

A loving home for every child!



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Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from all of us associated with SOS Children's Villages Pakistan and very best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. May 2014 be personally rewarding for each one of you and also see a change in the fortunes of the country. At the dawn of each new year we hope that somehow it will be better than the preceding one, but this hope is yet to be fulfilled. As civil society becomes more strident in its demand for justice, stability and security, perhaps our leaders will rise to the occasion, and redress the myriad problems with which we are facel.

Each year this annual report updates you on our achievements and progress over the past year. It gives me the greatest pleasure to inform you that, despite the negative outlook in most other fields, we continue to grow surely and steadily. Continue to plan and execute more projects. Continue to get loser to our goal of reaching out to help vulnerable children in every part of the country. This we are able to do, only with your support and your confidence in us. On behalf of all the children who benefit from this generosity, a big thank you for giving them shelter, security and - above all -a chance in life.

Our success is proof of the tremendous potential of the country. There is no dearth of concerned and capable individuals who have the desire, and the ability, to bring about change. Indeed, they are spearheading exemplary initiatives in many areas. Volunteering is the fundamental building block of civil society and an integral part of any non-profit organization. We are also direct beneficiaries of this spirit of 'giving back'. Around the country, a large force of committed and competent volunteers is working tirelessly for the betterment of the orphans, and translating our dreams into reality. They are the secret of our success. I salute them and thank them, most sincerely, for being part of our mission and giving so selflessly of themselves.

The successful assimilation of the children into society is our ultimate goal and no effort is success have the mest element. Helping them find their place in a dysfunctional society is difficult and their place in a dysfunctional society is difficult and their place in a dysfunctional society is difficult and their place in the second of their place in a dysfunctional society is difficult and their place in the second pla

************** Construction costs have spiralled, making the establishment of new projects a challenging task. Implementing our vision is not easy but we continue to plan ambitiously, knowing that there is a big reservoir of goodwill in our society for the orphans. Please invite others to join us in providing for them as we build new projects, and require ever increasing assistance. For our part we can

give the assurance that all donations will be used judiciously and effectively, upholding our proven track record of transparency and accountability. We also need more sponsors as new children are being admitted on a regular basis. The latest admissions to one of the projects are two beautiful little siblings - a five year old girl and three year old boy from Hazara. Their mother was collecting firewood and was killed when she fell from a tree. The father had already abandoned the family, The stories are heartbreaking but at the least, we can provide them a loving home and hope for the future

The damaged SOS Children's Village in Makri, Muzaffarabad has been repaired and commissioned as a temporary facility. It will later serve as a Youth Home. There are already thirteen children in residence and the committee busy establishing contacts, to publicize our services. The new SOS Children's Village being constructed in Sundgran, Muzaffarabad will be ready for occupancy by the end of the year. The construction of the Quetta project is still ongoing, although six family homes are already occupied. The building of the remaining nine has been completed but infrastructure development will take a little longer, as funding in that region is slow in materializing. On the other hand, the fundraising efforts of our committee in Peshawar have been very successful and the SOS Children's Village in that city will be ready for occupancy this year. Thereafter, construction of the school complex will be taken in hand, for which a generous donor has already committed funds. In Rawalakot, the Primary School has been completed and the SOS Youth Home is under construction. This will serve as a temporary SOS Children's Village until the establishment of the new project. There are many more projects in the pipeline, including SOS Children's Villages in Khairour and Rawalakot, SOS Youth Hostels and schools in Islamabad, Sialkot and Peshawar, as well as a school in Muzaffarabad.

The activities in the various SOS projects are steadily increasing and we thank our many corporate friends and young volunteers who, not only provide enjoyment for the children, but also give generously of their time to interact with them. Such interventions not only give them great pleasure, but also provide exposure to the outside world, and add a new dimension to their lives. Reports from the various centres provide details of some of these activities.

We continue to follow our ambition of, some day, providing solar power to all the Villages. This will not only drastically reduce utility bills but also make life much easier for the children, providing both security and comfort. A feasibility has been prepared and we are approaching potential donors. The total outlay per Village, is estimated to be rupees thirty million, and will pay for itself in 6-8 years. As an immediate undertaking we would like to install solar power in one family home, to test the effectiveness. For this, too, we are seeking a donation of rupees one million .

In ending I would like to, once again, thank all of you - sponsors, donors, volunteers and friends for your steady support. Special thanks are due to our Support Groups outside Pakistan who do a magnificent job, publicizing our organization, soliciting sponsorships and raising funds for construction. All that we have been able to achieve is through your help and we request you to invite others to visit us and see our work for themselves, when they have the opportunity.

Many children need many friends and, as we continue to grow, we look forward to your continued assistance. May God bless you for caring!





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This year we are immensely proud to state that our efforts and determination have

students from over 40 schools and colleges visited and interacted with our children. Needless to say this exposure not only makes learning

children. Needless to say this exposure not only makes learning more fun but it also gives them rich and varied experiences.

As always our young friends made our volunteer programme a huge

success.

The Education Minister, Rana Mashood Ahmad joined us as the Chief Guest, along with several MPAs, as we celebrated

Chief Guest, along with several MPAs, as we celebrated 'Universal Children's Day', sponsored by 'ActionAid'. A small

skit against child labour was presented by our children, stressing that education is the basic right of every child.

It is also with pleasure that we announce the success of the Cultural Exchange Pergram A, aproug of 25 young students from Hisfriend', a youth organization from Korea, visited SOS. They delivered mesmercizing performances, ranging from ratificational disones to small alkis. Our children, ever eager to be an and visited microsine, made some lesting friends.

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 HSBC under its Future First Programme, donated an English Language Laboratory to the SOS Hermann Gmeiner School. This is the latest of many interventions they have made to promote education in our projects.
 It is with pride and a sense of fulfilliment that we announce that two of our grife successfully obtained their Masters

degrees in Biochemistry and Mass Communication respectively.

The marriages of two girls were celebrated with the usual festivity and two reunions organized for the children who have left.

Dhodial

Like every year 2013 had been a progressive year with various events and activities taking place.



- A small fundraiser, with the concept of strengthening the bond between the community and the SOS children, was organized in the Village. The idea was to raise unds for the orphans by inviting people from the surrounding areas and having them interact with the children. The fundraiser was very successful. People enthusiastically participated and enjoyed visiting the project and mingling with the children.

 The Rotary Club, Abbottabad Valley, organized a polio awareness programme, "END POLIO NOW". The SOS Chairperson and other committee members participated in the event.

A team of deritists from Rehmat Memorial Hospital visited the Village.
They conducted a complete derital checkup of all the children and british deme regarding teeth problems and good hygiene. They distributed tooth pasts and tooth brushes to the children.

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SOS Children's Villages Pakistan-USA has donated Rs 2.9 million for the construction of a new academic block in the SOS Hermann Gmeiner School and College.

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The children had many outings throughout the year. Beside picnics and trips to nearby areas, they also participated in activities croanised by the Adventure Foundation Pakistan such as the Watermanship Course. Downhill Skiling Courses.

and National Children Mountain Conservation 2013. Rawalpindi

The past year has seen our children very busy, not only through the academic perspective, but also other recreational activities.

Fourteen boys and girls successfully passed their Board examinatios and joined various colleges and universities for

further education.

Serena Hotel arranged an "Eld Carnival" for our children. They enjoyed a magic show and took part in different games
and a singing competition. Eld is incomplete without mehndi and while the girls thoroughly enjoyed this activity,
the young box soot busy face eniting.

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Our group of boy scouts attended the Scout Camp arranged by the PIA
Pakistan Scouts Association. It was a learning experience, especially, as they

were taught to maintain discipline and time management. They also look part in a rally for promoting peace in the country.

Our very generous corporate donor HSBC, donated a computer laboratory

for the Technical Training Institute. This is a new course and its syllabus will be provided by the National Technical Board Islamabad.

Karachi

SOS Karachi is currently providing a home to 162 children with 130 in the SOS Children's Village and 32 residing in the Youth facility.

• The renovation of the Village is complete, giving the Homes a new look and improving the work environment. It has become a source of pride for all. To pay tribute to the project committee and all who worked to upgrade the facility, a celebration was held at the Village.
• The Village children had a busy year with a number of entertaining, festive activities

arranged by our prestigious corporate partners which include DHL, P&G, Philip Morris, Maersk Lines, Pakistan Security Printing Press and English Biscuits PV.Ltd.

Summer camp was the favourite activity, which a large number of volunteers from IBA.

NUST, NED, Bahria, and Karachi University helped make a success.

The SOS Hermann Gmeiner School showed very encouraging results at the sec-

ondary and higher secondary level in the Board examinations. Fifteen children were admitted to college while two Youth Home boys joined ICMA for accounting studies.

- Extracurricular activities included quiz and drawing competitions, tree plantation activities and project day. Teachers were encouraged to attend different workshops /

training programmes about class discipline and teaching skills.

• The SOS Medical Centre plays an important role by providing out-patient service to a large number of women and children from the community. Ultrasound, immunization, polio eradication and other essential services are provided.

• The SOS Technical Training Institute is working on the philosophy of "skill development for employment", equipping the youth of the community with a six-month course, approved by the Sinth Board of Technical Education and Information Technology. The courses provided are: general electrician, automobile mechanic, welder, turner and computer softwarehardware programmer. Almost all the graduates are successfully running their cown workshops or have been

employed by other organizations. Faisalabad

This year we were successful in the renovation work of six houses. A generous donor, Dr.Saeed, provided funds for the renovation and also donated carpets for the homes. Besides material assistance he also enjoys spending time with the children, which is a priceless gift.

Our biggest achievement of the year is the construction of the SOS Boys High School. The new session will commence
from next spring and enable our boys to study in their own premises. The spacious play ground will provide sports facilities for the students.

the beautiful premises of the Village and made many new friends.

The students of the SOS Herman Gmeiner School celebrated Earth Week on April 21st.

The teachers highlighted the need to save our earth from pollution. The children

planted trees in the premises and were also taught about the importance of a healthy environment and how oxygen is produced through greenery.

studies, while some engaged in extracurricular activities.

•The members of Sunshine Lions Club delivered an informative lecture on dengue awareness. This was attended by teachers and students of the school along with the house mothers and staff of the Village.

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 A group of fifteen girls from the Home Economics Department of the Agriculture University, have started three month art classes with the children. They are teaching glass painting, flower decoration and candle making. It is a very creative activity and the children enion expression their talent.

The marriages of two girls were arranged during the year and were celebrated with great fervour

Sargodha

The SOS Children's Village Sargodha is providing shelter to 114 children and 27 boys are

living in the Youth Home.

To beat the heat of the scorching summer, 'Water Day' was celebrated in the Village.
Children were provided with small water containers and enloved a water 'fight' by

splashing water on each other.

To make children aware of their rights, 'Child Protection' sessions were held in the Village. All SOS mothers, children and staff attend appropriate classes, conducted by a psychologist. The aim of these sessions is to raise awareness in the children and teach them about self protection.

- An 'Est Milan' party was arranged for the children with the collaboration of the Adal
 Foundation. People from different professions came to ad more color to the festable by spending file day with the children. The DCO Sargotha also visited the Village and appreciated the efforts the organization is making for the benefit of the orphans. Children participated in the party by singing songs and presenting various skits. The questis identified the profession of the profes

tified these children as future 'Bright Stars'.

Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Different enjoyable activities were arranged including musical chairs, races and a cricket match. Children prepared skits stressing the importance of education for a better future.

One girl was married during the year and the children enjoyed the traditional celebration.

Multan

The efforts made by the committee are highly commendable. The SCS Youth Hone, for which the foundation was laid in 2010, has been fully functional since December 2012. The major donors for its construction were Monasnot, National Bank, Meezan Bank and AL-Barska Bank. The cost of the project was Rs.25 million and it is providing wheler to 36 boys - Every year the Pamazan' campaign is a huge success and raises a substantial amount for the benefit of the project - Every year the Pamazan' campaign as in June success and raises a substantial amount for the benefit of the project.

The amount collected through the campaign this year was Rs.1,378,500 and the 'Hides Collection' campaign raised Rs.570,870.

On Eid-ul-Fitr a play, 'Whoole Owt's, Ali Coglia & the Merchant of Baghdad' was prepared by SOS children under the supervision of volunteers. The play was scripted in English and our children fined their best to do justice to the storpine, It was highly appreciated by the guests and they praised our children for their amazing performance.

colony Textile Milis gave a donation of Rs. 3 million for acquiring Rosetta Stone, renowned software for teaching English language skills. In addition they also donated eight stopps and seven tablets which was a huge help in establishing an English Language labratory in the SOS school. The software will help our children with improving their language proficiency and be beneficial

In learning new vocabulary.

The Children's Festival hield in April was once again a roaring success. More than 2000 people attended the fundraising in the children's Festival hield in April was once again a roaring success. More than 2000 people attended the fundraising event. The food court was outstanding and there were different fun-filled activities, with singer Amanat Ali, adding spart, to the proceedings. The festival was sonosced by friends and supporters and was successful in generating the improve-

Sialkot

sive amount of Rs. 9, 48,000.

The SOS Children's Village presently accommodates 98 children. The past year has been eventful and a busy time for them.

4 http to 'Chatter Park' was organized as a treat for the children for showing good results in the annual examination. Five

boys and two girls passed their matriculation examination in the first division. It gives us great pleasure to state that our cliditien regularly achieve 100 percent successful results. One boy is preparing for the ACCA degree, two are studying civil engineering, and one girl is enrolled in an MBA programme.

As always, Independence Day was celebrated with much enthusiasm. Children painted Pakistani flass on their faces

and wore green T Shirts and hats. A local musical band performed patriotic songs for the children and they were treated to lunch from Macdonald's.

*Representatives of an NGO based in Holland, 'Inspired to Care', visited the Village. The Chairperson and members

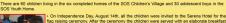
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of the NGO belong to Sialkot and they made a commitment to raise funds for our work. They also arranged for the visit of a dentist, who advised the children on dental hygiene and later distributed gifts and tooth brushes among them.

 A generous sponsor, Dr. Iftikhar Hussain, has financed the installation of solar water heater panels in nine homes.

 The construction of the SOS school has started on a plot adjacent to the Village.
 Funding for the purchase of the plot was provided by Mrs. Talat Javaid and finances for partial construction, by an anonymous donor, both residents of the UK. A site has also been identified for the Youth Home and efforts are on-oping to have this donated





and, later, were taken on a tour of the hotel.

On Eid ul Azha, the wife of the Inspector General Frontier Corps, visited the SOS Children Vilage, along with the families of other army officials. They distributed gifts amongst the children

and also gave two hundred rupees 'Eld' to each child.

On Universal Children's Day, Seenan Hotel organized a recreational activity for our children, including a singing competition between the hotel staff and the SOS children. The children thoroughly enjoyed the competition which was followed by other activities such as acting and a

speech competition. Children were served with delicious snacks and specially prepared cakes.

Despite the low level of donations received at this project we appreciate the steady support of the following donors.

Merck Pvt. (Ltd.) bears all school expenses for the children.

Frontier Corps Baluchistan (FC) donates monthly rations and food stuff for children.

BRSP (Baluchistan Reserve Police) and Southern Command Quetta Cantonment, donate Rs. 20,000 per month.

Islamabad

The SOS Children's Village Islamabad presently provides a home to 90 children, the majority having been orphaned by

the AJK earthquake. The children are happly living with their SOS families and receiving a good education. Namy recreasional trips took place during this year. The children were taken to Murree as a treat for producing good results in the final examination. To beat the heat of the scorching summer, the children went to SOS Muzaffaradari in July. Smithly another trip was prosurated to the SOS Village.

Dhodial, where they spent time with their friends and were taken to different places for picnics and sightseeing.

A significant development is the establishment of the English language laboratory gifted by USAID twas insugrated by the USA mbassion. Wite Extra discovery, Last May. The biastrotry is equipped with the latest technology and appropriate software. It is proving to be very beneficial for the children as they are increvious free? English language skills and increasing their

vocabulary.

On Eid day, a group of young, energetic volunteers called 'Arthos', organized an enjoyable evening for the children. They had arranged a musical concert, puppet show, and different

interesting games for them. The children enthusiastically participated in the event, which made their Eld more exciting.

The Islamabad Village is bissess with enthusiastic volunteers, both I coal and international, who actively participate in our activities. Volunteers from China and Indonesia visited the Village and taught the children about their culture and language.

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• Two volunteers from the UK organized an art competition in the Village. The children actively participated in the competition and currently depends with their criticipated in the competition and currently depends on the currently depends o

tition and surprised everyone with their artistic skills.

Some senior diplomats also visit the Village as volunteers. They come on a weekly basis and engage our children with fun-filled activities.

The International School of Islamabad is extensively engaged with the children and the older boys are learning swimming, soccer and other soorts at their camous.

 Solar powered water geysers, for all the family homes, have been financed by the SOS Pakistan UK Supporters Group and are a great boon, since there is still no gas supply to the Village.

******************* Jamshoro The formal inauguration of the SOS Children's Village Jamshoro took place at Governor

House in March Mr. Ishrat-ul-Ebad. Governor of Sindh was the Chief Guest. The SOS management along

with other quests was present. The Governor announced a grant of rupees ten million for the benefit of the Village children. Currently SOS Jamshoro is providing shelter to 27 children

. Philip Morris, a corporate donor, donated the amount of Rs. 190,930 for setting up a library.

· Gas connection has been provided to the Village through the generous donation of Rs. 1.036.000, given by two philanthropists from Hyderabad.

· A seminar on 'Village awareness to the Community' was organized in March in which twenty-one organizations participated. The event was held on the platform of "VNG" Hyderabad with the co-collaboration of S.P.O., Hyderabad.

 Volunteers from different universities including ISRA University, Hyderabad, LUMHS Jamshoro, Khushi Youth Group spent quality time with the Village children and organized different recreational activities such as an art competition. art techniques, singing, pot painting etc.

 Different recreational and informative trips to Matiari Sugar Mills, Sindhology and Sindh Museum were arranged. . The Village children are receiving their education in the neighboring Model School Jamshoro. A small classroom for the children is constructed within the Village premises, funded by a local philanthropist residing in the US, who donated Rs 1.060,000 for this purpose.

. Different organizations and community members visited the Village and extended support by donating blankets. socks, school shoes and joggers, school/casual sweaters and ration packs.

· The 'Jungnoo' programme for imparting accelerated education to older children has been started for the first time. Seven children are receiving instructions under this progamme.

Muzaffarabad

The SOS Children's Village is officially functional since June 2013. At present the Village is providing shelter to 13 children, ranging in age from 4 to 12 years. · The first visitor's party arrived from the SOS Children's Village Multan in June. It

was a group of 16 children accompanied by two Village directors and mothers, thus

providing hands-on training for our newly inducted staff. It was extremely beneficial for the mothers and the management. Besides it was a good interactive activity for the children. The Village Supervisors team, accompanied by their Village Director and ten

children from SOS Islamabad also arrived for the training/orientation exercise for the Village staff



 The children were invited by SOS Islamabad for Fid celebrations and spent a week there, which was filled with enjoyable activities and games · Independence Day was celebrated in a befitting manner in the Village. Every-

body prepared and sang national songs, made little Pakistani flags, had races, games and lit up their Village with candles in the evening . The Pearl Continental Hotel hosted a Hi-Tea for the children followed by an evening of entertainment

. The children have started attending school, followed by tutoring in the Village after they come home. We have a generous offer for running our school, from the owner of the reputed private school 'Headstart' operating in

the SOS Children's Village Islamabad.

· We have decided to go Green/Organic. Initiatives planned:

o Vegetable gardens: The Municipal Development Authority- Agriculture department have pledged support, training, seedlings and good soil as a donation for the Village, since the land needed specific preparation. We hope to grow fully organic vegetables and be self-sufficient.

Islamabad If this materializes it will be a godsend for the children. Headstart has also established a primary school in

o Chicken livestock: The Veterinary Department has donated 40 live chickens. A chicken coop is being built to ensure organic supply of eggs for the children.

o Buffalo: The Veterinary Department has promised a buffalo for which we are preparing a suitable area.Our aim is to provide clean, organic, healthy, fresh milk to the children.

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