



**THAILAND**  
**WAT ARUN TEMPLE, BANGKOK**

# Zone 4B

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COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
<b>Brunei</b>	1	75			
<b>Cambodia</b>	1	56	30		
<b>Indonesia</b>	76	4,148	1,127	1	2
<b>Malaysia</b>	68	5,752	3,610	1	1
<b>Philippines</b>	3	105	25	1	1
<b>Singapore</b>	19	780	611		1
<b>Thailand</b>	8	202	61	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>11,118</b>	<b>5,464</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>



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### Cambodia

The SSIO of Cambodia provided food and supplies to underprivileged people in Cambodia throughout the year. On 21st September 2018, the volunteers offered bags of rice to 48 families at Snoun Pich Village. On 22nd September 2018, they served lunch to about 100 destitute children at the 'Buck Hunger' facility and distributed supplies to 100 families. On the same day, SSIO volunteers served dinner to children at the Cambodia Light Children Association – an organisation that cares for destitute and orphaned children in Phnom Penh. On 23rd September 2018, SSIO volunteers delivered packages of rice to 185 needy families in four villages near the Udong Mountain area.



### Indonesia

A pair of devastating magnitude 6 and 7 earthquakes struck the Lombok island in August 2018 causing havoc. A team of SSIO volunteers from the neighbouring countries sprang into action and served the severely affected villages, between 28th September and 1st October 2018. They held a medical camp in Lombok City for 66 patients and followed up with tent-to-tent medical care for 10 severely ill patients. The SSIO further distributed supplies, provided trauma relief counselling, health education talks

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and human values classes. Later, the team offered medical assistance and humanitarian aid in a village at the foothills of Mount Rinjani, which was the epicentre of the earthquake.

On 30th December 2018, 28 YAs visited several locations around central Jakarta with a mobile soup kitchen serving hot tea and a warm vegetarian soup called Soto to around 100 destitute people. The YAs were not only thankful for the opportunity to serve, echoing the gratitude of the recipients, but also learnt practical leadership skills in organising worthwhile projects.

On 16th February 2019, 23 volunteers including YAs from the Sai Study Group (SSG) Singaraja visited a school for children with special needs at Buleleng. The volunteers conducted a series of fun activities and sang popular songs in the local Balinese language. Before departing, they distributed gift bags containing stationery to the students.



### Malaysia

On 13th May 2018, more than 900 people participated in the Easwamma Day Educare Carnival organised by the Education and Ladies' Wings of the SSIO of Malaysia. SSE children presented a musical drama extolling the ideal values and virtues of motherhood. As part of the landmark 'Honour



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Our Parents Everyday' (HOPE) programme, 45 mothers who had served as 'Sai Value Activists' were honoured.

The national convention of the SSIO of Malaysia was held on 26th May 2018 in Petaling Jaya, a township near Kuala Lumpur. Around 1,500 attendees were inspired by talks given by Mr. T.G. Krishnamurthy, a senior devotee and Mr. R.J. Rathnakar, Trustee of the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, and other distinguished speakers.



### Philippines

On 19th October 2018, the Philippine Institute of Sathya Sai Education inaugurated a new facility at San Pedro, with upgraded conference and training facilities and a library. Approximately 1,600 teachers attended a three-day human values workshop that coincided with the grand opening. SSIO leaders inaugurated four brand new classrooms at the Sathya Sai School in Pililla on 20th October 2018 as part of a major expansion project that began in July 2018. The renovations also included a special 'Values Tree' that was painted by the SSE students and parents to promote the practice of human values in the community.



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In November 2018, the Ladies Wing of the SSIO of Philippines distributed food and groceries to more than 500 impoverished families in the Centennial C5 neighbourhood of Taguig City. During the service, SSIO volunteers noticed numerous other families in the area in need of help and returned to the neighbourhood on 19th January 2019 to distribute an additional 172 bags of groceries containing rice, beans, noodles, and milk powder.

For nearly a decade, SSIO volunteers have travelled every month to San Manuel, a small town 200 km north of Manila with limited medical facilities, to provide medical, dental, and vision care to the needy. On 20th January 2019, a team of ten volunteers including two physicians, one ophthalmologist, and four dentists, served 346 people with love and care. The volunteers also took time to distribute school supplies to local schools and homes.



### Singapore

'Human Values Drama Festival', held biennially, is an outreach initiative by the SSIO of Singapore to promote the practice of the five human values. In 2018, around 30,000 people associated with 40 secondary schools participated in the semi-finals of this competition. The final round was held on 11th July 2018 at the Republic Polytechnic, with the support of 1,500

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students and teachers from shortlisted schools. The guest of honour was Assoc Prof. Dr. Muhammad Faishal, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education.

Members of Sathya Sai Centres across Singapore served food at dormitories for foreign workers and delivered packed food to migrant labourers. SSIO volunteers also regularly delivered dry provisions to the homes of underprivileged families. 'Sai Protein', made by grinding various grains and nuts, was packed and distributed monthly to around 200 elderly and ailing residents of senior homes.

Batam Grama Seva is conducted each month by 20 to 40 SSIO volunteers from Singapore. They travel by ferry to the island of Batam to distribute clothes and sundry items to local needy people.



### Thailand

On 23rd April 2018, SSIO volunteers brought relief from the scorching summer heat to more than 200 construction workers, cyclists, and street vendors by distributing apples and ice cream to commemorate *Aradhana Mahotsavam*.



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Every year, SSIO volunteers in Thailand spend time with the residents of the Good Shepherd Sisters' Home, which caters to about 70 disadvantaged young girls. This year, they organised a dance programme, which included devotional songs and a delicious dinner of Thai and Western dishes. They also celebrated Christmas with the girls and distributed special gift packs of toiletries.

On 19th December 2018, four SSIO volunteers and nine ladies distributed cakes and cookies to celebrate Christmas at the Samakhee Songkraw School, where they conduct weekly English classes for students in Grades 1 to 6. The children expressed their gratitude to their teachers as well as to Sathya Sai Baba.

SSIO volunteers packed and distributed care packages of rice, oil, sugar, noodles, milk, cookies, and diapers to 18 families in need at an isolated village. This visit became part of a greater village adoption initiative and laid the groundwork for the construction of houses. The volunteers also visited four former employees of the local Sathya Sai School, who had been injured in a road accident.

On 30th March 2019, eleven SSIO volunteers distributed grocery bags to 18 families in the Lam Narai district in central Thailand, a community adopted by the SSIO of Thailand. During the Thai New Year festivities or Songkran, SSIO members returned to the village to obtain the blessings of the elders of the community.

