



SOS CHILDREN'S
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Friends,

It is time to present a report on our activities during the past year and extend to you, on behalf of all of us associated with SOS Children's Villages Pakistan, very best wishes for a wonderful, happy and prosperous New Year. May this year be good for you personally, for our beloved Pakistan, and for all those in difficult situations, everywhere. May the new year usher in better times for all, and may our hopes for a better tomorrow be realized. This will not happen without the contribution of all of us, and, for our part, we renew our pledge to continue to serve the orphans and abandoned children, with dedication and commitment.

We are approaching a half century of service, and I marvel at how much it has been possible to achieve, entirely with your support. We are proof that if one is sincere in their mission, no hill is too high to climb. There are many who will join to make it a reality. It also means the combined efforts of ever so many dedicated volunteers who ensure the maintenance of high standards to oversee a network spread all over the country is not easy, and our volunteers are our secret strength. My sincere thanks to all of them and to all of you who support our work. We now have 60 projects all over Pakistan, of which 32 are exclusively for orphans. The rest are community schools, technical training centres, and medical facilities. Covid-19 presented many challenges for us, as it did for everyone. The residents in all the projects had to be protected and, at the same time, not overwhelmed by the confinement. The National Office laid down SOPs which were strictly enforced, and the Village Directors did a splendid job in keeping their premises sealed and the children occupied. As we were beginning to relax a little and looking forward to some normalcy in our lives, we are confronted by yet another variant of this dreaded virus. Shortly we will become fully aware of the implications and will have to plan accordingly.

Reports from the facilities are attached and give an overview of the lives of the children. To the directors, mothers, and other coworkers who take good care of them, I would like to express my deepest gratitude. They ensure that the needs of the children are properly met and that their lives are well organized, whilst also catering to their emotional needs. You will note the similarity of the reports but this reflects the success of the National Office in calibrating the programme, wheresoever it is introduced. The children celebrate all national days with great enthusiasm and, what is most touching, is the genuine warmth with which they honour their house mothers on Mothers Day. Many kind friends contribute to their happiness with events organized in the Village or fun filled outings to interesting venues outside. These activities make their lives joyful and help round their personalities, ensuring they lack for nothing. On the contrary, what we are able to give these children is, sadly, denied to many of their peers. Apart from the threat of Covid we are all faced with another serious threat - that of unprecedented inflation. This has impacted every aspect of our lives, as prices skyrocket. For a long time, we have resisted raising the rate of sponsorship, though our actual expenses were much more, and met the difference through general dona-

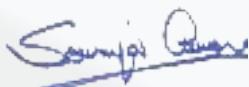


tions and donations in kind. Now, this has become unmanageable and we are, perforce, raising the monthly sponsorship to Rs.15,000. For those sponsors who do not opt to pay the enhanced amount, we will allocate a partial sponsor who will pay the additional Rs. 5000. The sponsorship department will coordinate this with you. Despite the restrictions of Covid on every aspect of our lives, we were able to carry on with the construction of new projects, albeit at a slower pace. The Primary School and Girls High School, attached to the SOS Children's Village in Sundgran, Muzaffarabad have recently been completed and will be occupied as soon as they have been furnished. In anticipation of the school being completed, a temporary school is functioning in accommodation provided within the Village. There are already 78 SOS children and 130 outsiders enrolled, and they are eagerly looking forward to entering the beautiful new facilities. Our sincere thanks to the SOS Children's Villages - USA Pakistan Supporters Group for raising funds for the construction of both the schools. Several more projects are under construction and nearing completion. Midsummer will see the completion of the SOS Children's Village Rawalakot and, by the end of the year, the Girls High School and Boys High School in that complex, will be completed.

The construction of the Village has been made possible by multiple donors, donating the individual family homes. The schools have been donated by H.H Sheikha Jawaher bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, wife of H.H. the Ruler of Sharjah through The Big Heart Foundation. An SOS Children's Home in Multan is nearing completion. It will be ready by May and accommodate 100 children. The major donor for the project is Dr. Tahira Izhar who has dedicated this to the memory of her parents. Another SOS Children's Home will be ready by the end of the year in Mangal, near the Dhodial Village. The major donor for this is Sultan Ishaque and it will accommodate 80 children. You may recall that a few years ago I informed you that we now plan to establish an SOS Children's Home in conjunction with every SOS Children's Village. The difference between the two is that the Homes are specifically for the children of women headed families, giving them the option of holding a job outside or staying with their children and working with SOS. We have two Homes in Lahore, one in Kharian and another in Mangal. The Multan one is under construction and in Karachi, is in the planning stage. Apart from these additions it has been decided to establish SOS Children's Villages, with the essential ancillary projects, in two deprived regions of the country – South Punjab and Tharparkar. We have applied to the government for land in Rahim Yar Khan and land for the project in Islamkot has been donated by Dr. Panjwani, MNA from Tharparkar. We will now start planning these projects and invite you all to consider participating.

On Universal Children's Day, the Social Welfare Department Punjab held a grand event in Hazoori Bagh, Lahore Fort. A shield was presented to SOS Children's Villages Pakistan in 'recognition of their unparalleled services to the community.' You, our donors, sponsors, support groups in the UK, USA, and Canada, and Managing Committee volunteers, enable us to achieve such accolades. Without you, it would be impossible to achieve all we have. Once again, heartfelt gratitude to all of you. May you be blessed for your concern.

With warm regards,



Souriya Anwar
President





LAHORE

- This year, all the staff members and older children were vaccinated against Covid and tests were also conducted a couple of times to ensure that all were safe.
- The children were immunized against typhoid in a drive conducted by the Public Health Institute of the government.
- International Education Day was celebrated and reading by children was encouraged. On this occasion, children were told about the importance of book reading, and different kinds of books were distributed.
- International Women's Day was celebrated, and to acknowledge the efforts of women working with us, our National Director presented flowers to all the mothers, aunties, and staff members.
- Independence Day was celebrated with the usual enthusiasm. A flag hoisting ceremony was held in the evening; children sang national songs and made speeches about independence.
- Earth Day was celebrated in which children gathered to watch a relatable documentary regarding this day. The awareness session was conducted on the importance of the day, and later children made postcards with small messages on ways to save the earth.
- Mother's Day was celebrated with great zeal. Children made lovely cards and posters for their house mothers. They arranged a party in the lawns for them, and the management gave gifts. The children also gave small presents to their mothers to show love and appreciation.
- The Village psychologist conducted regular stress and anxiety management sessions for the children and mothers, which helped them stay calm and relaxed during the Pandemic.



DHODIAL



- Al Mustafa Trust organized a free Medical Camp (Dental & Eye Treatment) in the Village. All the children benefited from this activity.
- Independence Day was celebrated in the Village with great enthusiasm. The Village was decorated with national flags. Children also participated in tree plantation activities.
- The Overseas Pakistani Foundation, "Desert Moon", arranged dinner for the children. It was an enjoyable evening.
- Ted x Team Abbottabad spent quality time with the boys at the Youth Hostel. They recounted inspiring stories of successful people and how they achieved their goals.
- Eid ul Fitr was celebrated with great fervour. On the third day of Eid, children of the Village and Youth Home Abbottabad visited the SOS Children's Home Mangal, where they enjoyed and celebrated together.
- On Eid ul Azha, each facility of SOS performed its own qurbani of cows and goats. The Village held and enjoyed a barbecue. Children enjoyed looking after the animals to be offered for qurbani.
- Our children visited Dadar Sum Park this year, where they enjoyed rides, boating, and barbecue.
- Begum & Air Marshal (R) Sohail Gul Khan and worthy officers of PAF 67th GD (P) Course visited the Village. Mrs. Khola Mustafa gave a brief introduction about the current progress made by SOS. The children presented an SOS song followed by Martial Arts. The presentation was enjoyed by everyone and thoroughly appreciated.
- SOS Children's Home & SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Mangal Abbottabad was inaugurated by Ms. Ayesha Baig. On this occasion, members of the Board of Governors, along with the Chairperson were present.



RAWALPINDI



- A Sports Day was organized on July 15th. The children participated enthusiastically and especially enjoyed tug of war, carom board, and face painting.
- The children celebrated Independence Day in the Village hall; balloons and flags were put up to decorate it. There were performances by children, and prayers were held for the country.
- On May 9th, Mother's Day was celebrated with a special event held in honour of the mothers. Children gave bouquets and gifts to their mothers as a sign of respect and love.
- An Eid Milan party was arranged on the first day of Eid. Children wore new clothes. Special Eid gifts were given to the children, including wrist-watches, edible items, toys, and juices. On the second day of Eid, a sports competition was arranged for all age groups. Prizes were given to the winners. It was a fun-filled day.
- World Environment Day was celebrated in the Village on June 5th. This year the celebration was in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme. The themes under discussion included the Billion Tree drive by the Government of Pakistan and reducing plastic usage in our daily routines.
- Individual and Group Therapy and Counselling Sessions were conducted to manage challenging emotions in growing kids. The children learned how to process and manage the feelings they developed using group activities and projects.





KARACHI

- Due to Covid-19 internal physical activities like daily exercise, band, music classes, art and craft, drive-through tours of the city, and sports were conducted regularly to keep the children motivated and busy.
- In contrast, the activities with the community, other NGOs, and volunteers, such as storytelling sessions about psychological and behavioral issues during the Pandemic, and Covid-19 awareness, were brought to the virtual realm.
- As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives, the corporate sector supported us during this difficult time by providing masks, sanitizers, and other hygiene items regularly. The participating firms included Unilever, AGP, SSGC, AGS, and Saboz Pvt. Ltd.
- Online classes were a new experience, they worked well, and children showed promising results. Hutchison Port and General Electric donated computers and other equipment for online classes.
- The SOS Clinic did not entertain outdoor patients during the pandemic but played an essential role by educating the Village residents about their safety in pandemics by enhancing their immunity and following SOPs.
- The school, with 1700 students, tried hard to keep the student's e-learning and enrolment up to the mark, which led to good results. Now the full-time school has resumed with all its regular activities.
- Our Technical Institute is managing well during these challenging times. They continued their education online and reduced the fee to share the burden of the very needy students.

The Prime Minister programme "Skill for All" Hunarmand Pakistan was a success. Around 50 students graduated from this program this year and are getting settled in the local market.





FAISALABAD

- World Environment Day was observed in the Village. A session was conducted to become aware about protecting our environment.
- A vaccination camp was organized at the Village. All staff and 18+ boys & girls have been vaccinated.
- The wedding of seven SOS girls took place this year with traditional festivities. They are now happily settled in their new life.
- Serena Hotel Faisalabad arranged a Hi-Tea for the children.
- Students Nutritionist Club Pakistan arranged a Nutrition Camp at the Village. Their objective was to raise awareness on the topic among house mothers and children.
- Carvaan Foundation conducted a medical camp in the Village. They discussed the importance of health and hygiene with the house mothers and children and explained the differences between good touch & bad touch to younger children. All children were medically examined, and medicines were prescribed to them accordingly.
- “Youth at Work Pakistan” arranged an activity of plantation. They planted different types of fruit plants in the Village. The children were told about the importance of trees for a healthy environment.
- Independence Day was celebrated with full enthusiasm. Children made paintings of the national flag on their faces and hands to show their love for the country.
- The village psychologist conducted an activity regarding the child safeguarding policy. The exercise involved explanatory videos in achieving the objective of awareness and better understanding. Children were informed about abuse, reporting system, and how to handle critical situations.



SARGODHA



- The children celebrated Independence Day, hoisting the national flag and a cake cutting ceremony. Christmas was celebrated with the Christian employees. The Village Director arranged lunch and distributed gifts.
- Mr. Umer Mehmood and the management team of ABB Power & Automation Pvt. Ltd met with the children and brought gifts for them.
- A prize distribution ceremony was organized for the academic session of 2020-2021, celebrating all the high achievers. The Co-Chairperson, Mr. Shahid Farooq, and the Village Director, Kishwer Durrani, along with the Assistant Director, Mr. Hamid Ali, distributed the prizes among the children.
- Chairman Mr. Mazhar Hayat Noon gave the children an opportunity for an outing by inviting them to a beautiful lunch party.
- The City School Sargodha arranged a Puppet Show for the children in the Village. A very special event was Bonfire Night. The celebration was an exciting one and full of laughter, love, and happiness.
- Commissioner Sargodha and the Social Welfare Department arranged a Seerat-un-Nabi (S.A.W) Programme.
- The children celebrated World Children's Day. We are very thankful to the University of Sargodha (Political Department) for distributing gifts and making our children's day special.
- A trip to Murree was arranged for the Youth Home boys and older girls of the Village.
- SOS Hermann Gmeiner High School celebrated Dignity Day. Students, through art, highlighted the message that everyone deserves respect.





MULTAN

- Celebrations were held at the SOS Children's Village Multan on March 23rd and August 14th. The children displayed their patriotism and expressed their love for their beloved homeland.
- On Mother's Day, children prepared speeches and cards for their house mothers. The management presented the mothers with suits as a token of gratitude.
- Students of the Nutritionists Club Pakistan (SNCP) offered the Village Children a nutritional checkup. Each child was tested and informed about their current nutrition status and how they could improve upon it.
- At the Nishtar Dental Camp, children were given a free dental checkup and fillings where necessary.
- During the Pandemic, strict SOPs were followed. Hand sanitizers and shoe sanitizers were available and used by every staff member or visitor while entering or leaving the premises. The temperature of children and staff members was also regularly examined using a digital infrared thermometer by the dispenser.
- The Children in the Village kept themselves busy by entertaining themselves by watching movies regularly, doing arts & crafts, playing games using proper equipment, and regularly taking Quran classes, alongside their regular coursework.



SIALKOT



- Members of YSA (Youth Social Ambassadors) organized an activity on anti-bullying to develop a sense of tolerance, peace, and brotherhood among children.
- The children participated in an event organized by GCWU (Govt. College Women's University) Sialkot. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Fazal Ahmed Khalid, Chairman of Punjab Higher Education Commission, Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Kausar, Vice-Chancellor of Government College Women University Sialkot, Assistant Commissioner Sialkot Ms. Sana Sadaf, and other prominent educationists, awarded SOS children with certificates.
- A beautiful event was organized by M. Ejaz Ghouri sponsored by RDX in the Village, to celebrate the 74th Independence Day of our beloved homeland.
- A Plantation Drive by YSA (Youth Social Ambassadors) and Lions Club was held where members of YSA, Lions Club, and the children planted 100 floral and fruit plants in the Village and Youth home.
- World Day Against Child Labour was observed on June 12th. A BBQ dinner was arranged for the children by M/s. Leather Corp., Sister Concern of RDX Sports. The event was sponsored by respected Mr. Awais Ali, partner, and organized by Lion Muhammad Ejaz Ghauri.
- An interactive session was held with the teaching staff of the SOS School regarding the Child Safeguarding Policy to create awareness about prevention, reporting, and responding to the concerns of the children so as to ensure a secure environment for them.
- Adil Butt (Cruse Enterprises) and Mian Usman (Nizamsons) arranged a joyful trip exclusively for SOS children to Adventure Land. The children loved all the rides and games. Lunch was also served.





QUETTA

- Help Balochistan was gracious enough to send a child specialist, Doctor Ameer Mohammad Jogezaai, with a Covid-19 awareness team. He examined the health of the mothers and children and prescribed medicines. Furthermore, Help Balochistan donated an oxygen cylinder with a complete kit for our dispensary.
- Another Covid Awareness session was arranged in the Village. Our doctors chaired this session. Participation of the children of the Village and Youth Home was overwhelming.
- In the Holy month of Ramadan, the Youth boys arranged an iftar party for children in the Village, for which the boys exclusively made all the arrangements. Mothers and staff also participated and enjoyed the delicious iftar party.
- Iftar dinners had been arranged by Mr. Kamal Sidiqi and Deputy Commissioner Quetta for the children.
- Director Education Department, Mr. Roohul Ameen, distributed cash gifts in appreciation of the Youth Home boys who completed eitakaaf.
- On Eid day the Deputy Commissioner Quetta, Mr. Aurangzaib, visited the Village. Dinner was arranged for our children, and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly.
- Eid-ul-Adha was celebrated with religious zeal, following the SOPs of the National Office. The Village and Youth Home children enjoyed feasts arranged for them under the aegis of donors and committee members. They were served with local cuisines like Namkeen Rosh, Kabli Pulao, Beef Pulao, Beef BBQ, salad, and cold drinks.



ISLAMABAD



- The First Lady of Pakistan, Begum Samina Alvi, visited the Village during Ramzan. Chairperson Mrs. Fareeha Hasan & Village Director Mrs. Shama Khan warmly welcomed her.
- Team Artho's (a group of volunteers) sent a cake and different decoration item on independence day.
- EDKASA conducted informative sessions on different topics throughout the year.
- A Zoom Session was held by an eminent psychologist on "Understanding aggression", with children aged 14 years and above.
- This year, the Annual Director's Training and Youth Conference was held online due to Covid restrictions.
- A group of children from our Village visited SOS Children's Village Rawalakot for two weeks.
- At the onset of the spring season, each child got a pot of seasonal flowers from the Chairperson "Fareeha Khala."
- Bata has donated new sports shoes for all our Village children.
- Meezan Bank did a session with the SOS Hermann Gmeiner school staff, offering beneficial knowledge about the digital banking application of Meezan Bank.
- CEO Centaurus Mall, Mr. Sardar Yasir, paid a visit to our Village during Ramzan.
- The wedding ceremony of an SOS girl was arranged during the Covid-19 pandemic. Misbah Younas has a BSc. Degree in Computer Sciences from a local University. She was admitted to SOS after the devastating earthquake of 2005 in AJK. Minimum attendance was ensured, and all SOPs were observed during the ceremony.





JAMSHORO

- Children above 12 years of age have been vaccinated against COVID.
- Three youth boys have qualified for full scholarships at Dr.A.Q.Khan School System & College Islamabad in grades 8 and 9.
- A day-long trip was arranged to Saima Downtown Housing Scheme Park, located near Hyderabad bypass.
- During the COVID lockdown, temporary homeschooling was started in the Village premises. Later, the village management initially started SOS Hermann Gmeiner Elementary School for children qualifying for admission in Play Group, Nursery, K.G, and Grade One. The school has been registered under the Sindh Private Educational Institutions (Regulation and Control) Ordinance, 2001, by the Education & Literacy Department Government of Sindh.
- The Village girls are engaged with the Pakistan Girl Guides Association. It offers a dynamic educational program to girls and young women.
- The Pakistan Girls Guides Association celebrated World Thinking Day.
- A home gardening project has been initiated by Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project (SIAPEP), a World Bank-funded Project. The kitchen gardening kits and supplies for the drip irrigation system are installed in the Village and monitored by the technical team of the concerned NGO.
- Global Warming activity was conducted in the school. Sports day was also arranged.
- Academic results for the first batch of the SOS Hermann Gmeiner School were announced. Most of the children passed with flying colors, while others have been advised to retake the exams after a few months of thorough revision.



MUZAFFARABAD



- On Mother's Day, children extended due love and respect to their mothers by arranging new suits as a gift from their pocket money.
- Eid ul Azha was celebrated with BBQ arranged after the sacrifice of the sacred animals.
- August 14th was celebrated by plantation arranged by Girls Guides and District Forest Officer, Mazhar Hussain.
- Quran Khawani was arranged in the Village by our girls on 10th Muharram, Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, and October 8th. to commemorate the earthquake of 2005.
- Begum Zohra Masood, wife of the President AJK, visited the Village accompanied by a delegation of Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association executive committee members.
- Regular Sessions with psychologists were conducted. The anger issues and all kinds of psychological issues were addressed in the sessions. These sessions have always been beneficial for children in managing their behaviors.





PESHAWAR

- Psychiatrist , Dr. Akhunzada from Hayatabad Medical Complex took a counseling session with staff and house mothers about mental health, stress, and anger management.
- Annual Children's Day was celebrated, and participants were rewarded with gifts.
- House mothers were awarded for best house cleanliness, best behavior, and best child care.
- Children were involved in landscaping and art activities.
- The month of Ramazan was observed with traditional religious fervor. Qirat and naat competitions were held.
- A Grand Sports Gala was organized. The winning children, house mothers, and captain of the winning cricket team were awarded trophies.
- Children celebrated Pakistan Independence Day with patriotic fervor.
- Students of Khyber Medical College organized an event on August 14th. They brought art supplies and engaged all the children in painting activities.
- Pakistan Defence Day was celebrated on September 6th. Children wearing army uniforms performed skits.
- Quaid-e-Azam Day was celebrated with full enthusiasm. Children had prepared speeches, songs, and skits to commemorate Quaid day.
- A team of the City Traffic Police, headed by Chief Traffic Officer Mr. Abbas Majeed Khan, organized an event for the children to enlighten them on traffic rules, regulations and safety measures.
- Staff and trainees from the National Institute of Management organized a two day event. On the first day, a plantation drive and awareness session with children were organised. On the second day, lunch for children and mothers was arranged, and a game show was held.



KHAIRPUR



- Independence Day was celebrated simply due to Muharram. Sweets were distributed among the children.



- On Defence Day, a session was held for the children in which they were taught about the sacrifices of Pakistan Army and Air Force martyrs. Samosas and cold drinks were distributed among the children.



- Mother's day was celebrated with passion. Children were thrilled, and they made cards for their house mothers. The house mothers also cooked delicious food for the children and were overjoyed by the love and affection they received.

- The Assistant Director and senior house mothers conducted important sessions on confidence building with the children, from time to time. on ways in which their confidence could be enhanced. The sessions had a tremendous positive impact on the children's personalities.

- Due to the Pandemic, many children felt bored as visitors from outside were limited. To make up for the strict COVID protocols, children were encouraged to participate in exercise and games regularly. They were also constantly taught about the safety measures to be taken.





KHARIAN

- Eid-ul-Fitr, 2021 was celebrated with full enthusiasm. Children wore new dresses and shoes.
- On Eid-ul-Azha, 2021, children went on vacation to celebrate Eid with their loved ones.
- Children celebrated Independence Day with patriotic zeal. They painted their faces to show their love for the country. The house-mothers, children, and staff enthusiastically participated in tree plantation to restore the natural beauty of our homeland.
- Hunar Foundation held Technical Training. This Institute plays a vital role in community development by providing different technical courses. Training allows children to learn some practical and mechanical skills.
- During the blessed month of Ramadan 2021, iftars sponsored by our respected donors were arranged throughout the month with complete SOPs.
- Colour Art Competition was held among children to enhance their art skills, motivate them, and help them develop their creative talents.
- The children went on a one-day trip to Mangla Dam. They spent a fun-filled day there and had a wonderful time. The children enjoyed themselves thoroughly, visiting different tourist spots. Precautionary measures were taken to ensure the children's safety.
- On Pakistan's Defence Day, Children paid homage to brave soldiers and the Armed forces for their courage. They celebrated this day with enthusiasm as they learned about its significance.





RAWALAKOT

- In early 2021, snowfall took place several times and caused much excitement. The children made snow sculptures, took walks in the snow, and enjoyed the weather.
- Both Eids were celebrated with a lot of fanfare and enjoyment. New clothes for everyone and unique dishes on the menu made the kids excited. It was a joyous time all around.
- To celebrate the brilliant academic result and to encourage children, an excursion was arranged to Banjosa Lake. The children enjoyed the trip and a welcome change of scenery.
- Mother's Day was celebrated with traditional enthusiasm. Children presented beautiful cards to their house mothers to express their love and affection. The Mothers cooked unique dishes for the children and enjoyed the day.
- Construction of the new school buildings started this year. They will serve as an excellent additional facility for the children of SOS and the surrounding areas.
- Kashmir Day and Pakistan Independence Day were celebrated at the Village. The children performed various related activities to celebrate their love for their country.
- Special iftar was arranged during the whole month of Holy Ramadan for the children.





JOHAR TOWN

- Polio Vaccination was done by Government health officials for children under five years and also typhoid vaccination of all children in February.
- SCORP IFMSA arranged a free medical camp for children where a team of dentists examined children's oral hygiene.
- Central Lab conducted free blood tests (CBC and blood group) of all 45 children. All reports showed good vitals.
- Pakistan Day and Annual Result of Montessori was arranged. Imran Malik from Suave Solutions, who have donated us a state of the art computer laboratory, distributed certificates among children who performed well in computer study assessments.
- This year, all children of 10 years and above observed their first fasts.
- On February 28th, 2021, Sports Day was arranged for the children.
- Children participated in an online competition of Maximum Burpees and Maximum Kicks per minute. Pakistan Real Friends Taekwondo organized this competition.
- The 75th Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated with traditional excitement. Children performed national songs, speeches, and tableaus. Everyone in the facility was dressed in green and white, and the facility was decorated beautifully.

Our in-house psychologist conducted group sessions related to crisis and behavioral problems related to it. The main topics of discussion were aggression, good and bad touch, adolescence in girls, conflict resolution, and dealing with bullies at school.

- On Mother's Day, children made cards for their biological mothers and house mothers. They presented the cards during the monthly meeting.



BEDIAN



- Tree plantation activity and cake cutting ceremony was held by one of our donors on August 14th. Children planted trees, and our girls performed on the song “Muskura Pakistan.” Many other national songs were performed, and the children enjoyed face painting.
- A team of doctors from Avicenna Hospital visited the project in September for the children's medical and dental treatment. They did their routine checkup and briefed them on the importance of brushing teeth twice a day to ensure oral health. Children also received free toothpaste.
- Pakistan Defence Day was celebrated on September 6th, and the children made flags and sang patriotic songs.
- Our children celebrated global handwashing day to make hygiene a customary practice. Children were told about the importance of keeping themselves clean and were gifted soap and sanitizers.
- One of our generous donors, Mrs. Azhar, arranged outdoor sports activities and games for the children, including carom, ludo, spoon race, frog race, musical chairs, and badminton. Cricket equipment for the boys was also donated.
- A group of young doctors from different institutions participated in the children's medical and dental assessments in collaboration with Caravan Youth Led Move.
- Sports Day was celebrated by TCF (The Citizens Foundation); our children participated in different races, performed with songs, recited naats, and won cups and prizes.



A FEW SUCCESS STORIES



Kamran Rashid hailed from Azad Jammu & Kashmir and came to SOS Children's Village Lahore when the earthquake hit the area in 2005. His mother, a school teacher, died in the earthquake, and the father sustained severe injuries which disabled him. He has one younger sister, who is also under the care of SOS Village Lahore. He has completed Mechanical Engineering from the University of Lahore, and the Governor of Punjab awarded him a gold medal. He did an internship program at AkzoNobel as part of his academic requirement. He has a great concern regarding his studies and health. He is very ambitious and is a very polite and cooperative boy. Nowadays he is working as Maintenance Incharge in a textile mill and is doing very well.

Sulman Ali joined the SOS Children's Village, Faisalabad, in 2005 at the age of 9 years. He completed his B.A. and a 2-year Pharmacy Technician Course and spent 16 years in SOS. He is currently working for a consultancy firm and living a successful life.

Syed Rehman was admitted to SOS Children's Village Karachi and his brother after their father's passing. After completing his Intermediate, he has enrolled as a trainee Physiotherapist at the Department of Physiotherapy, United Medical College.

Ahmad Sher joined SOS Village Faisalabad at the age of 11. He completed his graduation and acquired a job at "Interloop," one of Pakistan's leading Textile firms.

Tahir Khan was brought to SOS Children's Village Karachi in 2008 at the age of 6. In his time at the Village, he completed his FSc, followed by a diploma in Information Technology. He now works at M/s KIN Logistics Company as an Operations Manager. He intends to pursue his education in the field of Logistics in the future.

Sukaina Zawar joined the SOS Children's Village Faisalabad at the age of 4. After completing her 3-year long Dress Design Diploma, she is now happily married.

Hasnain Maqsood was admitted to SOS Children's Village Rawalpindi when he was 17. He completed his Bachelors from APCOMS University and got employed at Ghar Bar.com Real Estate as Associate Project Sale Officer.

Abdul Jabbar joined the SOS Children's Village Faisalabad in 2003 at the age of 6. After completing his three-year D.A.E. Chemical Engineering Diploma, he started working for the leading textile firm in Pakistan, "Interloop."



DONATIONS

Make an Education Endowment	Rs.1,000 per month
Complete sponsorship of a child	Rs.15,000 per month
Partial Sponsorship of a child	Rs. 5,000 per month
Complete sponsorship of a family of ten	Rs.150,000 per month
Life membership of "Friends of SOS"	Rs. 5,000 (once only)
Donate a family house	Rs. 9 million approx
Complete SOS Village for 15 Families	Rs.180-220 million
Make a donation	Any amount

Standard Chartered Bank

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