



# Sathya Sai Global Health Mission

USA

**The SSIO** provides free and timely healthcare for those who need it most, with utmost compassion and love, reflecting Sathya Sai Baba's example of love for all beings. The SSIO undertakes activities to practise, promote, and facilitate Sathya Sai Baba's global healthcare mission and to coordinate humanitarian relief efforts in countries afflicted by natural disasters.

During this reporting period April 2016 to March 2017 healthcare services were rendered in the following areas:

- Medical and dental rotations of doctors and other healthcare professionals at Sri Sathya Sai Hospitals and Medical Camps in Prasanthi Nilayam.
- Medical, dental, and veterinary camps.

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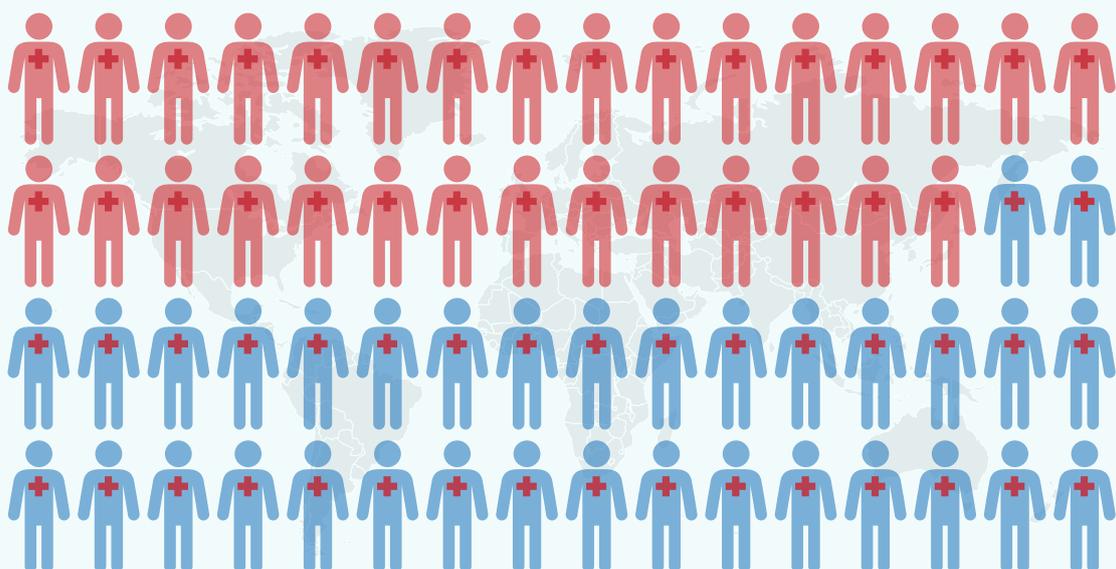
- Mobile and permanent medical clinics.
- Specialised procedures and surgeries (including eye, dental, cardiac, and gynaecological, and endoscopic).
- Blood donations and bone marrow drives.
- Medical services following natural disasters.
- Educational programmes for physicians and healthcare professionals, at Sri Sathya Sai Hospitals in India.

Overall during the reporting period, approximately 183,744 patients were served at 362 medical camps and clinics in 31 countries.

- SSIO volunteers and medical professionals served 79,826 patients in medical, dental, and vision camps and 103,918 patients at permanent clinics and mobile clinics.
- SSIO organised 328 medical camps and operated 34 medical clinics round the year.

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## 01

### ZONE 1 USA

In the USA, five medical clinics, two in California, one in Colorado, one in Florida, and one in New Jersey, served 1,942 patients.

The SSIO organised a total of 14 medical camps across the country for the benefit of 2,907 patients. This included three dental hygiene/treatment camps (St. Petersburg, Florida), one eye camp (Tampa Bay, Florida), and one podiatry camp (St. Petersburg, Florida) to serve local, needy communities.

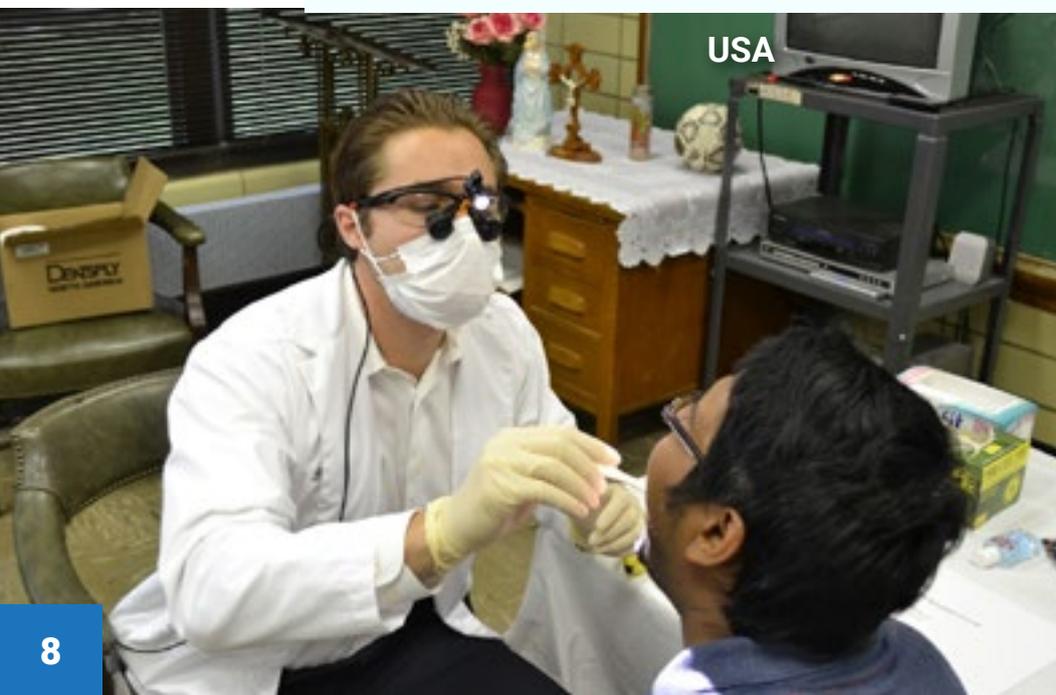
Sathya Sai Centres in Florida organised a podiatry (foot care) camp in St. Petersburg on 29th October 2016, serving 201 patients.

The St. Louis County Sathya Sai Free Medical Camp served 212 people on 1st October 2016, while hosting a bone marrow registration drive.

In California, four medical camps were conducted, serving a total of 1,683 patients in Vista, Huntington Park, Oxnard, and Corona-Norco.

### Guyana

A Fibroid Project was initiated in 2013 based on the pressing need for fibroid surgeries in Guyana; during March 2017, doctors from the USA performed 19 surgeries over five days at the New Amsterdam General Hospital. To date, a total of 102 surgeries have been completed successfully.



## 2A

### ZONE 2A

#### Dominican Republic

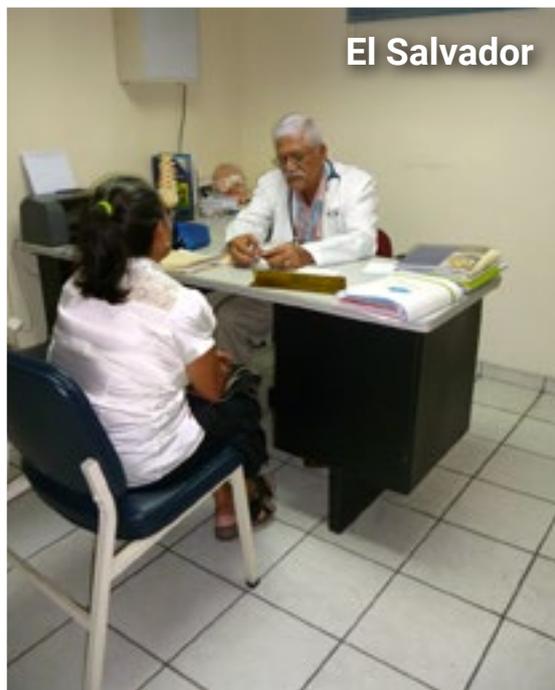
On 16th July 2016, SSIO medical volunteers held a medical camp in Santo Domingo at a local school for the benefit of 137 needy people. In addition, food and clothing were donated, along with a first aid kit to the school.

#### El Salvador

During the reporting period, 458 patients were served in the Santa Tecla clinic and 216 patients were seen at the San Juan Opico clinic. Healthcare professionals at the San Salvador clinic served 416 patients.

#### Mexico

Six medical camps were held at Tijuana, Cuernavaca, Chihuahua and Queretaro during this reporting period. Ten healthcare professionals, assisted by 26 volunteers, saw 165 patients at these medical camps. At the medical clinic at Iztapalapa, 2,664 patients were served, and 511 patients were seen at the clinic in Queretaro during this reporting period



## 2B

### **ZONE 2B** **Colombia**

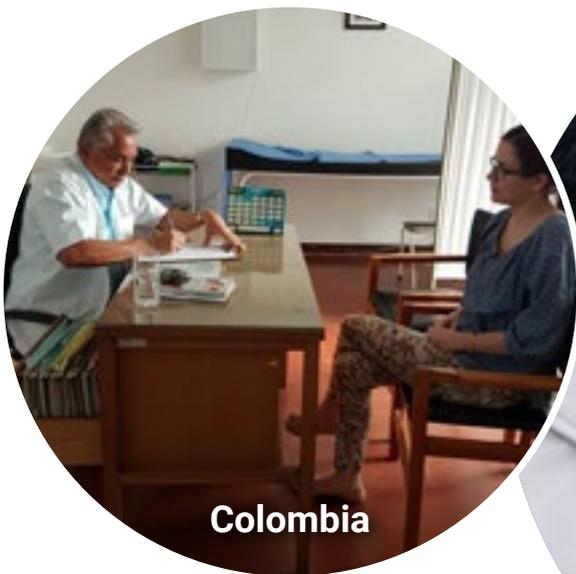
In the city of Medellín, the Sai Medicare Clinic served 400 patients during the reporting period. Over the past five years, the clinic provided medical and/or psychological services to more than 2,100 patients.

### **Ecuador**

On 16th April 2016, a devastating earthquake, magnitude 7.8, struck near the coast of Ecuador. The SSIO provided emergency medical services and held medical camps in June and October 2016 for affected communities. Volunteers continued serving residents through a medical clinic at the Sathya Sai School in Bahía.

### **Peru**

The SSIO held four medical camps in the Cerro San Francisco area, serving 191 patients in the areas of general medicine, dentistry, and psychiatry. Additionally, medicines were dispensed free of charge.



**Colombia**



**Peru**

## 03

### ZONE 3 Australia

Doctors in Canberra, in association with the SSIO, held a Geriatric Workshop on “Healthy Ageing” on 2nd April 2016 at the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre. Attendees included 28 general practitioners, specialists, nurses, and healthcare professionals.

An annual blood donation drive, held from November 2016 to May 2017, was credited for saving up to 1,008 lives in Australia.

### Fiji

In May 2016, 90 healthcare professionals in dentistry, optometry, gastroenterology, gynaecology, and physiotherapy served about 3,000 patients at a medical camp.

During 14th–19th August 2016, 63 volunteers from Australia and Fiji, specialising in internal medicine, dentistry, ophthalmology, and women’s health, treated 1,273 patients during the 10th Annual Combined Australian and Fijian Sathya Sai Medical Camp held on Vanua Levu island.

### New Zealand

In Rongomai, an underprivileged community of Auckland with little access to healthcare, the SSIO held a medical camp in October 2016 to provide health check-ups, health education, advice on diet, and preventive healthcare to needy community members.



## 04

### ZONE 4

The following chart summarises healthcare services rendered by SSIO medical professionals and volunteers in the countries of Zone 4:

COUNTRY	PERMANENT MEDICAL CLINICS	PATIENTS	MOBILE CLINICS (SERVICES)	PATIENTS	MEDICAL CAMPS	PATIENTS	TOTAL PATIENTS
<b>Indonesia</b>	4	9,439	184	30,946	48	4,019	44,404
<b>Laos</b>	1	184			2	1,105	1,289
<b>Malaysia</b>					52	15,900	15,900
<b>Myanmar</b>					1	445	445
<b>Nepal</b>	4	16,192	7	7,000	21	14,757	37,949
<b>Philippines</b>	1	12,861			8	3,167	16,028
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	6	4,299			20	5,335	9,634
<b>Vietnam</b>					1	1,032	1,032
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>42,975</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>37,946</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>45,760</b>	<b>126,681</b>

Throughout Zone 4, Sathya Sai volunteers organised 81 blood donation camps, collecting 10,602 pints of blood from more than 12,000 people.

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## 04

### Indonesia

The SSIO organised blood donations in the Palembang river region and in Bali, collecting more than 1,000 litres of blood. In addition, medical camps held in Bali and Yogyakarta served about 542 patients.



## 04

### **Lao PDR**

From 6th–11th April 2016, the SSIO sponsored a three-day medical and dental camp as part of a village improvement project in Southern Lao PDR, at three villages in the Dakchung district of Sikkon Province. A team of six doctors, three dentists, two pharmacists, and five volunteers from Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, and India conducted 800 medical examinations, 300 dental procedures, and distributed medicines. In recognition, the Governor of Dakchung gave an award to the SSIO for outstanding social work.

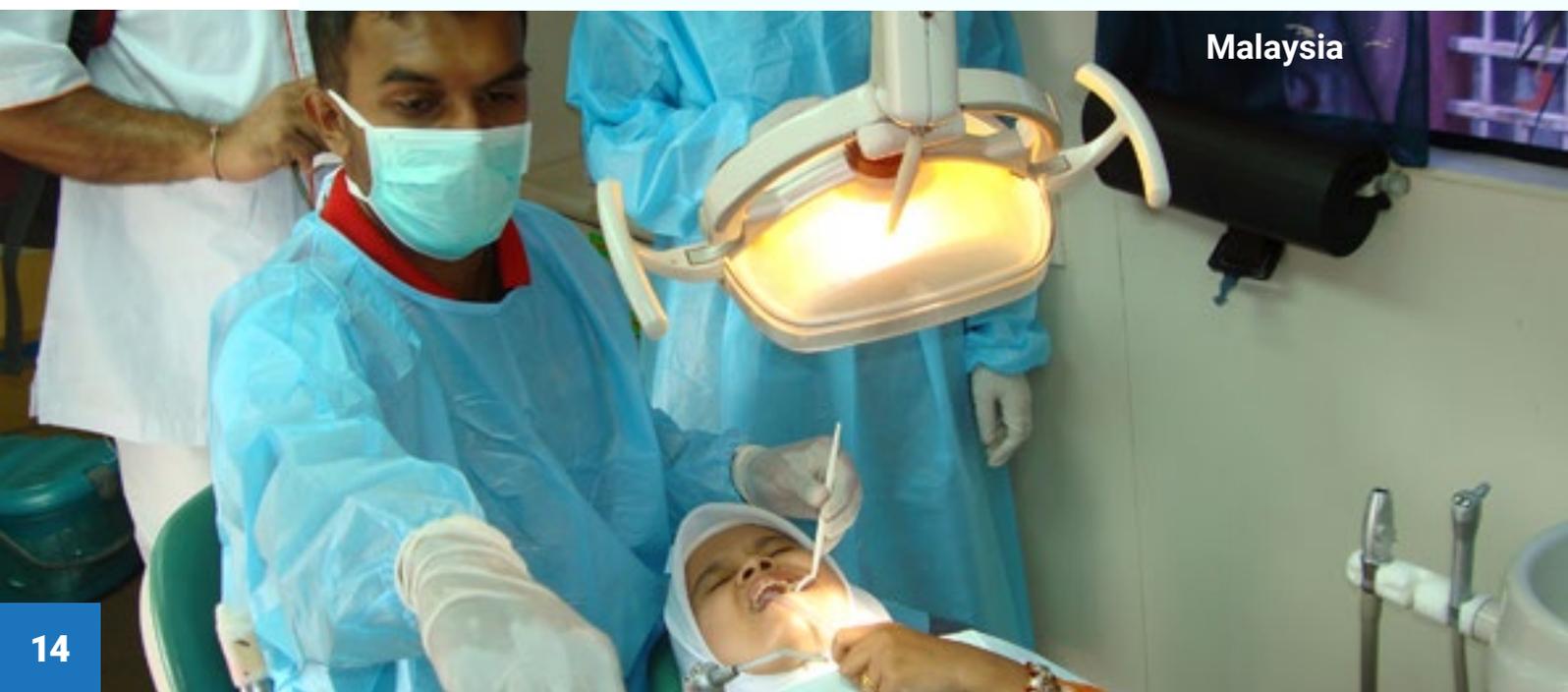
### **Myanmar**

On 21st October 2016, SSIO volunteers conducted a medical and dental camp at an orphanage in Swar, in the Bogo Division of Myanmar. The volunteers provided total of 248 medical consultations and 197 dental consultations, including 21 tooth extractions and 130 fillings.

### **Malaysia**

A total of 52 medical and dental camps were held and 15,900 patients were treated. The camps also provided preventive health screening and counselling on HIV/AIDS, diabetes, breast cancer and other ailments.

Ophthalmological camps were held in 25 locations, where 112 cataract surgeries were performed, and the SSIO also held six blood donation camps, collecting 7,682 pints of blood.



## 04

### Nepal

The SSIO inaugurated a Sri Sathya Sai Free Mobile Clinic on 13th September 2016. A medical team of general practitioners and specialists in cardiology, dermatology, gynaecology, neurology, and orthopaedics provided services to 7,000 persons during the reporting period.

A team of 18 doctors and 27 professionals in dermatology, ENT, gynaecology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, and physiotherapy treated 1,029 patients during a two-day medical camp in Sindhupalchowk.

During 14th–20th March 2017, the SSIO of UK and the SSIO of Nepal jointly conducted medical camps, serving 8,017 patients in Baluwa, Bharatpur, Pokhara, and Kathmandu. Additionally, 30 St. Jude’s heart valves were donated to the Shahid Gangalal National Heart Centre in Kathmandu to treat needy patients. The SSIO also installed new ultrasound scanners, ECG machines, mobile dental units, and ophthalmic equipment at the Sathya Sai Health Centres in Pokhara and Kathmandu.

For the sixth year, the Blood Donor Association of Nepal awarded the “Running Shield Award” to the SSIO for the highest number of blood donations.



## 04

Felicitating their 50th anniversary, the Blood Donors Association of Nepal recognised the SSIO of Nepal on 23rd July 2016 for helping the association organise 116 blood donation campaigns.

In addition, the Kanti Bal Hospital awarded a certificate of appreciation to the SSIO of Nepal for serving patients in the hospital.

### **Philippines**

The Sri Sathya Sai Maternity Center & Medical Clinic in San Jose, Dulag, served 12,861 indigent patients.

The Ladies Wing organised a health camp at Santanino Barangay, where medical and dental professionals treated about 450 people. More than 100 girls also received health education and essential hygiene kits.

### **Sri Lanka**

Sathya Sai volunteers operated six year-round medical clinics and held 20 medical camps, serving about 9,634 patients. The SSIO also provided vision screening, distributed reading glasses, and performed 907 cataract surgeries.

The Sri Sathya Sai Suva Sevana Cancer Hospice Center, with 30 beds, opened on 6th July 2002 to provide care for terminal cancer patients. Since its inception, more than 450 patients have received loving and compassionate care at this hospice.



## 07

### ZONE 7

#### United Kingdom

Sathya Sai Health Awareness programmes were held for seven days in the UK. Healthcare services were provided to 1,320 patients, including blood pressure measurements, diabetic risk assessments, dental and eye examinations, mental health and psychological assessments, physiotherapy, and well-being consultations.

## 08

### ZONE 8

#### Kazakhstan

A team of 61 volunteers, including 25 doctors in 13 specialty areas, from Kazakhstan, Russia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, UK, and USA, served 4,200 patients at a medical camp in a village called Sairam in July 2016. The team distributed more than 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses and dispensed medications. In addition, the team visited nearby villages to reach patients who were unable to come to the camp.

#### Russia

In late May 2016, at a medical camp held in the Leningrad region, nine doctors provided consultations to 119 patients.

In October 2016, volunteers at a medical camp near St. Petersburg served 85 people.



UK



Kazakhstan

## 9A

### ZONE 9A

Five permanent medical clinics served patients in four countries and 62 medical camps were organised in seven countries. SSIO volunteers also conducted blood donation drives in Botswana, Malawi, Mauritius, Nigeria, South Africa, and Uganda.

#### Botswana

The Sathya Sai Baba Free Medical Clinic in Botswana served about 3,187 patients. A team of twelve opticians from the clinic screened more than 400 students from public schools and provided 265 pairs of eyeglasses.

#### Kenya

Healthcare professionals at the Sathya Sai Medical and Dental Clinic in Mombasa, Kenya, served 9,600 patients and conducted 4,680 laboratory tests.

For the fourth successive year, the Sathya Sai Centre of Mombasa, in collaboration with surgeons and staff of the Lion's Eye Hospital, screened 2,035 patients at seven eye camps and performed 162 cataract surgeries.

In November 2016, the SSIO organised a blood drive, resulting in the donation of 55 pints of blood to the Kenya Blood Bank.



Kenya

## 9A

### **Mauritius**

The SSIO organised 61 blood donation camps, collecting 5,238 pints of blood.

### **South Africa**

Four medical camps served 7,880 patients. In addition, health awareness campaigns provided community engagements/meetings on prevention of abuse to women and children, and prevention of alcohol and drug abuse. Blood donation camps collected 8,707 pints of blood.



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## 9B

### ZONE 9B

Throughout the year, the SSIO holds medical camps including health awareness camps and blood donation camps in several countries. Several Certificates of Appreciation and Gratitude have been presented by local governments to the SSIO. Summary details of the camps are below:

COUNTRY	CAMPS*	PATIENTS	BLOOD DONATIONS
Abu Dhabi (UAE)	24	1,016	106
Bahrain	13	2,700	215
Dubai (UAE)	7	720	328
Oman	26	910	107
Kuwait	3	189	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>5,535</b>	<b>820</b>

\*Includes Health Awareness Camps and Eye Camps



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## SERVICES IN PRASANTHI NILAYAM

SSIO healthcare professionals volunteer their services in various departments of the Sri Sathya Sai General Hospitals and the Sri Sathya Sai Institutes of Higher Medical Sciences in Whitefield and Puttaparthi.

Sathya Sai doctors and volunteers serve at medical camps in Prasanthi Nilayam twice a year, during Guru Pournima and the annual Birthday celebrations. During 14–20 July 2016, 3,235 patients were seen and during 18–25 November 2016, 6,184 patients were served.

## CONCLUSION

The SSIO continues to organise and facilitate the delivery of high-quality medical care in many countries. The vast, global Sathya Sai system of free healthcare continues to expand every year, touching more and more people, and transforming their hearts with love for all, in accordance with the vision of Sathya Sai Baba.



Prasanthi Nilayam