



**BRAZIL**  
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# Zone 2B

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| COUNTRIES        | CENTRES/<br>GROUPS | SSIO<br>MEMBERS | SSE<br>STUDENTS | ISSE     | SATHYA SAI<br>SCHOOLS |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| <b>Argentina</b> | 25                 | 800             | 86              | 1        | 1                     |
| <b>Bolivia</b>   | 4                  | 67              |                 | 1        |                       |
| <b>Brazil</b>    | 47                 | 652             | 37              | 1        | 3                     |
| <b>Chile</b>     | 2                  | 48              | 20              |          |                       |
| <b>Colombia</b>  | 9                  | 140             | 24              | 1        | 2                     |
| <b>Ecuador</b>   | 4                  | 79              |                 | 1        | 2                     |
| <b>Paraguay</b>  | 1                  | 15              |                 |          |                       |
| <b>Peru</b>      | 5                  | 125             | 11              | 1        |                       |
| <b>Uruguay</b>   | 1                  | 43              | 8               |          |                       |
| <b>Venezuela</b> | 17                 | 219             | 43              | 1        | 1                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>115</b>         | <b>2,188</b>    | <b>229</b>      | <b>7</b> | <b>9</b>              |



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### Argentina

Over 150 educators from around the world attended the International Congress on Education on 13th and 14th June 2018. The symposium was organised by the University of Navarra in Spain with the Austral University in Argentina and was dedicated to building character through education.

More than 2,500 underprivileged people in the neighbourhoods of Las Talitas, Gonzalez Catan, Florencio Varela, San Marcos Sierras and Chuña received loving and free medical care at monthly clinics covering various specialities. These include general medicine, paediatrics, dentistry, physiotherapy, traumatology, and psychology organised by SSIO medical professionals and volunteers.



### Bolivia

Sucre is located in a remote, mountainous area of Bolivia. During Easter, Sathya Sai devotees and spiritual seekers from Bolivia and Peru held a retreat in the city of Sucre to dive deep into the teachings of Sathya Sai Baba and Jesus Christ.



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## Brazil

Sathya Sai devotees in Brazil celebrated World Human Values Day on 24th April 2018 with Walk for Values events at three Sathya Sai Schools around the country. The Sathya Sai School of Ribeirao Preto in Sao Paulo repaired public access areas and installed placards made by the students with messages about preserving nature and the environment. The children, teachers and volunteers from the Sathya Sai School of Vila Isabel interacted lovingly with customers at nearby gasoline stations, drugstore, supermarket, and shopping centre. At the Sathya Sai School of Goias, the children went to Aparecida de Goiania, the nearest village and offered white balloons bearing messages of Sathya Sai Baba to passers-by. The children also sang values-themed songs at the city's main square.

On 26th January 2019, 13 volunteers from the Pendotiba Sathya Sai Centre visited the Lar da Esperança nursing home in Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro. The volunteers distributed snacks, played a game where everyone won a gift and entertained the senior residents with soulful renditions of popular, sentimental songs from years gone by. The senior residents expressed their gratitude with smiles and tears of happiness.

In March 2019, SSIO volunteers organised a public outreach event in different parts of Ponta Grossa. Community members created a vegetable



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garden to provide healthy food to needy families in the neighbourhood and cleared an abandoned land into a clean area. The event ended with the formation of a new Sai Group.



### Chile

Every Sunday, volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre of Santiago de Chile serve a warm lunch to homeless people. In addition, the volunteers conducted a human values workshop and organised a special Christmas programme for the homeless in December 2018.



### Colombia

In April 2018, volunteers from the SSIO of Colombia delivered groceries and other necessities to 47 seniors and 25 families residing in the El Hato neighbourhood of Funza, near Bogotá. In addition, monthly classes on human values were initiated for a group of 14 teenagers, 10 pre-teens and 10 children. A parenting workshop was launched, offering both parents and children lessons in value-based living.

On 29th April 2018, children of the Sathya Sai School of Funza participated in a Walk for Values. The children walked with colourful banners, urging greater care for the environment. The walk ended in the town square,

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where the children sang melodious songs and performed dances dedicated to protecting our planet.

During December 2018, SSIO volunteers celebrated Christmas in the neighbourhood, bringing cheer to the community with joyful songs and a theatrical performance. The volunteers also distributed shoes and blankets to the elderly.



## Ecuador

Nearly 300 students, parents, teachers and members of the public enthusiastically participated in a 'Walk for Human Values', organised by the Sathya Sai Educational School in Guayaquil in the 'Bastión Popular' sector. The community enthusiastically participated in the walk that ended at the School, where chocolate milk was distributed.

In November 2018, the Sathya Sai School of Bahía de Caráquez (Manabí) participated in a parade in the streets of Cantón Sucre, which was followed by a Walk for Human Values.

Every week, 25 mothers of children from the Sathya Sai school in Guayaquil come together to develop their handicraft skills and abilities at a Handicraft Workshop organised by SSIO volunteers. The skills they learn in this workshop help them generate new opportunities to support their homes.



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### Paraguay

Construction of the Sathya Sai School and the Institute of Sathya Sai Education commenced in Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. Courses and seminars on education in Human Values, disaster relief and other service activities continue to be carried out in the country on a regular basis.



### Peru

More than 50 teachers from various schools participated in a 45-day course titled, "Excellence in Application of Human Values," organised by the Institute of Sathya Sai Education of Peru. A closing ceremony, held in early March 2018, was attended by the Honourable M. Subbarayudu, Ambassador of India, Dr. Aayam Gupta, Director of the Indian Cultural Center and senior leaders from the SSIO.

Two dentists, three general practitioners and two psychologists offered healthcare services to 109 patients on 16th December 2018 at a medical camp on the outskirts of Lima. SSIO volunteers distributed over 150 medical packets and clothing to the needy, also finding time to host a human values class for 60 children.



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Two YAs and their children initiated a service project in Cajamarca distributing clothes, footwear, food, medicine, toys, and other items to needy persons. This project commenced in January 2019 and has grown quickly, and now includes many volunteers eager to serve the needy.

On 17th February 2019, SSIO young adults YAs from the Ari Sai Centre spent quality time with traumatized mothers residing at the Centro de Atención Residencial (CAR) Casa Estancia Domi shelter in Peru. They shared music, dances, games, and most importantly, their hope about life and God. In addition, YAs took care of 16 babies, affording their mothers an opportunity to participate in the programme. The day concluded with a traditional Peruvian dance called a Festejo.



### Uruguay

The residents in the neighbourhood of Montevideo come from varied social and economic backgrounds, requiring assistance from the community. Every week, members of the Sai Centre of Montevideo bring happiness to these residents by providing Value-based Education and formative activities for children of the neighbourhood.



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### Venezuela

Staff members and teachers at the Abejales Sathya Sai School in Venezuela brought love and joy to 165 students on World Human Values Day – 24th April 2018. The day included enjoyable arts and crafts activities as well as silent sitting and Self-reflection. Several children constructed and displayed posters inscribed with the message, “Feliz Dia de Los Valores” or Happy Values Day.

In October 2018, 13 patients were evaluated for moles and warts at a medical camp organised by SSIO volunteers. Some patients required additional, evaluation. Doctors followed up with the patients a few days later to check on their recovery.

To commemorate the 93rd Advent of Sathya Sai Baba, SSIO volunteers in the Metropolitan Region distributed clothes, soaps, quilts, towels, post-partum sanitary pads and infant formula to needy mothers who cannot afford baby-care items.



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