical, dental, and veterinary camps; mobile and permanent medical clinics.
4. Blood donations and bone marrow drives.
5. Medical relief during and after natural disasters.
6. Teaching programmes for physicians in Sri Sathya Sai Hospitals.
7. Preventive health care and health education regarding healthy lifestyle.

**223,800 PATIENTS SERVED WORLDWIDE**

**112,825 PATIENTS SEEN IN 510 MEDICAL AND DENTAL CAMPS**



**110,975 PATIENTS SERVED IN 31 MEDICAL CLINICS**

## 01

### **ZONE 1**

#### **Guyana**

Fibroid Project: On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015, a team of three doctors from the USA visited Guyana and performed surgeries at the New Amsterdam General Hospital on 10 patients with uterine fibroids, under the auspices of the Ministry of Health, Guyana.

#### **Jamaica**

The SSIO organised an international medical camp in Jamaica, 21–25 April 2015, where 18 Sathya Sai volunteers from the USA, Canada, and Jamaica provided various medical services to 1,542 needy Jamaicans at nine urban and rural locations. The Jamaica Ministry of Health supplied additional medications, provided transportation, and facilitated the visit of the volunteers.

#### **USA**

A total of 3,592 patients received healthcare services at 18 medical camps across the USA, including four dental hygiene camps in Tampa Bay, Florida; a vision camp and a podiatry (foot care) camp in St. Petersburg, Florida; an annual medical camp in St. Louis; and four medical camps offering primary care, women's care, paediatrics, dental care, and vision care in Corona, Vista, Huntington Park, and Oxnard, in Southern California. Many low-income, unemployed, underinsured, and homeless persons received healthcare at these events.

- Sri Sathya Sai Baba Free Medical and Dental Clinic, Culver City, California: Medical professionals, registered nurses, pharmacists, and general volunteers provided year-round healthcare services to 744 patients.
- Ashland Free Medical Clinic, San Lorenzo, California: The clinic provided primary care and dermatology services to 1,071 patients during this reporting period.
- One hundred and twenty patients were treated at a medical clinic in Colorado.

# SATHYA SAI GLOBAL HEALTH MISSION



St. Louis, USA, Zone 1



New York, USA, Zone 1



California, USA, Zone 1

*Doctors should serve the poor with a spirit of sacrifice.  
There is no greater service than this.*

—Sathya Sai Baba, 5 July 2003

## 2A

### ZONE 2A

#### El Salvador

The SSIO operates three permanent medical clinics in El Salvador. The largest clinic, in Colonia Médica, San Salvador, opens on Saturdays for the practice of general medicine. On weekdays, the clinic offers consultations in cardiology, neurology, and psychiatry. A total of 490 patients received services and free medicines. In addition, two medical clinics, one in Santa Tecla and the other in San Juan Opico, opened once a month, providing services to a total of 240 and 180 patients, respectively.

#### Mexico

A medical clinic in Mexico City operates six days a week, with the help of one doctor and a nurse. During this reporting period, the volunteers served lovingly 2,663 patients.

The Ranchito is a community of people living in extreme poverty in makeshift cardboard and wooden homes in Monterrey. In addition to offering various services to 23 destitute families, on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015, 26 Sathya Sai members from Monterrey, including doctors, conducted a medical camp and distributed medicines.



## 2B

### ZONE 2B

#### Argentina

In Argentina, four permanent medical clinics and 21 medical camps, operated with the help of 60 volunteers, served 1,754 patients during this reporting period. This includes a medical camp organised in Florencia Varela, Buenos Aires, on the third Sunday of each month, to serve needy local residents, 11 months in the year. In addition, two veterinarians and three assistants examined 50 pets on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at a veterinary camp in Grand Bourg.

#### Brazil

The SSIO hosted a two-day medical camp in Capão Valley, Chapada Diamantina, Bahia State, 4–5 June 2015, wherein 429 patients received care from 15 doctors, two nurses, 11 paramedical personnel, and 56 volunteers. Specialists offered consultations in general medicine, otolaryngology, paediatrics, orthopaedics, gynaecology, neurology, surgery, endocrinology, and psychology.



Brazil, Zone 2B

## 2B

### **ZONE 2B**

#### **Peru**

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015, the SSIO sponsored a medical camp in Ticlio Chico, Lima, with the assistance of two dentists, one obstetrician, and three psychologists, who offered healthcare services to 35 pregnant women, mothers with young children, and elders.

#### **Venezuela**

On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015, 20 patients had cataract surgeries in Caracas, through the efforts of SSIO specialists and volunteers, with assistance from the Institute of Ocular Microsurgery, Caracas.



**Peru, Zone 2B**



**Venezuela, Zone 2B**

## 03

### ZONE 3

#### Fiji

In March 2015, this island nation suffered natural disasters, including an earthquake and a cyclone. During 3–4 April 2015, a medical camp in Vanuatu served 223 needy local residents.

Also, Sathya Sai volunteers from Australia and Fiji organised an annual medical camp in Fiji from 23–26 May 2015, serving 1,335 patients and providing dental care to 368 individuals.

During 16–20 August 2015, the SSIO offered a 9<sup>th</sup> annual combined Australian and Fijian Sai Medical Camp on the island of Vanua Levu, with the help of 59 volunteers from Australia and Fiji, including medical professionals, and provided medical services to 1,373 patients. Additionally, 17 medical students from Umanand Prasad Medical School in Fiji received instruction.

On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the SSIO of Fiji conducted a medical camp at the Lami Primary School, where 41 volunteers including healthcare professionals provided primary care, dental care, vision services, women's care and other services to 270 patients.

At the Nadi Sathya Sai Centre, 128 donors contributed 93 pints of blood during this reporting period.

#### New Zealand

On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 568 patients received healthcare services during a medical camp in Rongomai.



Fiji, Zone 3



Fiji, Zone 3

## 04

### ZONE 4

A total of 18,619 blood donations were recorded in the countries of Zone 4.

#### Laos

A comprehensive three-day medical and dental camp was held in southern Laos, serving several hundred needy villagers.

#### Malaysia

In conjunction with Sathya Sai Baba's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations in November 2015, the SSIO of Malaysia launched the SAI (Social Action Initiative)-CARE project, which includes initiatives in medicare, educare, sociocare, and envirocare.

Under SAI-CARE's medicare initiative, SSIO volunteers organised 52 medical screening camps and 25 vision screening camps in several locations across Malaysia. Additionally, 112 elder patients received cataract operations; 7,682 pints of blood were collected in blood donation drives, and a de-worming programme served 3,676 children.

| COUNTRY            | CLINICS   | PATIENTS AT CLINICS | CAMPS      | PATIENTS AT CAMPS | TOTAL VOLUNTEERS | TOTAL PATIENTS |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Indonesia</b>   | 5         | 39,830              | 312        | 46,079            | 834              | 85,909         |
| <b>Malaysia</b>    |           |                     | 77         | 18,676            | 830              | 18,676         |
| <b>Nepal</b>       | 4         | 25,000              | 12         | 5,575             | 124              | 30,575         |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b>   | 5         | 4,330               | 14         | 4,835             | 99               | 9,165          |
| <b>Philippines</b> | 1         | 17,888              | 6          | 2,191             | 24               | 20,079         |
| <b>Laos</b>        |           |                     | 1          | 1,050             | 31               | 1,050          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>15</b> | <b>87,048</b>       | <b>422</b> | <b>78,406</b>     | <b>1,942</b>     | <b>165,454</b> |

## 04

### ZONE 4

#### Nepal

On 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015, a massive earthquake measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale shook Nepal, leading to severe destruction in the Kathmandu valley. SSIO doctors rendered medical services as part of the disaster relief efforts. Medical camps were immediately organised at four locations, and doctors went door-to-door offering medical services in 11 villages in remote mountainous areas. Pregnant women and postpartum mothers living in government tents were brought to the Sathya Sai Health Centre for ultrasound examinations, blood tests and dental services. In total, more than 5,000 patients were served in medical camps by a team of 11 medical professionals and 30 paramedics, assisted by general volunteers.



Malaysia, Zone 4



Laos, Zone 4



Nepal, Zone 4

## 04

### ZONE 4

#### Sri Lanka

In conjunction with Bhagawan's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, 147 patients had free cataract surgeries in mobile medical camps held in the northern, eastern and central parts of Sri Lanka.

In addition, SSIO volunteers organised a six-day medical camp in Kataragama, and one-day mobile medical camps in eight different regions, benefitting 4,835 patients, who also received free medications, along with dental examinations and cataract screenings. Blood donation drives throughout the country resulted in 350 blood donations.

#### Indonesia

In November 2015, SSIO volunteers provided 27 leg prostheses (artificial limbs) to victims of various accidents and amputees. The mobile clinic continued to serve needy patients in remote communities.



## 06

### ZONE 6

#### Croatia

In December 2015, a Sathya Sai doctor offered medical consultations and general check-ups to villagers lacking access to medical care in Letovanic.

## 08

### ZONE 8

#### Russia

Sathya Sai volunteers from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, United Kingdom, and Germany held an international healthcare and service camp in the Leningrad region of northwest Russia from 5–15 August 2015. A medical team of 38 volunteers treated 1,928 patients and organised healthcare teams who visited seven nearby villages to examine patients who could not be transported.

In June 2015, SSIO volunteers provided dental services to 25 residents of a small village in Siberia.

#### Ukraine

In July 2015, SSIO members from Ukraine conducted a medical and service camp at a boarding school in Vinitsa, where 21 volunteers, including medical professionals from six cities of Ukraine, provided various medical services to 117 people.



## 9A

### ZONE 9A

#### Botswana

The Sathya Sai Baba Free Medical Clinic in Botswana has been operating for the last 10 years, providing medical, vision, and dental services to the needy. A total of 3,086 patients received services during this reporting period, including distribution of custom-made spectacles.

#### Kenya

For the third consecutive year, the Sathya Sai Centre in Mombasa arranged cataract surgeries for rural community residents; 512 patients received screenings at three camps, and 66 people underwent successful cataract surgeries at the Lions Eye Hospital.

At an annual medical camp at the Wundanyi District Hospital, held in conjunction with Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday observances in 2015, 11 doctors and 20 volunteers served 360 patients, including screenings for blood sugar levels, vision/hearing loss, and nerve reflex disorders.

The Sathya Sai Center in Nairobi has operated a medical and dental clinic at its premises for the past 15 years. Two doctors and a medical assistant open the clinic six days a week, offering medical consultations and dispensing medicines. About 10,800 needy patients from densely populated slum areas received services during this reporting period.



Kenya, Zone 9A

## 9A

### ZONE 9A

#### Mauritius

The SSIO held a total of 63 blood donation camps, at which 5,309 individuals donated blood.

#### South Africa

The SSIO operates permanent medical clinics in Phoenix, Estcourt, and Ambo/Malagazi, serving more than 4,500 patients over a 12-month period:

| LOCATION      | PATIENTS     | MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS | VOLUNTEERS |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Ambo/Malagazi | 1,185        | 120                   | 374        |
| Estcourt      | 228          | 1                     | 4          |
| Phoenix       | 3,120        | 9                     | 8          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4,533</b> | <b>130</b>            | <b>386</b> |

The clinics provide vision, dental, and medical services and dispense eye glasses and medicines. Dental surgeries, including extractions, are also performed. Sathya Sai medical professionals also serve the community by managing a ward at the RK Khan hospital in Chatsworth.

In two separate provinces, Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal, a total of 8,821 SSIO members attended blood donation camps where 6,838 pints of blood were collected.



Mauritius, Zone 9A



South Africa, Zone 9A

# SATHYA SAI GLOBAL HEALTH MISSION

## 9B

Sathya Sai volunteers in Zone 9B conducted regular medical camps along with blood donation campaigns, vision camps, and preventive healthcare sessions. More than 5,100 patients were treated at 33 camps in Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Dubai, Oman, and Kuwait, as shown below.

| COUNTRY         | PATIENTS     | CAMPS     | BLOOD DONATIONS |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Abu Dhabi (UAE) | 1,575        | 14        | 142             |
| Bahrain         | 1,500        | 1         | 100             |
| Dubai (UAE)     | 900          | 5         | 300             |
| Oman            | 942          | 11        | 51              |
| Kuwait          | 190          | 2         | 146             |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>5,107</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>739</b>      |



## MEDICAL AND DENTAL ROTATIONS OF DOCTORS IN SRI SATHYA SAI HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CAMPS HELD IN PRASANTHI NILAYAM

The SSIO coordinates medical and dental rotations in Sri Sathya Sai General Hospitals (SSSGH) and Sri Sathya Sai Institutes of Higher Medical Sciences (SSSIHMS) in Whitefield and Puttaparthi, India, and also conducts medical camps in Prasanthi Nilayam, semi-annually.

A representation of the services provided during the reporting period is below.

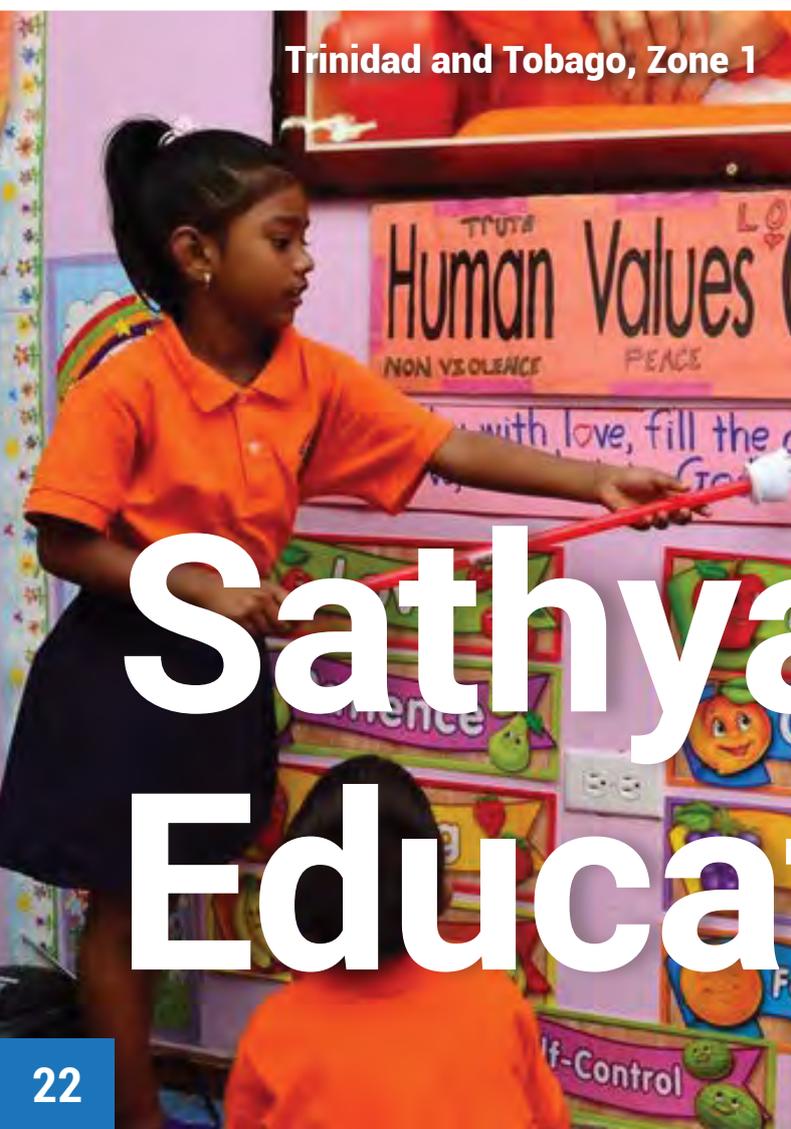
| MEDICAL CAMPS IN PRASANTHI NILAYAM | PATIENTS      | MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS | VOLUNTEERS |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 9–13 July 2015                     | 3,000         | 27                    | 19         |
| 18–25 November 2015                | 11,810        | 48                    | 53         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>14,810</b> | <b>75</b>             | <b>72</b>  |
| <b>SSSGH Rotation, Puttaparthi</b> | 7,510         | 19                    |            |

*Medicine should not be commercialised. It is meant to promote heart to heart and love to love relationship between doctor and patient.*

–Sathya Sai Baba, 5 July 2003



Russia, Zone 8



Trinidad and Tobago, Zone 1



Taiwan, Zone 5

# Sathya Sai Education

# SATHYA SAI EDUCATION

**Sathya Sai Education** is based on Sathya Sai Baba's philosophy of education, giving equal importance to spirituality, human values, character and educational achievements. He guided and blessed the establishment of Sai Spiritual Education (SSE) programmes and the establishment of Sathya Sai Schools (Schools) and Institutes with their Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) programmes around the world. Currently, 31 Institutes of Sathya Sai Education (ISSEs) and 44 Sathya Sai Schools support educational activities, globally.

The Conference in Prasanthi Nilayam in 2015 on Sai Spiritual Education brought together national and regional education coordinators and SSE trainers from many countries for the development of an international SSE platform.

The ISSEs undertook a self-review and developed action plans. Several ISSEs are collaborating with their local universities and Ministries of Education in delivering SSEHV in government schools. The Education Committee has recently embarked on accreditation of all Sathya Sai Schools around the world by initiating a self-review process.

This report briefly summarises the educational activities of the SSE, SSEHV, ISSEs and Sathya Sai Schools worldwide.



Morocco, Zone 9A

## 01

### Zone 1

**USA:** The ISSE received a SSEHV research grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation for SSEHV projects. It conducted a fifth Annual Residential Training programme and launched a university course on SSEHV.

**Canada:** The Canadian ISSE developed short SSEHV courses on stress reduction, peer pressure, saving energy, cyber abuse, and on business ethics. The School in Toronto continues to be ranked by the Fraser Institute among the top 18 schools out of over 3,000 primary schools in the province of Ontario.

**Trinidad & Tobago:** In collaboration with the government's universal initiative for preschools, the SSIO Trinidad & Tobago expanded the Sathya Sai Garden of Blooms Early Childhood Care and Education Centre to four classes. SSEHV training was provided to 75 participants. The Institute is developing a Life Skills programme for post-SSE students, young adults, and adults.



## 2A

### ZONE 2A

**Dominican Republic:** A sixth Latin American Residential Diploma Course was conducted with 23 participants, and 270 people attended an international SSEHV seminar.

**Mexico:** The ISSE Mexico conducted a diploma course for about 30 teachers of the Schools of Central America and of Guatemala. The city of Toluca de Lerdo, Mexico, honoured Karla Bibiana Alarcon Jimenez with an “Exemplary Citizen” award for her social services in teaching SSEHV to school and community children for many years.

**Puerto Rico:** The ISSE held its fifth contest of submissions of stories on human values, with participation by 68 teachers and members of the general public.

**Venezuela:** The ISSE trained the teaching staff of the School of Abejales and partnership schools, in addition to supporting SSEHV activities in the community.

**Guatemala:** The School provided services to a centre for mentally handicapped children, a senior home, and a homeless shelter.



## 2B

### ZONE 2B

**Colombia:** A new headquarters was inaugurated for the School, which has 200 students. The ISSE conducted a diploma course and offered parenting workshops and training for the youth.

**Peru:** In partnership with the Post-Graduate School of the National Education University, the ISSE delivered training courses for educators, tutors, students, and the general public. A monthly newsletter called Happy Classroom offered SSEHV resources and lessons for the community.

**Brazil:** The city of Ribeirão Preto awarded the title of Honorary Citizen to Prof. Dalton de Souza Amorim for his work at the School of Ribeirão Preto, which has 240 students enrolled in 11 grades.

**Ecuador:** Twelve educators received certificates after competing an introductory course on SSEHV. The ISSE provided training in SSEHV to the teachers of a government school and the School in Bahia de Caraquez.

**Paraguay:** School students participated in World Environment Day by making posters, visiting parks, sharing stories, and organising activities with their parents, to heighten their awareness of human values.



Colombia, Zone 2B

## 03

### ZONE 3

**Australia:** The newly established ISSE is working closely with the Australian School in Murwillumbah, which now has a Secondary School, with a new building.

**Fiji:** The SSE programme is conducted by 45 trained teachers. The ISSE in Fiji continued its SSEHV activities in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, which requires SSEHV training for all teachers.

**New Zealand:** In addition to SSE teaching and training, the ISSE New Zealand focused on developing high level competence for trainers and facilitators by having them take a government accredited qualification of Certificate 4 in Training in Education. This group of qualified trainers are preparing to launch several SSEHV initiatives.



New Zealand,  
Zone 3



New Zealand,  
Zone 3

## 04

### ZONE 4

**Philippines:** The School celebrated its 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and many graduating students pursued higher education in universities.

**Singapore:** Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the Sri Sathya Sai Kindergarten provided education to 100 students with the help of nine teachers, several assistants, and parents. In March, 56 schools participated in a Human Values Drama Festival over a five-day period.

**Laos:** The newly-established School in Laos, with 74 students, completed its first year. Plans for expansion and higher-level classes have been drawn up for the future.

**Nepal:** Nepal's two Schools have a total of 703 students and 49 teachers. The SSIO Nepal has made an agreement with the National Center for Educational Development for SSEHV training of teachers under the Ministry of Education, Nepal. The School in Kathmandu collaborated with a government agency to build a pilot Eco-Efficient Water Infrastructure.

**Thailand:** The School is a leader in integrating human values into the national education system and received an award from the Ministry of Education for achieving above average scores in the national examinations.

**Malaysia:** The School organised a Science Exhibition and Competition, during which students conducted human values-based experiments for promoting love and appreciation for nature, the environment, and creation itself. The School hosted a teacher development workshop for teachers of government schools.

*Respect your parents and have love for God. This is true education.*

–Sathya Sai Baba, 30 May 1992

## 04

**Sri Lanka:** In the School in Jaffna, 187 students were taught by 19 teachers. Weekly SSE programmes were conducted for 1,375 children by 185 trained teachers in 48 Sathya Sai Centres. SSEHV has restored psychological and educational wellness in more than 300 orphans suffering from the ravages of civil war and strife.

**Indonesia:** The Insan Teladan Junior High School celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary with prayers by the parents, teachers, and children. The Ministry of Education has requested the ISSE to train all teachers in the country in SSEHV.



## 05

### ZONE 5

**Hong Kong:** The Senior SSE children and teenage youth continued monthly tutoring in English for children, with an SSEHV focus, at the Sharon Lutheran Primary School.

**China:** An SSEHV programme, conducted by the ISSE Hong Kong in partnership with the South China Normal University, continued to gain momentum in four provinces in China. A third SSEHV Leaders' Conference in Guangzhou was attended by 100 delegates, including educators from seven universities, education bureaus, school leaders, and international experts.

**Taiwan:** The SSEHV programme in Taiwan is conducted for 60 students in grades 1–12. A quarterly SSEHV newsletter was sent out electronically to SSE teachers, volunteers, parents, and teachers in the local community.

**Japan:** The ISSE organised a delegation of 50 educators from Shizuoka University, Shizuoka Institute of Science and Technology, and the Educational Board of the Shizuoka Prefecture, to visit Prasanthi Nilayam. An SSE Camp was held at the Tokyo Sathya Sai Centre. SSE teachers and students of the SSSIHL participated in the Sakura Science Project.



Taiwan, Zone 5

## 06

### ZONE 6

The ISSE South Europe (ISSE SE) provided training courses in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Macedonia, Greece, Israel, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland, to prepare high quality trainers for further development of SSE.

The ISSE SE also held a training course (Course 1) in Israel for about 50 participants of Jewish, Muslim, Israeli and Hindu backgrounds.

In collaboration with the SSIO Greece, the ISSE SE initiated a series of seminars for the general public on the philosophy of SSEHV.

*Character is the end of education. Concentration is the essence of education. The aim of education is not only cultivating human qualities but attaining divinity. Education is meant for life, not only for a living.*

–Sathya Sai Baba, 26 September 2000



## 07

### ZONE 7

The European Sathya Sai Education (ESSE) Institute provided training in Introductory, Intermediate, and Final Certificate Courses in SSEHV in Hungary and the Netherlands (Zone 7), in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Russia (Zone 8), and in France (Zone 6).

The German Campus conducted Introductory and Intermediate level training and arranged three seminars on healthcare.

The Institute of Educational Researches of Azerbaijan Republic invited the ESSE for a seminar on teachers' professional development in Baku, attended by 250 people.

In collaboration with the Bobek Centre in the Republic of Kazakhstan, the ESSE Institute trained 294 teachers and professors in Kazakhstan.

The ESSE also provided multiple trainings to the members and office bearers of SSIO Hungary.

**Poland:** A weekly SSEHV Project called "Education through Theatre" was organised for 45 children.

**Netherlands:** Weekly SSEHV classes were held for 24 children from a low-income immigrant neighbourhood in Amsterdam.

**Germany:** SSEHV classes focused on "Love is giving and forgiving."



## 08

### ZONE 8

During an annual Zonal Education camp, lessons on human values were given for all age groups.

A week-long residential SSE programme called Vacation School was held in a country house for teenagers in Southern Russia.

In an educational project, 93 classes were conducted over a 7-day period for more than 250 orphans and children in homeless shelters and correctional camps.

A 14<sup>th</sup> Zonal Conference on Education, held from 25–27 March 2016, was attended by 88 teachers, trainers, and others from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.



## 9A

### ZONE 9A

**South Africa:** Weekly SSE classes were conducted for 1,763 children, and parenting classes were held at most Sathya Sai centres in the country. The Eastern Cape Department of Education invited ISSE South Africa to formalise collaboration for teacher training.

**Kenya:** The School at Kisaju commenced construction of a secondary school premises. Delegates from 14 public and private schools attended SSEHV and the Honouring Our Parents Everyday (H.O.P.E) programme. In the School in Uthiru, 12 teachers provide education to 179 pupils, grades 0 to 8.

**Nigeria:** The primary School in Lagos, with 158 pupils and 16 teaching faculty, follows the new unified curriculum scheme under the curriculum reforms for basic education by the Ministry of Education, Nigeria.

**Madagascar:** In the primary School in Madagascar, four trained SSEHV teachers held classes for 97 students from kindergarten to grade 3.

**Morocco:** Three trained teachers in Casablanca implemented SSEHV in a school with 193 children, ages 6–12.



South Africa, Zone 9A



Kenya, Zone 9A

## 9A

**Ghana:** The School in Ghana has 6 teachers guiding 80 students in grades 1–4, in its kindergarten and primary School. The School has embarked on farming projects on two acres of land to support further developments.

**Mauritius:** 1,172 SSE children are enrolled in regular SSE classes. The ISSE guides the School, with a focus on empowering women and parents.

## 9B

### ZONE 9B

**UAE:** Training of teachers and programmes for parents are organised regularly. Children take part in regular activities of the SSIO. Group 4 children participate in service activities.

**Saudi Arabia:** There are 100 SSE children, taught by 12 SSE Teachers.

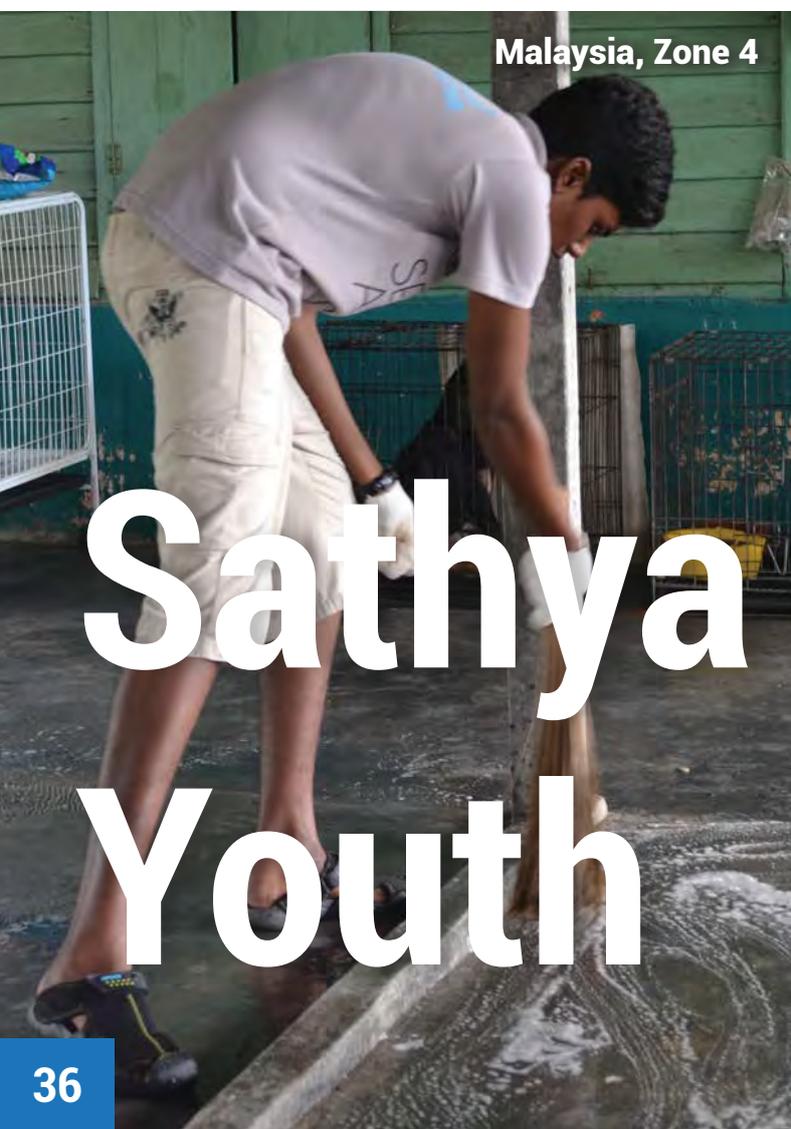
**Oman:** Since 2011, the Sai Group has been authorised by the Ministry of Education to conduct four-hour SSEHV workshops for school teachers in Oman. In 2015, 472 children from 337 schools participated in an Essay Writing and Poster Making Competition for Schools, which was inaugurated by Dr. H.S.M. Al Busaidy, Director General for Curriculum Development, Ministry of Education.

*The sole purpose of education is to develop humility and discipline.*

–Sathya Sai Baba, 30 May 1992



Canada, Zone 1



Malaysia, Zone 4



Germany, Zone 7

# Sathya Sai Youth

## 01

### ZONE 1

Sathya Sai youth in Canada, the USA, and countries of the West Indies took part in SAI90, a programme of nine initiatives encompassing Service, Adoration, and Inspiration (SAI), in honour of Bhagawan's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Conducted over a nine-month period, March–November 2015, the nine initiatives included service projects, SAIx (talk shows), musical offerings, #Sai90 (social media), Sai Olympics, an art/short story/poetry competition, self-transformation activities, Capture the Love (Sai90 activities), and Journey Forward (youth activities beyond 2015).

Youth across Zone 1 also participated in many other projects, including helping a bone marrow donation organisation, spreading joy by singing Christmas carols, providing sports therapy for autistic children, mentoring distressed children, leading a textbook drive for African universities, and providing medical supplies for earthquake victims in Nepal. Youth in Suriname participated in a 4 km Walk for Values in October 2015. In addition, youth escorted members of the Blind Welfare Association of Trinidad and Tobago to Mayaro beach for a fun-filled day near the sea.



## 2A

### ZONE 2A

Youth of Zone 2A focused on their personal spiritual development and engaged in service to children. In Mexico, 50 children and 15 youth participated in a summer course titled "With Love for the World" during July 2015. The course promoted care for Mother Earth through the practice of human values. Mexican youth also delivered food and blankets to the General Hospital in Coatzacoalcos during November 2015.

In El Salvador, youth provided lessons in human values to community members. Sathya Sai youth escorted urban children on excursions to the countryside every month, where they played games and taught meditation, care for the environment, and how to make imitation spider webs. In El Salvador, the youth held a meeting in August 2015 to deepen their spiritual knowledge and discuss the work of the SSIO. In Guatemala, the youth gathered in February 2016 to learn about the life and works of Sathya Sai Baba and the functions of the SSIO. In Panamá, Sathya Sai youth offered classes in human values.



Panama, Zone 2A



El Salvador, Zone 2A

## 2B

### ZONE 2B

With much excitement and anticipation, the youth of Zone 2B participated in preparations for the Sathya Sai World Youth Festival of July 2016, including musical offerings to be presented in Sai Kulwant Hall. The youth organised activities to support the global SSIO Serve the Planet project, joined in SSIO activities, and spread Bhagawan's message of human values in all parts of South America. In addition, six youth from Zone 2B graduated from the first Sathya Sai International Youth Leadership Programme (SSIYLP) in 2015.

## 03

### ZONE 3

Sathya Sai youth of Zone 3 participated with enthusiasm in a Pre-World Conference in Sydney in June 2015. In Australia, the youth, in partnership with another group, organised regular visits to a local park in Brisbane for disadvantaged and homeless children. In addition, Australian youth spearheaded four service projects, including serving residents of nursing homes, distributing food to refugees, planting trees to protect and enhance the environment, and providing instructions on life skills to refugees and immigrants.



Mexico, Zone 2A



Australia, Zone 3

# SATHYA SAI YOUTH

## 03

The youth of Fiji organised a retreat called “Yadra” to strengthen their spiritual progress. Sathya Sai youth of Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand held another retreat called “BULA (Being Unconditionally Loving and Awesome),” which was attended by 135 people.

Young adults also distributed clothing and groceries to victims of cyclone Winston in Fiji, in early 2016. In New Zealand, more than 20 youth participated regularly in medical camps. The “iPlan” initiative, designed to create educational material based on the teachings of Sathya Sai Baba, for holding educational sessions for the youth, continued to grow in New Zealand, with a successful retreat held in early 2016.

## 04

### ZONE 4

Sathya Sai youth of Nepal provided loving care to the victims of earthquakes that devastated the mountainous region in April 2015. They provided shelter at Sathya Sai centres to those rendered homeless and participated later in construction of houses for earthquake victims.



Sathya Sai youth also organised campaigns to clean up the river Bagmati, which was appreciated by the Government of Nepal.

In Indonesia and Malaysia, Sathya Sai youth reached out to other young adults to educate them on human values and on healthy living through abstaining from alcohol and smoking. The “Cure Care” project by the youth has helped ex-convicts quit the use of drugs.

Sathya Sai youth from several countries, including medical professionals, organised medical camps across the Zone. Every month, the youth of Philippines participated in local healthcare initiatives. Malaysian youth rendered loving service to animals and, in one instance, rescued 50 abandoned dogs. In Thailand, Sathya Sai youth helped provide meals to the residents of slums and to refugees. In Lao PDR, Sathya Sai youth were instrumental in setting up a new Sathya Sai School in Vientiane and also rendered loving services to the blind. In Singapore, youth organised a “Games Day” where human values were taught to local children through sports and games.



Nepal, Zone 4

## 05

### ZONE 5

Hong Kong youth conducted a series of “Educare English Enhancement” programmes at a local primary school. They also entertained residents of a home for the mentally challenged, and distributed “Sai Seva” packets of dry food items and hot vegetarian meals to the homeless. As part of the global Serve the Planet initiative, a smartphone “app” was created on the five human values taught by Sathya Sai Baba. Developed in cooperation with senior SSIO members, the app illustrates the human values through stories, inspirational messages and songs, making it easy for the user to appreciate and practise these principles.

Three Zone 5 youth graduated from the first SSIYLP in November 2015.

In Taiwan, Sathya Sai youth conducted SSEHV classes on weekends for Chinese students, holding discussions in Mandarin. The youth also participated in a Walk for Values in May 2015 at Fu Riverside Park.

In Japan, young adults initiated work on their second book, Sai Words, to spread the Sathya Sai’s teachings, and also contributed to a zonal newsletter.



## 06

### ZONE 6

French youth participated regularly in service activities, providing clothing, food, and supplies to about 20 families in need and to the homeless in Paris. They also held monthly meetings, at which they conducted interactive workshops on various spiritual topics.

The youth wing of Zone 6 participated in the Pre-World Conference in Italy in May 2015. They conducted study circles, organised bhajans and a talent show, and gave talks on spiritual transformation.

The young adults led the Serve the Planet initiative in 2015 under the theme, "Human Values for Nation Building," with Zone 6 youth taking leadership roles.

Youth from eight countries in Zone 6 also took part in a global musical offering, "One Sai, One World." Additionally, five young adults, from Croatia, France, Slovenia, Spain, and Switzerland, graduated from the inaugural SSIYLP in 2015.



## 07

### ZONE 7

Every month, Sathya Sai youth in the UK provided services to about 100 homeless people. In Poland, youth prepared and distributed food packages to the homeless in Warsaw. In Latvia, young adults prepared 108 Christmas packets to bring cheer to homeless women.

Twenty Sathya Sai youth from Germany participated in a national service–summer course in Hohenprießnitz, where they helped to renovate a centre for the elderly. In Latvia, youth organised a Human Values Day in a park, with the help of other SSIO members.

Hungarian youth, working with others, painted about 600 square metres of walls with fresh, colourful paint at a centre for treatment of drug addiction. They also visited a home for people with physical or mental challenges to bring cheer and joy.

In the Netherlands, youth in Amsterdam provided services to the residents of a home for the elderly. Czech youth, along with children, cleaned up a public forest area. In March 2016, Sathya Sai youth volunteers from the UK offered face-painting during a walk for charity event.

During 2015, the YOUunity band recorded numerous spiritual songs. Their second music album, “Back to Self,” is scheduled for release in late 2016.



## 08

### ZONE 8

In March 2016, the 15<sup>th</sup> Zonal Youth Conference, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Zonal Youth Festival, and the Zonal Youth Sai Olympics were held in Moscow. Youth conferences were organised also in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, and Russia. In April 2015 and March 2016, young adults of Zone 8 distributed more than 1,000 packages of food, clothing, and personal hygiene items to the destitute and the homeless in various areas.

In Belarus, youth lovingly distributed Christmas gifts of fruit, candy, and craftwork to the elderly and the disabled. Sathya Sai youth of Kazakhstan presented an enchanting concert to entertain the residents of a juvenile centre. In Russia, youth organised meetings in public schools to highlight the dangers of alcohol and tobacco abuse. They also participated in service camps and supplied food for needy children. In addition, they displayed posters on the tenets of a healthy lifestyle in the streets, for public education.

Sathya Sai youth of Ukraine and Russia continued their tradition of visiting children in rehabilitation centres and orphanages and conducting classes in SSEHV.



Russia, Zone 8



Russia, Zone 8

## 9A

### ZONE 9A

In South Africa, the “Leaders Like Lions” programme was created to develop youth leaders who can deal effectively with the challenges of daily life and assume leadership roles in the SSIO. About 140 youth enrolled in the one-year programme. In South Africa, 230 young adults participated in an annual National Youth Camp weekend, where interactive sessions were held to stimulate the mind and broaden their thinking.

To enjoy the natural beauty and splendour of the island of Mauritius, about 75 Sathya Sai youth from all across the island nation joined for a hike at Le Pouce mountain. They held discussions and exchanged information about their spiritual journey at the end of the outing.



South Africa, Zone 9A

## 9B

### ZONE 9B

Young adults in Zone 9B served tea, buttermilk, and refreshments on a regular basis to more than 3,000 labourers during the hot summer months. In Abu Dhabi, youth coordinated food preparation and distribution to more than 4,500 labourers every month. They also served iftaar, a meal to break one's fast at the end of the day during the holy month of Ramadan, to over 3,300 labourers in Mussafa. In addition, they provided more than 2,000 labourers with dry rations in Bahrain, Oman, and Abu Dhabi, and hygiene kits to 189 labourers in Dubai. The youth also participated regularly in medical camps and blood donation drives throughout Zone 9B.

As part of the global Serve the Planet initiative, Sathya Sai youth from Bahrain planted trees at the Riffa Campus of the Indian School and placed banners depicting the five human values. In Dubai and Oman, youth conducted seminars on the topics of speech control and steadfastness in life, respectively.



Bahrain, Zone 9B



## Awards and Honours

## **Australia**

The Whitehorse City Council honoured the SSIO with a Certificate of Appreciation for conducting an “All Faith Music Festival” on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

The SSIO received a Certificate of Appreciation by SydWest Multicultural Services for participating in a Christmas celebration on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Blacktown, NSW.

## **Bahrain**

On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the Ministry of Health, Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the SSIO for donating blood for more than three decades.

## **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The SSIO received recognition from the Civil Protection Headquarters of Srebrenik, Canton Tuzla, for strengthening civil protection in Srebrenik and for their joint efforts in relieving the distress of families affected by floods that occurred in 2014.

## **Botswana**

The Sathya Sai Centre of Gaborone received an award as “the best church” for donating blood.

## **Colombia**

Ms. Maria Feliza Mosquera, a Sathya Sai volunteer, received the Titanes Award from Caracol, a major Colombian radio station, for promotion of peace in children affected by violence. She has raised orphaned and abandoned children in a country house for the past 16 years.

## **Croatia**

The municipality of Letovanic presented an award in 2015 to the SSIO for providing aid to the needy in flooded areas of the Sisak-Moslavina County.

## **Germany**

On 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016, two SSIO members of Luebeck were honoured with the annual Environmental Award of the municipality of Ratekau in Northern Germany, for their efforts in restoring the river Schwartau and its ecosystem.

# AWARDS AND HONOURS

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## **Indonesia**

The SSIO received two awards from the Indonesian Red Cross in recognition of blood donations on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015 by the Sai Study Group of Medan and blood donations on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 by the Sai Study Group of Jakarta

The Indonesian Traditional Fishermen's Association presented an award to the Sai Study Group of Jakarta for social services rendered to the community.

## **Lao PDR**

On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016, the government presented an award to the SSIO for its outstanding work to improve living conditions in three villages of Dakchung district.

## **Madagascar**

The local authority presented a Certificate of Thanks to the SSIO for supporting a local school.

## **Mexico**

On 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Karla Bibiana Alarcon Jimenez, member of the SSIO, received the Exemplary Citizen Award in the city of Toluca, in recognition of her outstanding work in teaching human values to the children in the community.

## **Nepal**

The Red Cross Society conferred an annual award on the SSIO for donating the highest quantity of blood.

The former Chief Secretary of Nepal awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to the SSIO on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015, for noble services rendered in cleaning the holy Bagmati river.

## **Oman**

The Al-Walaj school presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the SSIO for conducting a workshop on values on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

The Modern International School in Azaiba, Muscat, in association with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, presented a Letter of Acknowledgment to the SSIO on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015, for conducting a workshop for educators on Integration of Human Values in Teaching.

The Ministry of Education, Directorate General of Education, Department of Human Resources Development, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the SSIO on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016, for conducting a workshop for English Supervisors on Integration of Human Values in Teaching.

# AWARDS AND HONOURS

## Bahrain Indonesia



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# AWARDS AND HONOURS

US Germany



Taiwan United Kingdom



USA

# AWARDS AND HONOURS

## **Serbia**

The SSIO received acknowledgment and special certificates from the Association of Parents with Children with Challenges, for kindness, compassion, and support to the parents and children.

## **Taiwan**

A Certificate of Appreciation was issued by the Taipei Blood Donation Centre to the SSIO on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 for donating 113 units of blood on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016. This year marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SSIO's blood donation drives in Taiwan.

## **United Kingdom**

On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016, the SSIO received a Certificate of Recognition from the Honourable Mayor of London Borough of Harrow, for selfless health awareness services provided in that borough.

## **USA**

In November 2015, the Union Mission in Kansas City, Missouri, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the SSIO in recognition of selfless services rendered to the community.

The City of Huntington Park, California, conferred a Certificate of Appreciation on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015 on the SSIO of the USA, Region 8, for commitment and dedication in providing medical services to the local community.

On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Dr. Geetha Kamath was honoured as the 14<sup>th</sup> recipient of the award "Lightning Community Hero" for arranging and providing medical assistance to approximately 500,000 needy individuals in Florida, over the last 35 years.

*You should merge your welfare with the welfare of the world. How can you be happy when your neighbour is in misery? Therefore, I call upon you to give up praying for your own advancement. Pray for the peace, prosperity and happiness of all humanity, irrespective of clime or colour.*

–Sathya Sai Baba, 7 October 1970



# Zone 1

American Bison



Aruba



Barbados



Canada



Curacao



Guyana



Jamaica



St. Kitts



St. Lucia



St. Martin



Suriname



Trinidad &  
Tobago



USA/Virgin  
Islands

# ZONE 1 HIGHLIGHTS

| COUNTRIES          | CENTRES/<br>GROUPS | SSIO<br>MEMBERS | SSE<br>STUDENTS | ISSE     | SATHYA SAI<br>SCHOOLS |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Aruba              | 1                  | 3               |                 |          |                       |
| Barbados           | 1                  | 50              | 12              |          |                       |
| Canada             | 57                 | 6,091           | 2,105           |          | 1                     |
| Curacao            | 1                  | 23              |                 |          |                       |
| Guyana             | 14                 | 354             | 41              |          |                       |
| Jamaica            | 3                  | 63              | 29              |          |                       |
| St. Kitts          | 1                  | 32              |                 |          |                       |
| St. Lucia          | 1                  | 15              |                 |          |                       |
| St. Martin         | 1                  | 30              | 8               |          |                       |
| Suriname           | 4                  | 150             | 52              |          |                       |
| Trinidad & Tobago  | 41                 | 1,904           | 256             | 1        | 4                     |
| USA/Virgin Islands | 215                | 12,259          | 2,957           | 1        |                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>340</b>         | <b>20,974</b>   | <b>5,460</b>    | <b>3</b> | <b>5</b>              |



# ZONE 1

## COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS



**In Canada,** Sathya Sai Youth launched Canada SAI90, a series of nine initiatives in honour of Sathya Sai Baba's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A drive was organised to distribute backpacks with school supplies to needy children. The youth conducted sports therapy for autistic children and mentored troubled children. The youth collected medical supplies for victims of the Nepal earthquake and participated in environmental clean-ups of public areas across the country. SAI, an online platform modelled after TED Talks, a popular talk show format, was launched to inspire the youth to share their spiritual experiences in short video clips.

The annual Walk for Values, which originated as a humble school event at the Sathya Sai School in Toronto in 2003, has grown exponentially over the years and was held in over 30 major cities across the globe in 2015. A notable milestone was the Proclamation of Walk for Values Day or Human Values Day by 28 cities across Canada. Out of these, 15 Canadian cities have declared 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday, as Human Values Day or Walk for Values Day.

The Edmonton Sathya Sai Centre participated in an inspiring interfaith event on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Whitecourt, Alberta, organised by a Muslim group and a Christian church. The occasion was a wonderful opportunity to share the universal teachings of Baba and His message of unity of all faiths.

Senior SSIO members in Ottawa take part in an environmentally friendly project called Bags-to-Mats, in which they save colourful milk containers, which are cut





into long strips and sewn into sleeping mats. Local churches ship these mats to locations in Africa, where they are distributed to impoverished communities and used as comfortable beds to sleep on.

During a blood donation organised at the Scarborough Sathya Sai Centre as an offering for Baba’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 99 people donated 90 units of blood. At the same event, 12 new potential donors registered for the One-Match Stem Cell and Marrow Network, for assisting leukaemia patients.

At the Saskatoon Sathya Sai Centre, SSIO members volunteered at the “Bust a Move” event for raising awareness and supporting research for a cure for breast cancer.

Sathya Sai volunteers from the Edmonton Sathya Sai Centre spent every Saturday throughout the tax-filing season (March to May 2015) preparing and filing income tax returns for low-income individuals and families, primarily recent immigrants. The Minister of National Revenue recognised and commended this noble service.

Since 2003, Sathya Sai youth in Montreal have been involved with the Batshaw Youth & Family Centres, conducting human-values based activities for teens placed in foster homes. Recently, they participated in The Circle of Courage, a project that empowers foster children to create art and craft pieces, which are then donated to homeless shelters and homes for seniors. In recognition of their efforts, the Sathya Sai youth received the Kim Kurtz Memorial Volunteer Award.

# ZONE 1

## COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS



**In Guyana,** the SSIO organised its popular National Sports and Family Day at the West Demerara Secondary School on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015. The event included a march-past of students singing “Love All, Serve All”, games, study circles and other discussions.

On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016, a team of 90 SSIO members from the Pasea Sathya Sai Centre in North Trinidad travelled to neighbouring Guyana to construct prefabricated homes, in collaboration with the local SSIO. The components for these hurricane resistant houses had been shipped earlier from Trinidad, and each house took four hours to erect. A total of nine houses were built and the keys to the homes were handed over to nine needy families, who also received clothing, toys, toiletries, furniture, and essential home furnishings.

**In Jamaica,** SSIO members organised an international medical camp from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015, during which 18 Sathya Sai volunteers from the USA, Canada, and Jamaica provided medical services to more than 1,500 needy people at nine





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locations. The Jamaica Ministry of Health (MOH) provided medications and transportation. On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015, the international team of volunteers along with local Jamaican SSIO members served dinner to more than 100 homeless brothers and sisters at the Marie Atkins Shelter Home.

**In Suriname,** Sathya Sai youth organised a Walk For Values on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015, as part of the worldwide Serve the Planet initiative. About 140 people, ages 4 to 75, participated in the 4 km walk in the capital city, Paramaribo. Participants wore badges denoting the human value they had chosen to practise. Banners and flags with quotes on human values were proudly displayed, and various values-based games were organised by the youth, such as “Fishing for a Value,” and “Bowling Away the Negatives.”

On 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015, the Sathya Sai youth of Suriname began serving food to homeless and indigent people as well as to stray dogs on the streets. On Sundays, volunteers prepared and distributed food to about 200 needy people and 80 stray dogs.



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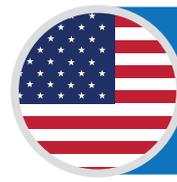
**In Trinidad and Tobago,** the SSIO continued to lead in the field of education, with several important initiatives. A symposium, “Celebrating Education in Human Values,” held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015, was attended by 400 people including the Minister of Education.

The Annual Sports and Family Day on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015 brought together SSIO members from all over the country for a colourful and fun-filled day of activities, beginning with a motorcade procession, which showcased creatively the values of service, compassion, unity, and joy as part of the overall theme, “Love Is the Goal.” SSE children participated in a number of sports and games, including relays, lime and spoon races, and sack races.

The Easwamma Sathya Sai Centre in Penal hosted its first Special Satsang, a concert presented by visually impaired persons (VIPs) of The Blind Welfare Association, on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The concert was an expression of heartfelt thanks to the SSIO for providing a memorable annual visit to the beach for visually impaired persons over the past many years.

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**In the USA,** for the second year, the young adults of the Northeast Region conducted One Voice – an all-day music festival, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015. This joyful event teaches the audience to appreciate the unity of faiths through devotional songs in different languages and religions.

Several Sathya Sai centres in the Mid-Atlantic region of the USA initiated an “envirocare” project to protect the environment and care for Mother Earth, including tree plantings; cleaning up streams, marshes, and beaches; and vegetable farming. In New Jersey, members of the Bridgewater Sathya Sai Centre planted vegetable beds, for donating the harvest to local food banks or preparing food for others. Members of the South Bethesda Centre participated in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clean Up of the Occoquan river, which provides drinking water to northern Virginia.

Another innovative project involving several Sathya Sai Centres was spearheaded by the Flushing Centre in New York. In collaboration with Queens Hospital Center in Jamaica, New York, volunteers prepared 150 packages every month for new



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mothers. Each package contained a baby hat knitted by the volunteers and a baby blanket stitched from flannel material.

In the Southeast Region, four Sathya Sai Groups, from Huntsville, Birmingham, Montgomery, and Mobile, Alabama, jointly started the Alabama Loving Hearts project. This work helps the Good Shepherd Catholic Center serve the residents of Mosses, Alabama, one of the poorest counties in the USA. Sathya Sai volunteers helped to distribute non-perishable food and groceries to 200–400 families in an innovative “drive-through” process, where food and groceries were placed by volunteers inside cars driven by the recipients.

Young Adults from Northern California, USA, have been spearheading a tutoring project for immigrant families living in Morgan Hill since 2014. Most recently, 18 children, ranging in age from 5 to 13, attended tutoring sessions every Wednesday evening with their immigrant parents. Visible improvements have been noticed in the children’s performance at school, while their parents are learning and improving their written and spoken English.





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In Southern California, a Special Schools Project originated in February 2014 in response to requests from three elementary schools for basic necessities and supplies for children of indigent families. Volunteers provide 2,000 pounds of groceries to 50 families as well as 40 hygiene kits, on a monthly basis. The SSIO also initiated a programme of providing 75 pairs of shoes annually. To deal with lice outbreaks, 50 lice shampoo kits are supplied quarterly.

In the South Central Region, Young Adults have been conducting a monthly human values workshop for juvenile delinquents ages 13 to 18 residing at a local juvenile detention centre known as The Leadership Academy. The human values programme is creatively designed to have the teenagers each choose a value to practise over a month and then share their experiences. The young adult volunteers learnt to appreciate the innate goodness of the juvenile delinquents.





# Zone 2a

Keel Billed Toucan



Costa Rica



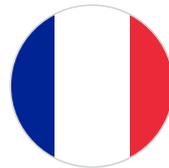
Cuba



Dominican Republic



El Salvador



Guadeloupe



Guatemala



Haiti



Honduras



Mexico



Nicaragua



Panama



Puerto Rico

# ZONE 2A HIGHLIGHTS

| COUNTRIES          | CENTRES/<br>GROUPS | SSIO<br>MEMBERS | SSE<br>STUDENTS | ISSE     | SATHYA SAI<br>SCHOOLS |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Costa Rica         | 1                  | 19              |                 |          |                       |
| Cuba               | 8                  | 132             |                 |          |                       |
| Dominican Republic | 7                  | 206             | 95              | 1        |                       |
| El Salvador        | 12                 | 119             | 8               | 1        |                       |
| Guadeloupe         | 2                  | 23              |                 | 1        |                       |
| Guatemala          | 5                  | 139             | 9               |          | 1                     |
| Haiti              | 1                  | 5               |                 |          |                       |
| Honduras           | 1                  | 10              |                 |          |                       |
| Mexico             | 40                 | 638             | 293             | 1        | 2                     |
| Nicaragua          | 1                  | 4               |                 |          |                       |
| Panama             | 3                  | 80              | 65              |          |                       |
| Puerto Rico        | 3                  | 43              |                 | 1        |                       |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>84</b>          | <b>1,418</b>    | <b>470</b>      | <b>5</b> | <b>3</b>              |



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**In Costa Rica,** Sathya Sai volunteers served breakfast monthly to 15 patients at the Nuestra Señora del Carmen shelter, an AIDS clinic. Volunteers also offer breakfast to more than 100 homeless people every Friday morning. This activity has inspired people of different faiths to join in serving the homeless and taking part in activities of the Sathya Sai Centre.

The Sathya Sai Centre of Costa Rica participated in the India Festival in San Jose, Costa Rica, on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Volunteers showed videos about Sathya Sai Baba, set up a bookstand, and provided information about Baba and the SSIO to the public.

**In the Dominican Republic,** a sixth Latin American Diploma Course on Sathya Sai Educare was organised from 5<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015. The course took place in San Francisco de Marcois at a Catholic retreat house. This 28-day course included eight hours of training daily for 23 participants from Brazil, Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. During the third week, trainees practised their newly-acquired teaching skills at a local school.





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**In El Salvador,** SSIO members organised various SSEHV projects under the Serve the Planet initiative. To connect children with nature, the group sponsored outdoor activities four times between June and November 2015. On 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015, 12 Sathya Sai volunteers, including six young adults from the Gerardo Barrios Sathya Sai Centre, escorted 24 children from the community to a park, to enjoy the natural surroundings. Each child planted a bean seed, gave the seedling a name, and promised to take loving care of the plant as it grew.

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015, Sathya Sai youth from El Salvador organised a retreat for 16 children at a farmhouse in San Salvador. The children received human values education and played values-based games amidst trees and natural surroundings. The event was so successful that SSIO members decided to organise a monthly retreat on the last Sunday of every month.

National events of the SSIO of El Salvador are now transmitted live on the internet, including audio and video, by Sai TV del Salvador, which can be received in other countries.



El Salvador

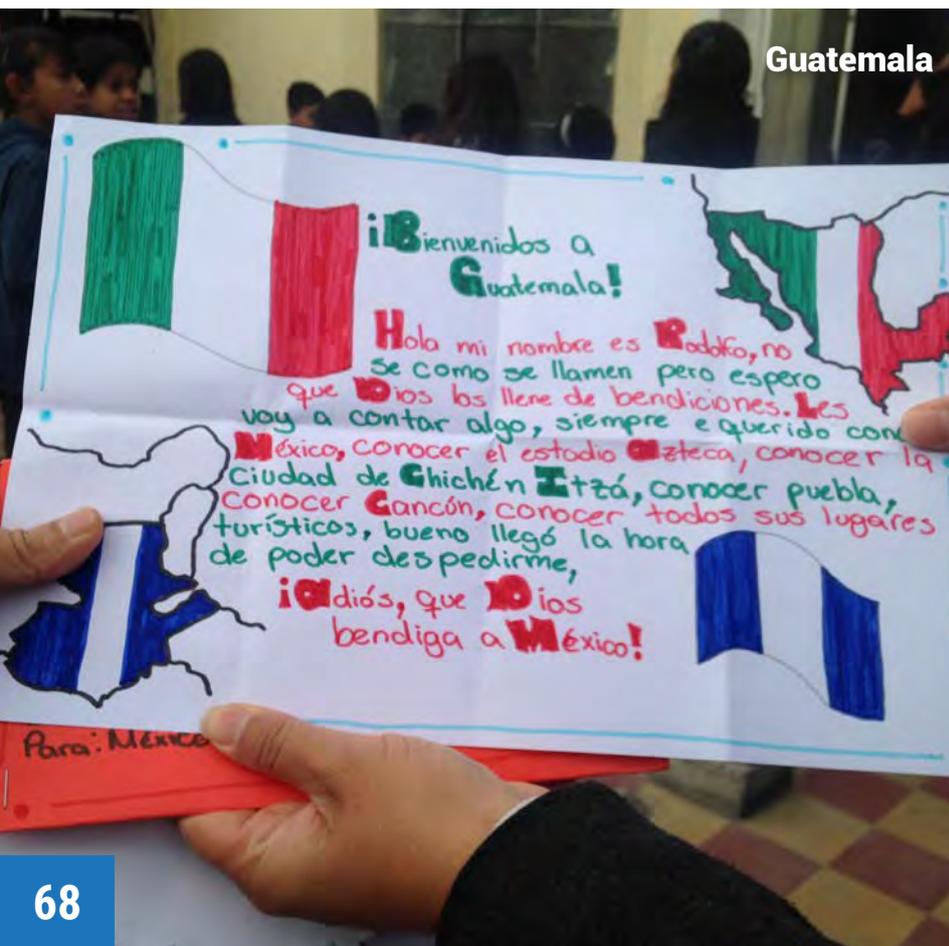


El Salvador

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**In Guatemala,** during early 2015, members of the ISSE of Mexico visited the Sathya Sai School of Guatemala located in El Limonero, a crime-ridden neighbourhood. The Mexican visitors were presented with letters and drawings of the Mexican flag, specially prepared by the Sathya Sai children of Guatemala. Upon returning to Mexico, the ISSE members shared their experiences with the students of the Sathya Sai School of Chihuahua, Mexico, who created beautiful watercolour paintings. The children of Guatemala also wrote 30 letters of gratitude to their Mexican friends. Juan Enrique, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, wrote, "Thank you for considering me as your friend. I'm very happy because even though we don't know each other, you have opened your heart to me. ... When I read your letter stating that we are brothers and we love and respect each other, I really wanted to know you."



Guatemala



Haiti



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**In Haiti,** the SSIO started supporting a human values programme called ABC for Life, which had been initiated by a volunteer in 2011. One of the primary schools in Port-au-Prince offered its premises and playground for 80 children to attend human values classes and receive help with homework. All the children attended the classes with great enthusiasm and regularity.

**In Honduras,** Sathya Sai members in the city of Tegucigalpa made an effort to start a new group to disseminate the message of Sathya Sai and establish the Organisation on a stronger footing. Senior SSIO officers met with the local residents on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to support this effort.



Haiti

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**In Mexico,** the Sathya Sai Centre of Cuauhtémoc in Coatzacoalos, Veracruz, supports an active SSEHV programme for children, and twice a year, the enrolled children serve the needy members of the community with love. On 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015, the children prepared pambazos, a sandwich delicacy of Veracruz, made with bread, beans, cheese, and a flavourful sauce. The group then visited a local hospital to distribute the pambazos along with blankets. In a touching incident, a needy person, upon receiving food from one of the children, presented her in return with a beautiful handmade artificial flower. Later, the student remarked joyfully, “This was a happy day for me since I received a flower, with a smile.” Blankets were also distributed for warmth and comfort during cold weather. A young student, upon observing a person in need, requested her teacher to hand over a blanket. Upon receiving the blanket, the grateful recipient told the student, “You know, my baby was just born, and you gave him his first blanket. What you have done is very noble, and you are a good person.”

The Ranchito is a community of people living in extreme poverty in Monterrey, Mexico. In desperation, homeless people had built makeshift homes of card-





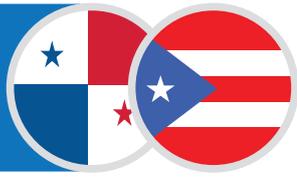
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board and wood, or cement. The settlement was subsequently destroyed by a fire in 2014, rendering 23 families homeless and destitute once again. Sathya Sai volunteers and community members joined hands to rebuild the homes destroyed in the fire. The Sathya Sai Centre of Monterrey hosted a medical camp on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015, distributed medicines and food items, provided haircuts, and held SSEHV classes for children. The volunteers also fed the neglected local dogs.

**In Nicaragua,** on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 13 SSIO members participated in a workshop at the Las Mercedes Hotel in Managua. The gathering focused on the purpose of the SSIO and the guidelines that Bhagawan had approved at the 9<sup>th</sup> World Conference in 2010. The group formulated a plan to advance the divine mission and the goals of the SSIO.



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**In Panamá,** Sathya Sai devotees organised a sports day for SSE children, called “World Cup.” On the afternoon of Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015, approximately 80 parents and community members attended the event at a gymnasium and sports field at the University of Panamá. The programme began with a song from the Soccer World Cup of 2014, followed by a talk explaining the unity of nations, which come together to participate in sports, putting aside their differences. The children were then divided into five teams, representing the five different countries that played in the original World Cup and played three games in honour of their mothers, fathers, and SSE teachers.

**In Puerto Rico,** from February–April 2015, the ISSE organised its fifth contest of human values stories written by school students. In response, 72 stories were submitted by students from 55 schools, representing 25 towns. These submittals were further grouped into three categories. On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015, the three winning authors received prizes at a closing ceremony in Caguas, attended by 68 people, including the winning authors, ISSE members, parents, teachers, contest judges, and principals of schools. One of the invited guests was particularly impressed by the fact that the work was done without solicitation of funds and without publicity.



Panamá



Puerto Rico





# Zone 2b

Squirrel Monkey



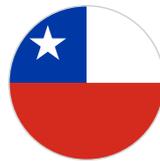
Argentina



Bolivia



Brazil



Chile



Colombia



Ecuador



French Guiana



Paraguay



Peru



Uruguay



Venezuela

# ZONE 2B HIGHLIGHTS

| COUNTRIES     | CENTRES/<br>GROUPS | SSIO<br>MEMBERS | SSE<br>STUDENTS | ISSE     | SATHYA SAI<br>SCHOOLS |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Argentina     | 28                 | 579             | 10              | 1        | 1                     |
| Bolivia       | 3                  | 62              | 5               | 1        |                       |
| Brazil        | 50                 | 911             | 110             | 1        | 4                     |
| Chile         | 3                  | 44              |                 |          |                       |
| Colombia      | 10                 | 202             | 38              | 1        | 1                     |
| Ecuador       | 4                  | 61              | 7               | 1        | 2                     |
| French Guyana | 1                  | 5               |                 |          |                       |
| Paraguay      | 1                  | 33              |                 |          | 1                     |
| Peru          | 5                  | 118             | 26              | 1        |                       |
| Uruguay       | 1                  | 52              | 6               |          |                       |
| Venezuela     | 17                 | 295             | 2               | 1        | 1                     |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>123</b>         | <b>2,362</b>    | <b>204</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>10</b>             |



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**In Argentina**, a roving Sathya Sai Centre allowed devotees from distant places to meet twice a month. The National Council also visited the six regions of Argentina, to promote workshops and service activities.

SSIO members served breakfast and lunch to indigent parents and children at the Casa Feliz Sai (Happy House of Sai) in Buenos Aires every Saturday. The volunteers also organised recreational and education activities, as well as medical and dental services for the community. Sathya Sai volunteers also provided paediatric and dental health care, and distributed food to needy families.

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**In Bolivia**, the SSIO held devotional, educational, and service activities in Sucre, Cochabamba, Santa Cruz, and La Paz, the capital. In Sucre, SSE classes were held regularly during 2015.

Workshops in human values were held in the Hogar Mallorca, an institution for homeless youth in Sucre. Similarly, other training courses in human values were organised in Sucre and Cochabamba, for SSIO members and the public.

Notable service activities included the delivery of 209 water packages for victims of floods that occurred in the Beni area of Bolivia; distribution of dressmaking materials to 40 convicted women felons; and the donation of underwear, socks, sports clothes, and 120 towels for the needy inmates of the Psychiatric Institute of Sucre.

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**In Brazil**, the Sathya Sai School of Ribeirão Preto hosted its annual Harvest Festival on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015, uniting the diverse school community of 240 students, their families, staff, and teachers. The festival celebrates the arrival of winter through sharing of seasonal foods such as corn and churros, along with music and games for children and adults. The entire school was decorated with flags and lights, and the festivities were greatly enjoyed by more than 600



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visitors, setting a new record. Besides the festival itself, a long-awaited sports court was inaugurated, and students from every class performed a typical Brazilian dance on the court.

During 1–4 October 2015, the Brazilian Sathya Sai Foundation participated in an interfaith meeting promoted by the municipality of Petropolis (City of Peter), a hilly town near Rio de Janeiro and summer residence of the last Emperor of Brazil, Peter II. The meeting, held at the historic Crystal Palace, was called Arati and highlighted Indian culture and spirituality. An estimated 9,500 people attended the meeting. The City Council also established 2<sup>nd</sup> October as Krishna Day, to be celebrated annually. SSIO volunteers displayed books and audio-visual material and distributed about 400 booklets and leaflets on the teachings of Sathya Sai Baba.



**Brazil**

**Argentina**

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**In Chile**, heart-warming service activities were held in the cities of Iquique, Puerto Montt, and Santiago, where meals were served to destitute people. In Santiago, volunteers distributed food every Sunday morning. In Iquique, Sathya Sai volunteers took to the streets at night to serve those who need a hot meal.

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**In Ecuador**, a public conference was held in Guayaquil on transformation through the practice of human values, on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. Senior SSIO leaders addressed an audience of about 150 educators and teachers. The Assistant Secretary of Education, who oversees education for 2,500 local children, attended the conference and showed interest in implementing SSEHV in the schools of Guayaquil.





**In Colombia**, a Sathya Sai volunteer, Maria Feliza Mosquera, has raised abandoned children in a rented country house, 17 km from the city of Medellín, for the past 16 years. She has provided a loving home, food, education, and human values classes to the children she has rescued from the streets. At present, she cares for 41 children, ages 1–19. In 2015, Maria Feliza Mosquera was honoured with the Titanes Award, in a contest sponsored by Caracol, one of the most important radio stations of Colombia, for the promotion of peace in children affected by violence.

The government has granted a licence for elementary education to the Sathya Sai School of Funza, Colombia. In a ceremony held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to commemorate this achievement, the foundation stone containing a few pieces of consecrated material from Sai Kulwant Hall in Prasanthi Nilayam was laid for the new school headquarters. The new headquarters of the Sathya Sai School of Funza was inaugurated on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016. Over 180 local residents participated in the opening ceremony of the new school for 200 students. In addition, members of the SSIO of Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, as well as representatives of state government, private educational institutions, churches, and others, witnessed the landmark event.

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**In Paraguay,** Sathya Sai members served fruit and yogurt to about 300 patients in a psychiatric hospital on Sundays. Volunteers also distributed clothing for babies in a home for teenage mothers.

In March 2016, the SSIO hosted a conference during Easter in Asunción, the capital city. The event, titled “Sai Is Here, Lives in My Heart,” was attended by 119 SSIO members from several countries in South America.

**In Peru,** during July and October 2015, Sathya Sai volunteers offered medical services in a needy community known as Eden del Manantial, in Ticlio Chico, Villa Maria del Triunfo, located south of Lima. Dentists and doctors provided free medical services to patients, and a nourishing lunch was served to 250 people. SSIO members also conducted workshops in human values for children, ages 6–12.

In November 2015, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Trujillo and the Sathya Sai Group of Cajamarca distributed warm clothing, school sweaters,





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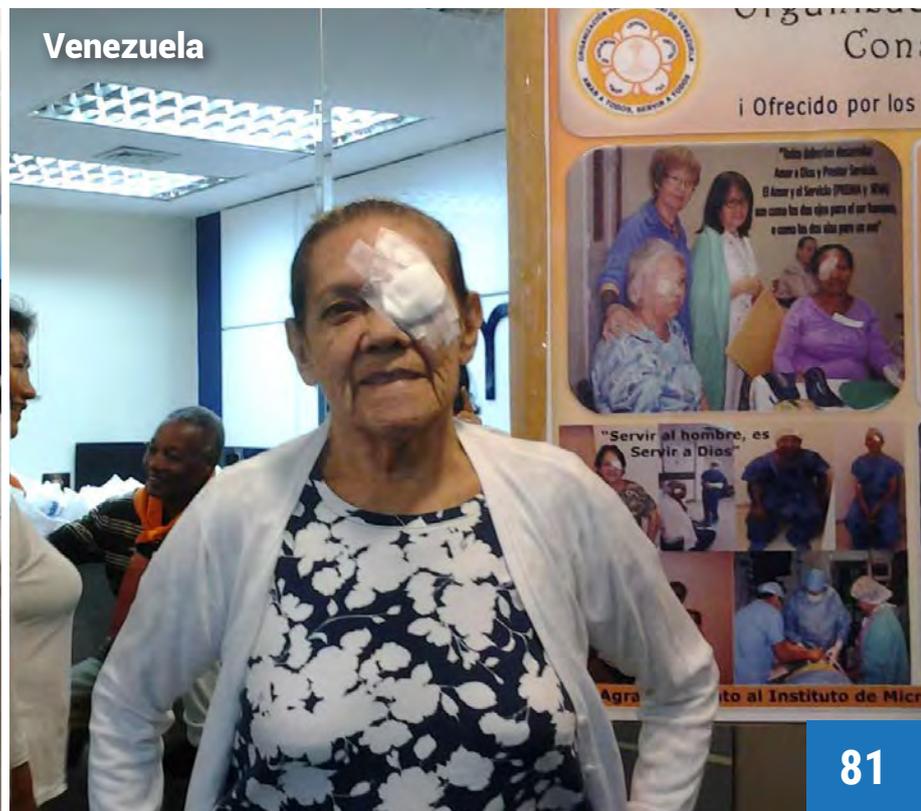
scarves, blankets, and other supplies to 170 students of the Alcides Carrión school, in the village of Pango (3,600 m elevation) in La Libertad, located in northern Peru.

**In Uruguay,** the SSIO successfully expanded the SSEHV Training Programme to include arts teachers and psychologists, besides regular teachers. The courses are free and open to society as a whole, although its main objective is to educate teachers. During April and May 2015, the SSIO presented the programme to 15 teachers in a high school and to 25 teachers in a primary school, in Montevideo.

**In Venezuela,** Sathya Sai volunteers, doctors and ophthalmologists hold cataract surgery camps every year. On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015, 20 elderly patients received free surgeries and intraocular lenses. The Institute of Ocular Microsurgery Caracas (IMOC) provided the operation theatre and specialized personnel while 15 Sathya Sai volunteers provided general support.



Peru



Venezuela



# Zone 3

Kangaroo



**Australia**



**Fiji**



**New Zealand**



**Papua New Guinea**

# ZONE 3 HIGHLIGHTS

| COUNTRIES                      | CENTRES/<br>GROUPS | SSIO<br>MEMBERS | SSE<br>STUDENTS | ISSE     | SATHYA SAI<br>SCHOOLS |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Australia/<br>Papua New Guinea | 82                 | 3,398           | 666             | 1        | 1                     |
| Fiji                           | 8                  | 193             | 138             | 1        | 1                     |
| New Zealand                    | 26                 | 1,029           | 208             | 1        | 1                     |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>116</b>         | <b>4,620</b>    | <b>1,012</b>    | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b>              |



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**In Australia**, tree planting is popular in July, not only because the National Tree Planting Day falls in this period, but also because of school holidays, cooler winter weather, and soil conditions. In 2015, SSIO members in Australia, in conjunction with their local governments, planted more than 50,000 native tree saplings to protect and nourish Mother Nature. On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015, SSIO members in Western Australia were invited to plant native trees with the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL), which has worked cooperatively with the SSIO since 2008. More than 50 volunteers from three Sathya Sai Centres planted more than 2,500 trees in three hours, to help restore the catchment and wetlands systems in that area.

Australian SSIO members demonstrated a strong commitment to unity of faiths activities. In Western Australia, SSE students, youth, and their families were hosted by religious leaders in mosques, synagogues, churches, and other places of worship. A Jewish Rabbi, in particular, was pleased that the SSE students knew how to chant the Shema Yisreal as the Torah was being opened.

Sathya Sai volunteers in the Victoria region, in collaboration with the Whitehorse Interfaith Network, organised an All-Faiths Music Festival at Box Hill Town Hall





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on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015. More than 350 guests and dignitaries attended this landmark event. Sathya Sai volunteers and members of Hindu and Christian faiths joined in performances by Buddhists, Sikhs, Muslims, and whirling dervishes from the Sufi tradition.

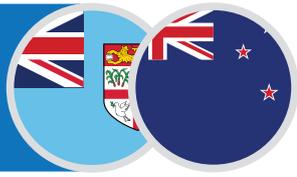
SSIO members participated in a Christmas celebration on the morning of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Blacktown, New South Wales. The event was organised to make Christmas a joyful event for the migrant, multicultural, senior residents of western Sydney, and came alive with Turkish, Serbian, and Greek dances. A beautiful skit was presented by Sathya Sai children and 20 Chinese seniors rendered a melodious Chinese folk song and a Christmas carol in Chinese.

Over the last two years, Sathya Sai youth in Western Australia have been regular volunteers at Native Arc. This largely volunteer-run wildlife rescue sanctuary operates in the protected wetlands of Bibra Lake for the rescue and rehabilitation of injured Australian native animals in the region. Every three months, the youth spend a day serving animals, including cleaning enclosures, preparing feed, and establishing new enclosures.



# ZONE 3

## COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS



**In Fiji**, tropical cyclone Winston wreaked havoc on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016, leaving many inhabitants without basic supplies and shelter. Remote communities in the townships of Ba, Tavua, and Rakiraki (on the northwest side of the main island, Viti Levu) along with about 100 smaller outlying islands were amongst the worst-affected areas. Sathya Sai volunteers from Fiji began offering hot meals, food packets, drinking water, clothes and medical care to the victims of the natural disaster immediately after a nation-wide curfew was lifted. Equipped with small packs of biscuits, milk, bottled water and juice, as well as cooked meals, volunteer teams reached out to those who needed help. SSIO volunteers delivered food and clean drinking water in many cases by foot and even on horseback. In some instances, four-wheel-drive vehicles were needed to reach stranded families inland.





**New Zealand**

**In New Zealand**, as part of a Community Adoption Programme (CAP), Sathya Sai volunteers have provided educational assistance to refugee children in the Glen Innes area of Auckland for the past 15 years. The present programme is an extension of a previous project to offer tuition-free classes for Burmese refugees in basic foundational skills in English and mathematics. Currently, 14 volunteers tutor 20–30 children, ages 5–17. Classes take place twice weekly in the evening at St. Mary Church in Glen Innes and at the Panmure Library, which has excellent facilities, including computers and study rooms.

The SSIO of New Zealand organised a Big Day Out for 108 Sathya Sai members on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015, in Auckland. The event, themed “Ceilings on Desires,” started with a morning breakout session in which six groups, comprising SSE Groups 1–4, youth, and adults, reflected on the significance of the Ceiling on Desires programme. In the afternoon, the youth operated five stations to demonstrate the conservation of resources – Water, Food, Time, Money and Energy.

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A Rongomai Community Day was held for the third year on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Rongomai is a disadvantaged community, supported by Sathya Sai volunteers in New Zealand. The programme, themed “Be the Love That You Are,” focused on animals as a means of educating and informing visitors as to how the practice of human values can help strengthen communities. Adults came dressed in carnival regalia, while children were decked out in imaginative and colourful costumes representing various animals. A total of 568 people from the Rongomai community participated in workshops, cultural performances and other activities.

SSIO volunteers have been serving the children of the Sathya Sai Pre-School at Rongomai, Otara, and three other neighbouring schools in Auckland. On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015, ten volunteers from the Royal Oak Sathya Sai Centre in Auckland distributed refreshments and other savouries to the school children.



**New Zealand**



*Foster the tiny seed of Love that clings to 'me' and 'mine,' let it sprout into Love for the group around you, and grow into Love for all mankind, and spread out its branches over animals, birds and those that creep and crawl, and let the Love enfold all things and beings in all the worlds. Proceed from less Love to more Love, narrow Love to expanded Love.*

—Sathya Sai Baba, 23 July 1975



# Zone 4

Sri Lankan Elephant



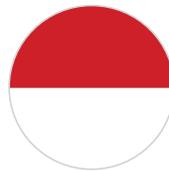
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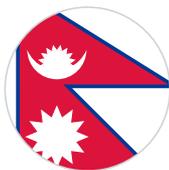
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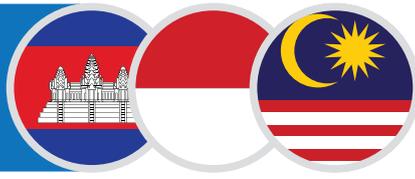
# ZONE 4 HIGHLIGHTS

| COUNTRIES    | CENTRES/<br>GROUPS | SSIO<br>MEMBERS | SSE<br>STUDENTS | ISSE     | SATHYA SAI<br>SCHOOLS |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Bhutan       | 2                  | 120             |                 |          |                       |
| Brunei       | 1                  | 90              |                 |          |                       |
| Cambodia     | 1                  | 44              | 22              |          |                       |
| Indonesia    | 87                 | 5,282           | 515             | 1        | 2                     |
| Lao PDR      | 2                  | 123             | 80              |          | 1                     |
| Malaysia     | 73                 | 6,066           | 3,443           |          | 1                     |
| Myanmar      | 1                  | 105             |                 |          |                       |
| Nepal        | 207                | 30,415          | 8,927           | 1        | 2                     |
| Philippines  | 1                  | 70              | 20              | 1        | 1                     |
| Singapore    | 19                 | 1,873           | 747             |          | 1                     |
| Sri Lanka    | 79                 | 12,557          | 1,941           | 1        | 1                     |
| Thailand     | 9                  | 236             | 53              | 1        | 1                     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>482</b>         | <b>56,981</b>   | <b>15,748</b>   | <b>5</b> | <b>10</b>             |



# ZONE 4

## COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS



**In Cambodia,** volunteers served meals to 100 needy children in Boeung Trabak, Phnom Penh, twice a week.

**In Indonesia,** between May 2015 and March 2016, five houses were renovated for underprivileged families. In November 2015, SSIO volunteers provided 27 artificial legs to people who had lost limbs due to accidents or amputations.

On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016, a fire destroyed the homes of 770 indigent families in Mangga Dua Square Ancol in Jakarta. On the next day, SSIO members distributed 1,250 food and grocery packages that included mineral water, milk, oil, instant noodles, sanitary napkins, soap, clothing and blankets. Volunteers also supplied food for three consecutive days thereafter.

About 1,250 people, including teachers, police officers, members of the military, civil servants and others attended two SSEHV seminars in Medan.

From 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 115 SSE children participated in an SSE camp in Bali. The children attended classes and presented cultural performances based on the themes of love and service. They also distributed food to needy villagers.





**In Malaysia,** the SSIO organised its annual blood donation campaign in January 2016, during the festival, Thaipusam. Numerous volunteers worked ceaselessly over a span of two days, collecting 1,917 pints of blood.

During January 2016, youth from various religions participated in an event called “Divine Wind 2.0,” to appreciate the religion and culture of other faiths. Ten Sathya Sai Youth from Malaysia hosted a national interfaith youth event on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The youth are leaders of the Friendship Group for Inter-Religious Service (FGIS), a unique programme that builds bridges between various religions. Faith-based establishments, including the Hindu Temple, the National Mosque, the Buddhist Maha Vihara, the Kuala Lumpur Gurudwara, and the Lutheran Church in Kuala Lumpur, supported the event.

Between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016, the SSIO of Malaysia conducted a national teen youth teacher’s training for 51 young adults. The three-day session focused on various aspects of teacher development to help teenagers transition to young adulthood.

Twenty-five educators from all parts of Malaysia, who create SSE lesson plans, gathered to prepare a revised standardised framework of SSE and to design a template for lesson plans on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

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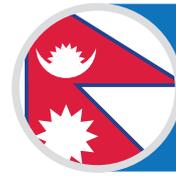
**In Lao PDR,** the Sathya Sai Foundation served blind children at a school by distributing food on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month, providing manicure/pedicure services, and organising dental camps.

The Sathya Sai School in Lao PDR commenced operations on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 with 74 students. Daily SSEHV classes were also held at two Sathya Sai centres in Vientiane.

**In Myanmar,** Sathya Sai volunteers served food every week to patients at the Sanpya Hospital in Yangon. The SSIO also supplied dry rations and basic necessities to residents affected by flooding in Kalay Township in August 2015, and in Hakha, Matui, in September 2015. Medical services were rendered to 250 flood victims in Hinthada Township in September 2015.

**In Nepal,** an earthquake of magnitude 7.8 took thousands of lives on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015. The natural disaster wreaked havoc on a massive scale. Sathya Sai volunteers, including the youth, offered food, water, clothing, shelter, and medical care to the victims of the disaster. They also organised blood donations and helped at local hospitals. The SSIO erected tents to shelter the homeless and displaced people. More than 500 Sathya Sai volunteers served thousands





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of hot meals every day. While visiting victims of the earthquake in a hospital, when a political leader asked a patient about who had been providing food to them, the immediate reply was, “Sai Baba.”

The 23<sup>rd</sup> of every month is observed as Animal Service Day in Nepal, when SSIO members offer food to about 50,000 animals and birds.

Christmas was celebrated at the Sathya Sai Centres of Nepal with Christmas trees, festoons, lights, and other decorations. The holy occasion was marked by the inauguration of a Sri Sathya Sai Health Services Centre at Pokhara, to provide clinical and diagnostic services, including blood tests, ECGs, PFTs, x-rays, video x-rays, and medicines, all free of cost. On its very first day of operations, 9 doctors, 11 paramedical personnel, and 10 pharmacists served 150 patients and distributed medicines. As part of these services, 68 blood tests for hepatitis, 44 ECGs, 68 PFT tests, and 68 ultrasound tests were done.

Also, as a part of the Christmas celebrations, the Sathya Sai Central Trust of Nepal handed over the keys of a newly-built house to a family that had suffered losses during the April 2015 earthquake in Kathmandu. The house, constructed of cement blocks with a galvanised metal roof, consisted of two bedrooms, a small kitchen, and a bathroom.



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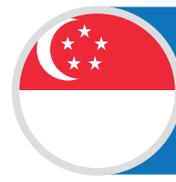


**In the Philippines,** in November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan devastated the area near Tacloban, with massive losses in life and property. The SSIO has been engaged in disaster relief efforts in the area since then. Volunteers have served hot meals and provided medical and educational services to tens of thousands of victims of the natural disaster. The San Isidro Elementary School in Palo, Leyte, was reconstructed by SSIO and inaugurated in January 2015, for serving local children. The Sri Sathya Sai Maternity Centre and Medical Clinic in San Jose, Dulag, which was inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015, continued to serve mothers and new-borns.

In April 2015, a three-day teacher training workshop was organised in an elementary school in Tacloban. Representatives and teachers from six local elementary schools, serving 8,000 students, attended the programme.

A Human Values Festival was conducted in August 2015 and a seminar titled “Principles and Values of Life” was conducted for the public in February 2016 at San Pedro. Regular medical camps were also held.





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The Pilillia Sathya Sai School, located in the Rizal Province, held a graduation ceremony for kindergarten and grade 6 classes on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The 30 pupils honoured on this day joined the list of 450 pupils who have previously graduated from kindergarten and grade 6.

**In Singapore,** Sathya Sai Centres served food to the needy across the city-state. In 2015, this project expanded to include collection and distribution of thousands of home-cooked food packets and bananas at a large worker’s dormitory. The Sri Sathya Sai Kindergarten children celebrated Singapore’s 50<sup>th</sup> National Day by entertaining 60 seniors from Chai Chee Centre. Chinese lunch packs were distributed at this event. As part of Bhagawan’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, Sathya Sai volunteers escorted senior residents from various elder homes, served them delicious food, and organised cultural programmes to entertain the guests.



Singapore



Singapore

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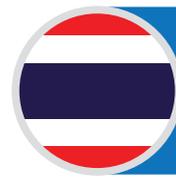


**In Sri Lanka,** on the occasion of Bhagawan's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 147 cataract surgeries were performed for persons selected at SSIO-sponsored mobile medical camps in various parts of the country. The ladies wing initiated a mother and child care service project across the island to assist pregnant mothers from impoverished families, by providing hospital accommodation for both mother and child.

The Sathya Sai Village Improvement Program was initiated in two villages, in which one village was home to families torn apart by warfare. About 250 school children were provided breakfast daily, and evening classes were conducted for children in grades 6 to 13, at the request of the villagers. Eight houses have been constructed for war-affected families in the Jaffna district.

During November 2015, relief packs were provided to 258 families in two SS-VIP villages in the eastern region of the country that were affected by flooding.





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**In Thailand**, on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015, food supplies were distributed to 300 refugee families. Specially cooked food was offered to refugee families, every fortnight. Sathya Sai volunteers assisted with the heart operation of a one-year-old refugee girl. Monthly medications were also supplied for two children with epilepsy.

In Chiangrai, Sathya Sai volunteers distributed 55 blankets, 55 warm hats, and 55 sweaters to the needy. Snacks, milk, and other necessities were distributed to 200 school children. Whenever children see Sathya Sai volunteers, they happily chant, "Baba has come, Baba has come."

Since 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016, ladies of the SSIO of Thailand have taught English to about 416 students of the Samakhool every Tuesday. Emphasis is laid on how to speak English with confidence, and lessons include a meditation session and human values components.

The SSIO of Thailand celebrated Easwaramma Day on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015, with more than 50 children from SSE and SSEHV programmes. The Sathya Sai School entertained about 265 people. The participating students all received certificates of appreciation.



Thailand



Thailand

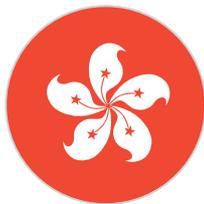


# Zone 5

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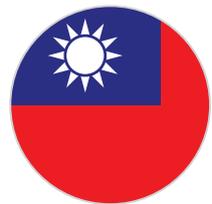
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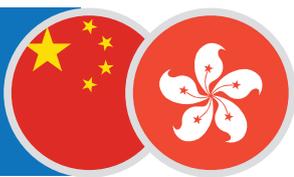
Taiwan

# ZONE 5 HIGHLIGHTS

| COUNTRIES    | CENTRES/<br>GROUPS | SSIO<br>MEMBERS | SSE<br>STUDENTS | ISSE     | SATHYA SAI<br>SCHOOLS |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| China        | 2                  | 35              |                 |          |                       |
| Hong Kong    | 2                  | 545             | 242             | 1        |                       |
| Japan        | 27                 | 356             | 30              | 1        |                       |
| Taiwan       | 2                  | 113             | 69              |          | 1                     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>33</b>          | <b>1,049</b>    | <b>341</b>      | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b>              |



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**In China**, about 100 teachers attended a teacher's training programme in Yangshou on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015.

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**In Hong Kong**, on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015, an interfaith group held a class at the Sathya Sai Centre to discuss Baba's seminal advice, "There is only one religion, the religion of love."

On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015, a second service workshop was held at the Sathya Sai Centre. Short presentations were given on the topics of "Seva as a Sadhana," "Disciplines in Sai Seva," "The Role of Money in Seva," and "Creating Public Awareness of Sai Seva." On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015, a first booklet on service was released for public distribution, highlighting the work of the local SSIO.

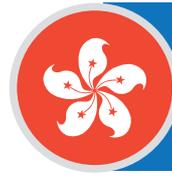
On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 95 SSE children along with their parents and 25 teachers distributed food to about 260 people living on the streets.



Hong Kong



Hong Kong



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On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015, in honour of Avatar Declaration Day, the SSIO launched a “Human Values App,” a computer programme featuring values-based stories, posters, quotes, and songs, as resources for parents and children.

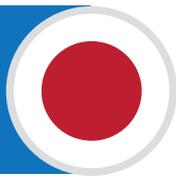
Senior SSE students and teenage Sathya Sai Youth continued their monthly services at the Sharon Lutheran Primary School, where they offered tutoring in English, with a focus on human values, to selected children.

The SSEHV programme in China is conducted by the ISSE of Hong Kong, in partnership with the South China Normal University (SCNU), in four provinces of China. To discuss the potential to expand SSEHV in China, a conference was held in March 2016 at SCNU. About 100 key stakeholders from university faculty education bureaus and schools came together to share experiences of SSEHV and exchange ideas. The conference paved the way to improve and expand the delivery of SSEHV in China.



Hong Kong

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Japan

**In Japan**, on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015, a seventh SSE National Sadhana Camp was held at the Tokyo Sathya Sai Centre.

On 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the 18<sup>th</sup> typhoon of the 2015 season broke the levees of the Kinu-gawa river and inflicted severe damage to Jousou City and the surrounding areas, flooding many houses. On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 13 Sathya Sai volunteers cleaned up homes in Jousou City.

From 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015, the ISSE of Japan and the Indian Commerce and Industry Association of Japan held an exhibition on the 1200-year history of Indo-Japanese cooperation. Approximately 300 panels were set up in a public assembly hall at Otsu-city, Shiga Prefecture, in west Japan. The exhibition displayed the history of cultural exchange between India and Japan since the introduction of Buddhism in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, highlighting the five human values. The Ambassador of India, the Governor of Shiga, the Mayor of Otsu-city, a member of Parliament, and various other distinguished guests graced the opening ceremony.

From 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015, a Sathya Sai Baba Book Fair was held at a renowned bookstore in Tokyo, celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Sathya Sai Baba.



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**In Taiwan**, SSE volunteers visited a reformatory school for juvenile delinquents in Taoyuan during July and August 2015, where they conducted weekly SSE classes.

As part of the 2015 Serve the Planet project, Sathya Sai students and teachers visited a library to help reorganise the books and clean the book shelves. A group of students, teachers, parents, and volunteers presented songs on human values in front of a coffee shop in a busy locality and in a park.

On 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015, the SSIO of Taiwan celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Sathya Sai Baba and the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SSEHV in Taiwan, with a programme for the local Chinese population. The event, held in Taipei City, attracted 150 people, including about 100 from the general public. The celebration featured delightful songs and dramas performed by students of the Chinese Educare program, the SSE program, and the Chinese SSEHV program. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, Sathya Sai volunteers visited two seniors' homes in Tienmou to distribute cake, fruit, and other food items. They invited the senior citizens to join in singing as well as in uplifting group activities.



Taiwan



Taiwan

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On 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015, an overnight outdoor camp was organised by Chinese SSEHV teachers, parents, students, and SSE volunteers in Taoyuan. Newcomers were invited to join the group. A brief talk was given on the practice of human values. Every student was asked to take one value home and practise it diligently for a month.

To commemorate the Mahasamadhi of Baba, 50 SSEHV volunteers, teachers, parents and students participated in a charity food and crafts bazaar organised by Taipei Happy Mount Home for people with disabilities, and donated the proceeds to the Home.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016, as part of the 2016 Serve the Planet project, themed "Love for Animals," a representative from the local Environment Protection Agency talked about protecting animals, which is the theme for SSEHV classes for 2016





*You have immense love for Me. It cannot be described in words. Love others as you love Swami. Give Me your love. Take My love in turn.*

–Sathya Sai Baba, 22 November 2003



# Zone 6

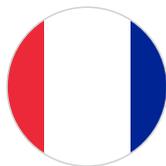
Alpine ibex



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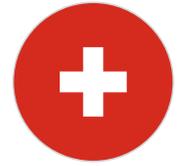
Serbia/Montenegro



Slovenia



Spain



Switzerland

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| COUNTRIES          | CENTRES/<br>GROUPS | SSIO<br>MEMBERS | SSE<br>STUDENTS | ISSE     | SATHYA SAI<br>SCHOOLS |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Bosnia/Herzegovina | 2                  | 21              |                 |          |                       |
| Croatia            | 14                 | 121             |                 |          |                       |
| France             | 4                  | 82              | 6               |          |                       |
| Greece             | 6                  | 112             | 18              |          |                       |
| Israel             | 2                  | 75              |                 |          |                       |
| Italy              | 38                 | 615             | 9               | 1        |                       |
| Macedonia          | 2                  | 27              |                 |          |                       |
| Romania            | 1                  | 10              |                 |          |                       |
| Serbia/Montenegro  | 4                  | 27              | 4               |          |                       |
| Slovenia           | 2                  | 50              |                 |          |                       |
| Spain              | 6                  | 349             | 110             |          |                       |
| Switzerland        | 11                 | 272             | 39              |          |                       |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>92</b>          | <b>1,761</b>    | <b>186</b>      | <b>1</b> |                       |



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**In Bosnia and Herzegovina,** Sathya Sai volunteers helped indigent families with sick and disabled family members in Banja Luka, Prijedor, Doboj, and other villages. Volunteers also served two families in Sarajevo. The SSIO assisted 16 families by providing each family with a laundry machine, a kitchen stove, cooking utensils, bed sheets, blankets, food, hygiene items, clothing, and firewood.

**In Croatia,** the SSIO started a community project called “Tracing Good Thoughts,” as part of the 2015 Serve the Planet initiative. The project involved organising several workshops for writing good and inspiring thoughts and publicly displaying wise proverbs and uplifting quotations. The objective was to create a positive atmosphere and to engage the community, especially children and youth, in selfless service.

In late 2015, the SSIO of Croatia assisted the villagers of Letovanic, near the river Kupa, by continuing work begun in 2014 after a major flood. On 14<sup>th</sup> November, Sathya Sai volunteers visited Letovanic to distribute warm clothing, footwear, and toys. The volunteers also donated a much-needed printer/scanner/copier to a local primary school. On 20<sup>th</sup> December, SSIO volunteers from Zagreb and Sisak visited nine of the poorest families in Letovanic, offering Christmas gifts of fresh fruits and sweets. The group also provided basic household appliances to three indigent families, and a furnace for cooking and heating to an elderly woman subsisting in frigid conditions. In addition, a Sathya Sai physician offered free medical consultations.





On 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015, two members of the Sathya Sai Centre of Bjelovar led an evening programme titled “Wakie Wakie Stories,” on SSEHV in Petar Preradovic, at the National Library in Bjelovar. The volunteers arranged for the reading of folk tales and stories with a spiritual message in an intimate atmosphere created by candlelight. Forty visitors filled the gallery of the National Library and listened with rapt attention to the narration of tales that transported them back to their childhood days.

**In France,** Sathya Sai youth participated in a Serve the Planet project themed “Human Values for Nation Building.” In April 2015, the youth distributed clothing, shoes, school supplies, and food to about 20 families residing in a blighted area. In June and September, they offered 30 full bags of food to homeless people in Paris. In September, they also distributed inspiring messages to the public on human values, including quotes from Sathya Sai Baba, Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Einstein, Voltaire, Montesquieu, Buddha and the Dalai Lama.

**In Greece,** 56 SSI0 members from 21 countries participated in the annual meeting for Zones 6, 7, and 8 at Sai Prema, Athens, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Volunteers continued visiting the Children’s Recuperation and Rehabilitation Centre in Voula, Attica, to serve the children with disabilities.

A fourth Sadhana Camp, held 10–19 July 2015 in Sai Prema, Athens, attracted 36 SSI0 members from 12 European countries. One of the participants expressed the group’s prevailing sentiment, stating, “We are a necklace of God – each one of us a precious pearl, strung together by Swami’s love.”

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During 2015–2016, about 6,000 refugees arrived at Greece’s borders monthly, to join about 50,000 people living in temporary camps at 45 locations around Greece’s mainland and islands. Notwithstanding their own domestic problems, the Greeks accepted the refugees with love and compassion, and distributed food and essential items at several refugee camps.

The SSIO also participated in two major exhibitions, one in Thessaloniki on 17–18 October 2015, and the other in Athens on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015. Volunteers set up booths for the display and sale of books and gave talks on human values based on the message of Sathya Sai Baba.

**In Israel,** throughout 2015, SSIO members visited children in the Rambam Hospital in Haifa and worked with them on art projects to teach human values and provide a welcome respite from the hospital routine. Many of the children were Arab Muslims, or of Russian descent, but still managed to communicate with the volunteers, with some help from their parents.





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On 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016, the SSIO sponsored Course 1 of Sathya Sai Education in Human Values in Kfar Monash, Israel, which was attended by 50 people of Jewish, Muslim, and Hindu-Nepalese backgrounds. The workshop was offered by the ISSE South Europe, on human values and educational topics.

**In Italy,** on 17<sup>th</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016, the SSIO organised educational workshops for families participating in SSE programs, at Mother Sai House near Milan. The children engaged in various educational activities focusing on the core of Sathya Sai’s teachings on the five human values and the practises of placing a “Ceiling on Desires” and “Love All, Serve All.” The parents attended a workshop on good parenting and the practises outlined in the Ceiling on Desires programme.

Sai volunteers in Milan served food regularly to homeless people at an emergency centre managed by the Adventist Church in partnership with the City of Milan. The volunteers provided breakfast weekly and dinner occasionally to 40 guests of the emergency shelter. An elderly homeless person complimented the volunteers for their loving service, comparing their work to that of “angels in paradise.”



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**In Macedonia**, on the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015, the ISSE of South Europe, the SSIO of Macedonia, and the educational centre, Lighthouse, held a public seminar on SSEHV. The two-day seminar, attended by 25 individuals including teachers from public and private schools and school psychologists, focused on SSEHV teaching methodology and Educare.

**In Serbia**, clothes, shoes, food, and school supplies were given to indigent families with disabled children in Valjevo and in Jamena, as part of the Serve the Planet initiative. In Sremski Karlovci, Sathya Sai volunteers supplied 19 pairs of shoes to children in need. In early 2016, members of the SSIO continued to visit orphanages in Belgrade and Novi Sad and conducted SSEHV workshops that were very well received.

On 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015, SSIO volunteers offered loving services to refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq, who were fleeing their homeland. The displaced people were living in tents, sleeping on park benches, and using public fountains. Volunteers distributed food and clothing to the refugees staying at a park near Belgrade's main bus station, and also shared homemade sweet cakes and fruits with them.





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**In Slovenia,** in cooperation with the Novo Mesto Sathya Sai Centre, food supplies, personal hygiene material, washing detergents and cleaners were distributed to help a mother with two children in Ljubljana. A Sai volunteer also helped with the renovation of an apartment.

**In Spain,** a few young adults, while travelling in Nepal, witnessed the devastation caused by the 2015 earthquake. Upon returning home, the youth organised a concert on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in the town of Campodrom, Girona, to support the disaster relief activities.

In October 2015, the city of Guia de Ozora invited the Sathya Sai group of Tenerife South to present a talk on human values in society. After the meeting, Sathya Sai children distributed school bags with supplies to about 70 needy children. In addition, about 770 kg of cereals and 800 boxes of juice were donated to needy families.

**In Switzerland,** the Ticino Group carried on a “wishing table” project to support the needy, by giving 108 bottles of oil, packages with rice and lentils, and so on. Basel Sathya Sai Centre supported refugees at the Serbian-Croatian border by providing 108 packages of toilet articles and 108 packages of different utensils.



Spain



# Zone 7

Eurasian Red Squirrel



Austria



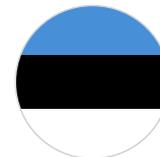
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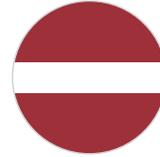
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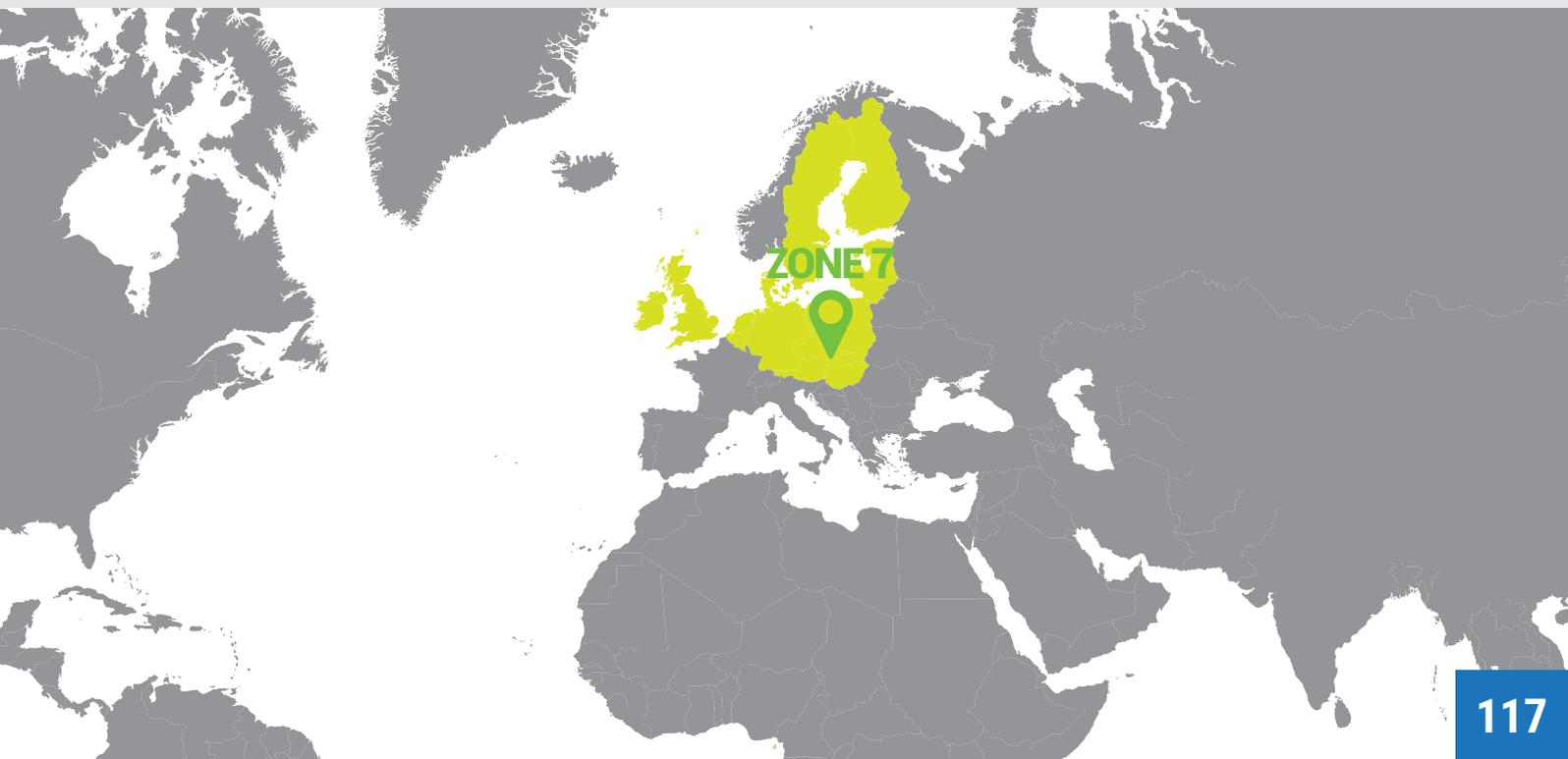
Sweden



United Kingdom

# ZONE 7 HIGHLIGHTS

| COUNTRIES      | CENTRES/<br>GROUPS | SSIO<br>MEMBERS | SSE<br>STUDENTS | ISSE     | SATHYA SAI<br>SCHOOLS |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Austria        | 8                  | 55              | 1               |          |                       |
| Belgium        | 6                  | 46              |                 |          |                       |
| Czech Republic | 3                  | 31              |                 |          |                       |
| Denmark        | 7                  | 67              | 1               | 1        |                       |
| Estonia        | 2                  | 10              |                 |          |                       |
| Finland        | 1                  | 10              |                 |          |                       |
| Germany        | 32                 | 340             | 105             |          |                       |
| Hungary        | 4                  | 86              |                 |          |                       |
| Ireland        | 3                  | 45              |                 |          |                       |
| Latvia         | 2                  | 28              | 3               |          |                       |
| Lithuania      | 4                  | 66              |                 |          |                       |
| Netherlands    | 25                 | 297             | 8               |          |                       |
| Poland         | 15                 | 156             |                 |          |                       |
| Slovakia       | 1                  | 4               |                 |          |                       |
| Sweden         | 3                  | 47              |                 |          |                       |
| UK             | 82                 | 4,646           | 1,205           | 1        |                       |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>198</b>         | <b>5,934</b>    | <b>1,323</b>    | <b>2</b> |                       |



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**In Austria,** SSIO members in Kufstein provided services to Syrian refugees fleeing the war zone, in collaboration with the Red Cross. Volunteers distributed food, clothing, and gifts, and engaged the children in various activities.

On 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015, SSIO members organised a human values festival in Brixlegg Tirol, Austria, erecting a tent in a beautiful garden and putting up posters around town to inform the general public. The festival featured human values songs, an introduction to the SSIO, and presentations on integrating human values into work and daily life.

**In Belgium,** service activities included donating blood at the Red Cross in Bruges and providing firewood for warmth to encamped Syrian refugees. Human values classes were given to 15 children in Leuven.

**In Czech Republic,** Sathya Sai members, with support of local authorities, engaged in clean-up activities in one of the forests of Prague, for the benefit of the public and the natural environment.



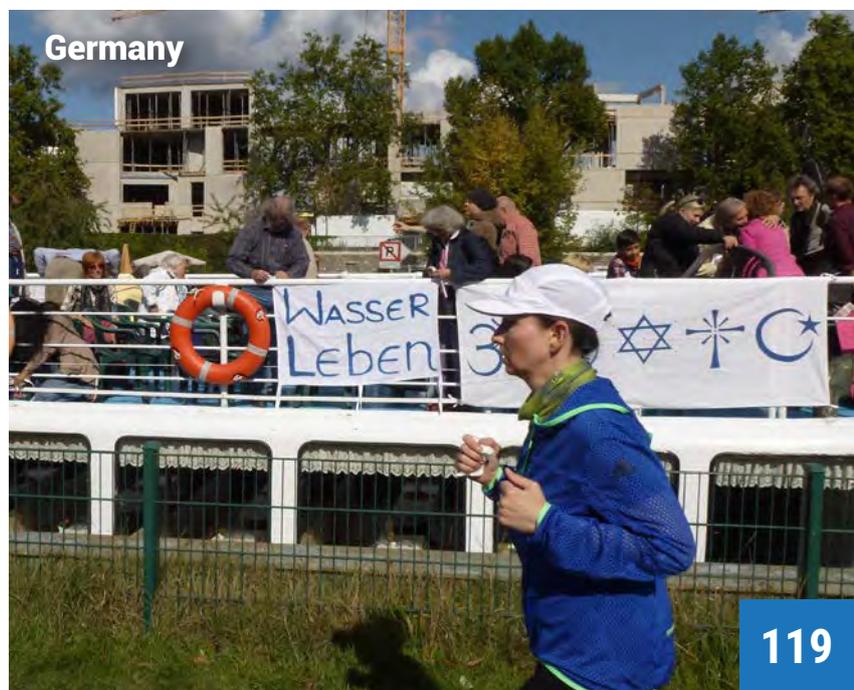


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**In Denmark,** SSIO members distributed warm clothes during winter and paper-wrapped gifts at Christmas.

**In Germany,** SSIO members received an environmental award for building dams to channel the flow of a river. Volunteers had placed stones strategically in the river to create vortices, created inlets in the riverbed, and planted more than a thousand trees. The project, accomplished in partnership with the local municipality and involving herculean efforts, took 12 years to complete.

SSIO members conceived a new project, Values-Relay, to share the message of human values through activities organised along a south-to-north relay route in Germany. The project launched on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 during the SSIO Pre-World Conference in Wartaweil, with participation of 15 Sathya Sai Centres. During the inauguration ceremony, the first relay runner received a symbolic trophy for transport. After a four-and-a-half-month journey, the relay finally arrived in Berlin, via Kiel and Hamburg, on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015. In the closing ceremony, a steamer, decorated with banners displaying the Sarva Dharma symbol and the message “Love all – Serve all,” sailed through the city.



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**In Hungary,** 25 Sathya Sai volunteers from several parts of the country joined hands to render service at a home for single mothers run by the Red Cross in the city of Nyíregyháza in East Hungary. Volunteers from the Budapest and Nyíregyháza Sathya Sai Centres distributed clothing, shoes, hygienic products, toys, books, and food. Earlier, the Red Cross had sent a letter of gratitude to the Nyíregyháza Sathya Sai Centre in appreciation of their loving work.

The Sathya Sai Centre of Budapest organised a colourful Easter programme on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 for individuals with physical and mental challenges residing in a home in the countryside locale of Perbál. The event came alive with music, dancing, and displays of art, and Sathya Sai volunteers sang traditional Hungarian songs, inviting the audience to participate, amidst good cheer and laughter.

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**In Ireland,** 30 Sathya Sai volunteers attended an annual Sathya Sai Summer Retreat in Wexford in June 2015.

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**In Latvia,** Sathya Sai centres served hot lunch and food packages to more than 100 people weekly.

Inspired by Sathya Sai Baba's declaration that women can be brilliant beacons serving humanity, the SSIO of Latvia hosted a three-day workshop in February 2016, in the capital city, Riga. The event focused on the role of women in family, in society, and in the SSIO. Each participant created a unique piece of art, such as a sculpture, drawing, poem, or song, as a symbol of manifesting the divine love latent within oneself.



Lithuania

**In Lithuania,** SSIO members provided breakfast every Sunday to indigent residents of the cities of Kaunas and Klaipeda. They also rendered service to the residents of a retirement home and a hospice.

**In the Netherlands,** SSIO members organised choir performances in prisons and in homes for the elderly. They also offered weekly English classes to prison inmates and weekly SSEHV programmes at a community centre. On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015, SSIO members cleaned up gardens and terraces and planted colourful flowering shrubs for the elderly and infirm during a four-day programme in Amsterdam.

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**In the United Kingdom**, the SSIO held a Walk for Values in Leicester on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015, to raise awareness about and encourage the practise of human values. An estimated 300 people participated in this joyful event, including local councillors, interfaith leaders, school children, educationists, and SSIO members and leaders.

About 350 children from all across the UK, along with their parents and families, celebrated Easwamma Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 in Hatfield, London. The programme included inspiring talks, plays, musical programmes, and presentations by the SSE children. The children also made placemats for the elderly clients of a Meals on Wheels project in Leicester, and cards for people affected by the earthquake in Nepal. Other activities included silent sitting, jigsaw puzzle making, and a charming puppet show.

In 2015, the global SSIO Serve the Planet service project focused on children. The SSIO UK established a partnership with a well-respected national charity, Refuge UK, which supports vulnerable women and children who are victims of or at risk of experiencing domestic violence. At a ceremony on 18<sup>th</sup> October in





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Leicester, SSIO members distributed 750 packs containing stationery for children and kitchen utensils for women, donated by the youth and others. In addition, Sathya Sai youth across the UK collected and delivered over two tonnes of food to the Trussell Trust Food Banks.

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2015, in observance of Easter, SSIO youth collected 2,500 Easter eggs, 500 hand-knit items of clothing, and hand puppets, blankets, books, craft kits, and other items and distributed them to children and new-born babies in various wards at the Hillingdon, Watford General, West Middlesex, Great Ormond Street, King George, Whipp's Cross, Royal Marsden, The Children's Trust, Mayday, St. Georges, St. Helier, and Macclesfield hospitals.

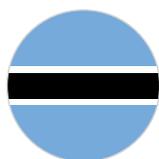
The Sathya Sai Global Service Day was observed nationally by the SSIO UK on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015. SSIO members participated in healthcare, sociocare and ecocare projects.

Sathya Sai children presented a cultural performance during the pre-world conference, held 24–26 July 2015 in London.





Benin



Botswana



Cameroon



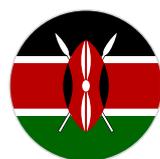
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# ZONE 9A HIGHLIGHTS

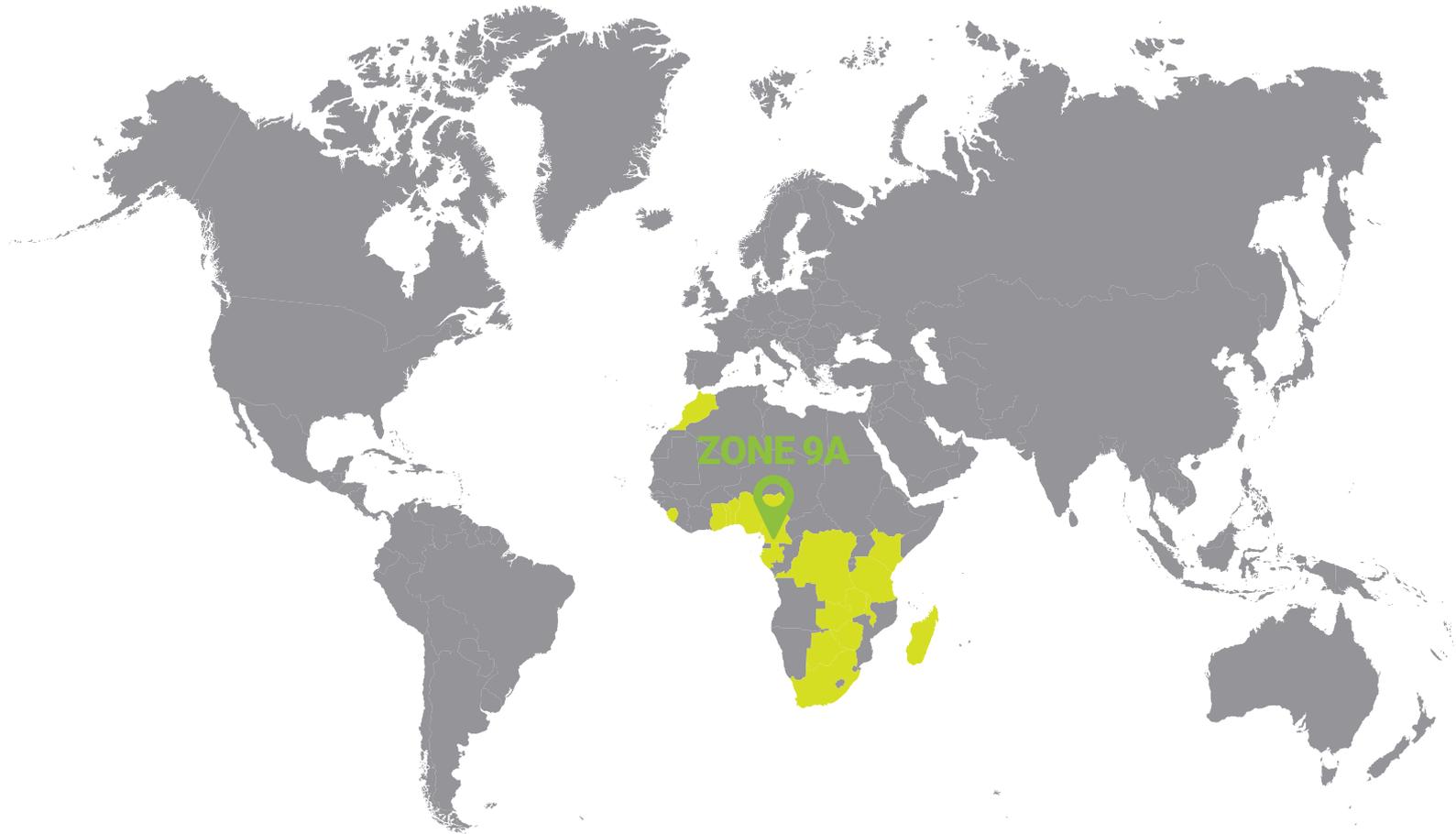
| COUNTRIES    | CENTRES/<br>GROUPS | SSIO<br>MEMBERS | SSE<br>STUDENTS | ISSE     | SATHYA SAI<br>SCHOOLS |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Benin        | 2                  | 120             |                 |          |                       |
| Botswana     | 2                  | 186             | 139             |          |                       |
| Cameroon     | 1                  | 80              |                 |          |                       |
| Congo DR     | 21                 | 2,100           |                 |          | 1                     |
| Gabon        | 2                  | 40              | 8               |          |                       |
| Ghana        | 1                  | 105             | 72              |          | 1                     |
| Kenya        | 2                  | 337             | 372             |          | 2                     |
| Madagascar   | 1                  | 72              | 97              |          | 1                     |
| Malawi       | 1                  | 10              |                 |          |                       |
| Mauritius    | 96                 | 9,400           | 702             | 1        | 1                     |
| Morocco      | 1                  | 31              | 11              |          |                       |
| Nigeria      | 8                  | 304             | 36              | 1        | 1                     |
| Sierra Leone | 1                  | 28              |                 |          |                       |
| South Africa | 122                | 11,517          | 1,364           | 1        | 3                     |
| Tanzania     | 2                  | 100             |                 |          |                       |
| Togoland     | 1                  | 30              |                 |          |                       |
| Uganda       | 1                  | 45              | 6               |          |                       |
| Zambia       | 3                  | 147             |                 |          | 2                     |
| Zimbabwe     | 2                  | 40              |                 |          |                       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>270</b>         | <b>24,692</b>   | <b>2,807</b>    | <b>3</b> | <b>12</b>             |

*To think of God at all times and under all circumstances is true meditation.*

–Sathya Sai Baba, 23 May 2005

# ZONE 9A

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Ghana



Ghana



## COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**In Botswana**, the SSIO operates a long-standing medical clinic in Gaborone and provides services to homes for the underprivileged and the deprived. More than 30 general volunteers, 15 doctors, four pharmacists, and a nurse operate the Sathya Sai Baba Free Medical Clinic on Sundays to provide medical services to the indigent local people. The clinic serves approximately 15,000 patients on an ongoing basis. During this reporting period, 3,086 patients were treated, including 105 for dental services and 288 for vision care, of whom 261 were given eyeglasses. A record number of 21,500 patient visits were also documented. The SSIO provided meals to the visitors and offered human values lessons, during the clinic visits.

In commemoration of Bhagawan's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the Sathya Sai Baba Free Clinic organised a vision care programme on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to help school children with vision difficulties. Eight opticians screened 200 students and 90 pairs of spectacles were distributed. Two blood camps were organised, wherein 87 pints of blood were collected.

**In Ghana**, the Nsawam Orthopaedic Training Center (NOTC) in Accra helps disabled children who have lost one or more limbs. On 26<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 16 SSIO members offered a Christmas gift of bread, doughnut, fruit juice, biscuit, toffee, sugar, soap and cooked jollof (one-pot main dish) rice to 40 children at the NOTC and a few visitors. The children were later given SSEHV lessons by SSIO members. At Easter time, in March 2016, 20 Sathya Sai volunteers visited the NOTC to offer food to about 50 children. The volunteers served jollof rice, biscuits, fruits, bread, pastries and fruit juice.

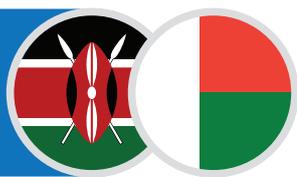


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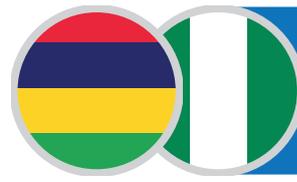


**In Kenya**, for the last 14 years, special activities were organised in honour of Avatar Declaration Day and Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday. On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the Sathya Sai School of Kisaju served more than 90 needy senior ladies of the Maasai community, hailing from various villages. Students presented a cultural programme of human values-based poems and skits, and during the presentations, the Maasai guests happily joined the dances, bringing colour and joy to the event. The Chief Guest, the Honourable David Nkrimpai, member of the County Assembly, pledged support for the school. After lunch, the guests were presented with food, supplies and clothes.

Sathya Sai followers in Kenya organised a ground-breaking ceremony for a secondary school at Kisaju on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015. More than 360 people attended this joyful event as part of the Founder's Day celebrations. A medical camp was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015, wherein 108 patients were examined and blood pressure, blood sugar and bone density were checked.

**In Madagascar**, Sathya Sai volunteers served lunch thrice weekly to around 600 needy children from one of the poorest regions of Antananarivo. In addition, lunch is served monthly to about 60 elderly residents from the same area. A pre-primary school was opened in 2011, followed by a primary school in 2012. During 2015, 110 children, ages 5–8, including orphans and children from destitute families, received free education. In 2015, the SSIO conducted vision screening for about 500 children and 20 members of the Sathya Sai Centre.





## COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**In Mauritius**, the grand finale of the series of 16 Pre-World Conferences took place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015. More than 2,000 people, including cabinet ministers, members of parliament, the Lord Mayor of Port Louis and around 650 Sathya Sai youth, participated in the event. A magnificent exhibition was presented by the youth and a blood donation camp resulted in the collection of 100 pints of blood during the conference.

The Indian Ocean Centre for Education in Human Values of the Institute of Sathya Sai Education (ISSE–IOC) in Mauritius, is well known for its human values programmes. In honour of Sathya Sai’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the ISSE–IOC in collaboration with others, dedicated a seventh H.O.P.E. (Honour Our Parents Everyday) Family Values Monument in the village of Montagne Blanche. The opening ceremony included a human values march by the children and their parents.

The SSIO organised 63 blood drives in Mauritius to collect 5,307 pints of blood, of which 300 pints were collected on New Year’s Day, 2016.

**In Nigeria**, Sathya Sai volunteers render a variety of services at hospitals, homes for orphan infants, and homes for the elderly, to name a few. Volunteers also renovated and operated Sathya Sai orphanages. In Ajah, Lagos, about 15 to 20 Sathya Sai volunteers served food, juice and biscuits to more than 120 needy people every Sunday. The Sai African Choir presented a wonderful programme, to the delight of the audience in Sai Kulwant Hall, in 2015. Sathya Sai youth launched a Sai musical group, which rendered beautiful songs in praise of Sathya Sai Baba.



Mauritius



Nigeria



**In South Africa**, the Pre-World Conference held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015 attracted about 1,800 SSIO members, including international delegates from India and the USA. Distinguished guests Mrs. Geetha Ram Mohan and Dr. Geeta Reddy, and Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman of Prasanthi Council, shared their personal experiences with Sathya Sai Baba and His messages. About 350 youth participated in this landmark event, with energy and enthusiasm. A vibrant drama was staged by the youth, based on the teachings of Baba.

SSIO volunteers organised an annual service programme in the town of Actonville, in Benoni, to distribute food hampers, clothing, and a warm meal to about 400 indigent community members.

South Africa has been afflicted by drought in many areas. About 300 SSIO volunteers distributed more than 150,000 litres of bottled drinking water to 15,000 people, as part of an ongoing service project.



South Africa



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Permanent free medical clinics served approximately 4,500 patients in Phoenix, Estcourt, and Ambo/Malagazi. Patients received medical, dental, and vision care, including eyeglasses and medicines. Dental extractions and surgeries were also performed. In conjunction with the South African National Blood Services, a total of 8,821 Sathya Sai devotees donated 6,838 pints of blood, including blood for platelets and plasma.

SSE children from every region of South Africa participated in a Walk for Values event, to spread Bhagawan's message of human values.



# Prasanthi Events



Buddha Poornima



Chinese New Year

# PRASANTHI EVENTS

## THE TENTH WORLD CONFERENCE

In commemoration of the 90<sup>th</sup> year of the advent of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Sathya Sai International Organisation held its 10<sup>th</sup> World Conference on the theme, "Love is the Source, Love is the Path, Love is the Goal." Held every five years, the World Conference brings together the Sathya Sai family around the world to celebrate Bhagawan's divine mission and study His teachings during the Birthday celebrations surrounding 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Preparations for the conference started over a year in advance, with the release of two study guides, one on love and another on service, containing excerpts from Bhagawan's discourses. The second step was a series of uplifting pre-world conferences organised in 16 countries from January to September 2015.

## PRE-WORLD CONFERENCES HELD IN 2015

| HOST COUNTRIES            | VENUE          | ZONE | DATES               |
|---------------------------|----------------|------|---------------------|
| <b>Singapore</b>          | Singapore      | 4    | January 16–18       |
| <b>Hong Kong</b>          | Hong Kong      | 5    | January 23–25       |
| <b>Dominican Republic</b> | Santo Domingo  | 2A   | February 27–March 1 |
| <b>Colombia</b>           | Bogotá         | 2B   | February 28–March 1 |
| <b>Brazil</b>             | Rio de Janeiro | 2B   | March 6–8           |
| <b>UAE</b>                | Dubai          | 9B   | April 3-4           |
| <b>USA</b>                | Orlando        | 1    | April 17–19         |
| <b>Italy</b>              | Milan          | 6    | May 1–3             |
| <b>Germany</b>            | Munich         | 7    | May 8–10            |
| <b>Russia</b>             | St. Petersburg | 8    | May 4–6             |
| <b>Australia</b>          | Sydney         | 3    | June 6–8            |
| <b>Nigeria</b>            | Lagos          | 9A   | June 20–21          |
| <b>Kenya</b>              | Nairobi        | 9A   | June 27–28          |
| <b>UK</b>                 | London         | 9A*  | July 24–26          |
| <b>South Africa</b>       | Durban         | 9A   | September 4–6       |
| <b>Mauritius</b>          | Mauritius      | 9A   | September 11–13     |

\* Moved to Zone 7 in 2016

# PRASANTHI EVENTS

## THE TENTH WORLD CONFERENCE

The grand culmination was the 10<sup>th</sup> World Conference, held 25–27 November 2015 at the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (SSSIHL), Prasanthi Nilayam campus. The University Auditorium hosted about 900 delegates from approximately 80 countries, who travelled from all corners of the globe. The programme included uplifting talks, live musical performances, short skits, and an upbeat theme song, composed and produced especially for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Conference. More than 200 dedicated Sathya Sai volunteers worked tirelessly for many days to produce a memorable occasion.



Delegates of the World Conference



"Meet the SSIO Leaders"

# PRASANTHI EVENTS

## CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

Several outstanding cultural programmes were offered by the SSIOs of the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Africa, Russia, Azerbaijan, and Kazakhstan during the conference. In addition, SSIO members from Indonesia, Africa, Russia and adjoining countries, Thailand, Turkey, Mexico and Central American countries, the Dominican Republic, Brazil, and Azerbaijan offered brilliant performances in Sai Kulwant Hall during the grand Birthday celebrations.

## EXHIBITION

The SSIO hosted a beautiful International Exhibition from 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November in the Ashram. The exhibition showcased highlights of SSIO educational, spiritual, and service activities around the world and the life and teachings of Bhagawan through audio, video, and multimedia presentations and posters, skits, and music programmes. SSIO members from many countries presented live programmes.



Exhibition Booth



Performance by Brazil at Exhibition

# PRASANTHI EVENTS



**Sathya Sai International Youth Leadership Graduates**

## **SATHYA SAI INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME (SSIYLP)**

The inaugural batch of 43 SSIYLP graduates from 34 countries were recognised at a graduation ceremony on the final day of the World Conference, at the SSSIHL University Auditorium. The SSIYLP was developed in 2014 to provide standardised leadership training to the youth based on Bhagawan's teachings, covered in nine modules.

## **PUBLICATION**

The landmark publication, Divine Nectar, a collection of selected Bhagawan's discourses related to the workshop topics, was released at this event. Secondly, the 2014–2015 Annual Report of the SSIO describing the divine mission around the world was produced and offered to Bhagawan during the Birthday celebrations.



**Workshop on Public Outreach**

## **WORKSHOP**

Another unique aspect of the conference was a series of nine workshops offered during the afternoon sessions of the first two days. The topics chosen allowed the delegates to delve deep into the conference theme and its relevance in daily life and practical applications.

## **CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS**

On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015, the World Conference Resolutions were presented in Sai Kulwant Hall. These action items, recommendations, and directions are aimed at helping all spiritual aspirants and newcomers to realise the full potential of the Sathya Sai Avatar's teachings and divine guidance.





