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OLD BASILICA OF MARY OF GUADALUPE, MEXICO CITY

Zone 2A

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COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Costa Rica	1	15			
Cuba	5	98			
Dominican Republic	7	188	16	1	1
El Salvador	9	87		1	
Guadeloupe	1	10		1	
Guatemala	5	102	4		1
Haiti	2	90			
Honduras	1	7			
Mexico	39	494	293	1	2
Nicaragua	1	5			
Panama	3	64	45		
Puerto Rico	2	23	5	1	
TOTAL	76	1,183	363	5	4



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Dominican Republic

On 17th February 2019, Young Adults (YAs) in the Dominican Republic visited the 'Club de Leones' Senior Home, where they spent quality time and shared breakfast with 50 residents. The residents in turn regaled the YAs with their life experiences. Subsequently, the YAs visited a local hospital called 'Villa Las Mata', where they shared lunch with 25 relatives of the patients.



El Salvador

Over the past 25 years, 20 volunteers from Sathya Sai Centres across San Salvador, have served food to more than 150 underprivileged people each week. Similarly, over the past five years, volunteers in El Amatal and La Libertad served breakfast and distributed clothing and hygiene items every month to 35 residents at the Santo Hermano Pedro de Betancur home for seniors.

On 9th June 2018, the Sathya Sai Institute of Human Values presented a workshop for 48 public school teachers in Ciudad Delgado. Recognising that gatherings of parents, teachers, and students were integral components of Sathya Sai Education, the Sathya Sai Foundation of El Salvador built a stage and covered a basketball court at the Goldtree School. This allowed the School to accommodate 600 parents who come to watch their children

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participate in the programmes. This venue is also expected to function as a social hub for the community.

The SSIO of El Salvador donated 60 tin sheets to 75 displaced families, for use as a roof for temporary shelter, during the rainy season in San Salvador.



Guatemala

In Guatemala, the Humanitarian Relief Committee of the SSIO conducted its first International Diploma course in First Aid during early 2019. The course comprised of online theoretical modules offered from 5th January to 30th March 2019. Practical, hands-on sessions will be organised on 6th and 7th April 2019 by the volunteers at the fire station in Guatemala. Participants included 32 people from Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Colombia, El Salvador, Argentina, Peru, in addition to 27 people from Guatemala.



Haiti

A catastrophic earthquake struck Haiti in January 2010, resulting in a loss of over 100,000 lives and widespread devastation. Over the years, SSIO volunteers have continued to provide essential services to the hardest hit communities, including the construction of three schools and providing Education in Human Values to over 400 children.



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In June 2018, a workshop on practical spirituality, based on Sathya Sai Baba's teachings, was held at the Sathya Sai Centre of Monterrey. The event targeted students who were ready to pursue different careers. The workshop consisted of 14 lessons and the YA attendees found the knowledge to be extremely helpful in both their personal and professional lives.

The SSIO of Mexico inaugurated a new building for the Sathya Sai School of Chihuahua on 21st January 2019. The grand opening was attended by Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, SSIO, Dr. Pal Dhall, Chairman, SSIO Education Committee, senior officers of the SSIO and educators from the ISSE of Mexico. A military band added zest to the occasion. Dr. Reddy cut the ribbon to open the facility and discussed the benefits of Sathya Sai Education in his inaugural address.

On 27th January 2019, volunteers from the Guadalajara Sathya Sai Centre provided medical consultations to 34 people at a camp in El Tizate – a community in Nazarit, Méxijara City. Ten children also received lessons in human values.

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Panama

On 12th January 2019, four YAs from the Sathya Sai Centre of Panama City entertained the senior residents of *Centro de Cuidado al Anciano Care* in Pedregal. They served food and spent quality time with the seniors, spreading joy through songs and other forms of entertainment. Before leaving, the YAs distributed medical and sanitary supplies to the elderly residents.

During the celebration of *Jornada Mundial de la Juventud* (Youth World Journey) in the city of Cinta Costera, YAs and volunteers from the Panama City Sathya Sai Centre, distributed 600 sandwiches, water, juice, and cookies to people in need.

Capira (Lidice) is a farming community on the outskirts of Panama City, with limited access to resources. On 23rd February 2019, 17 SSIO volunteers distributed 96 backpacks containing school supplies and essential items to needy children in the area. The volunteers also organised games to engage the children and conducted a session on human values. Additionally, they served meals to more than 150 residents of the community.

