

Sponsorship Handbook



SOS Children's Villages Pakistan
A loving home for everychild



Welcome to the SOS family!

Thank you for choosing to become a sponsor

Whether you're sponsoring an SOS child or an SOS children's Village, your money will help us make a big difference to orphaned or abandoned children. But, your support isn't just about money. It can be a very special feeling for the child or the Village that you're helping to know that someone, even on the other side of the world, is thinking about them and cares for their well-being.

Getting the most from your sponsorship

This handbook is designed to help you get the most from your sponsorship and to answer any questions you may have. However, if there's anything else you'd like to know, please don't hesitate to contact us at:

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T: 92-42-35918035-36, 35917846-47 E: sponsorship@sos.org.pk W: www.sos.org.pk



SOS Children's Village, Sailkot, Pakistan



SOS Children's Village, Islamabad

Who are these children?

The children residing under our care are categorized as orphans, social orphans, abandoned or lost children. These children are brought to us by their immediate families, relatives, and sometimes through government agencies. We are also accommodating the children of single mothers where the father figure is missing for various reasons. For this category of children, we have our separate program known as SOS Family Strengthening Program, the facilities under this program are called SOS family homes.

For how long have these children resided in your care?

Girls who do not have any immediate family, extended family, or relatives, are our responsibility and they get married in our care once they reach the age of marriage. Please note that girls can live for as long as they wish, under our care. However, as for boys, we prefer them to leave us and start living an independent life once they begin to earn enough income to support themselves. Roughly, most of the girls and boys in the past that have left our care, were around the age bracket (25-27 years): girls got married or reunited with their families, whereas boys started earning or went back to their biological families.

How will my sponsorship help?



By sponsoring an individual SOS child, you'll help to give them a home, access to medical facilities, good education and vocational training, all of which will provide them with the skills and knowledge they'll need when they leave the village to lead independent lives.

To fund all of this, each child needs to be supported by sponsors. This way they also benefit from knowing they have a number of 'friends', sometimes, around the world who care for them. The money you give provides improved facilities, better care, and secured future. If you've chosen to sponsor a Village, your money will help all the children living there. You can find out more by visiting our website at www.sos.org.pk

Will all my money be used to help the child or Village I'm sponsoring?

We guarantee that every single penny will be used to support your sponsored child or village.

Am I under any obligation?

All we ask is that you make your monthly minimum contribution for as long as you're able. Our sponsors normally do this via website, but other payment methods are available - please contact us for details. If for any reason you should decide to discontinue your sponsorship, just write an email and let us know.

Can I visit the child or the village I'm sponsoring?

You're welcome to visit the SOS Children's Village. To do so, we would ask that you contact the National Office (details are on the child/village profile enclosed) about a month before you go, to arrange a mutually convenient date and time.



SOS Children's Village, Faisalabad



What can I expect from my sponsorship?

As a child sponsor, you'll receive an annual progress report with a recent photo and an update on their annual progress. However, if you need a more frequent progress, you can always write to the concerned village director whenever you desire so. In addition to that, you'll also receive a handmade greeting card from your sponsored child on occasions like Eid and New Year.

Finally, however you choose to support us, you'll also receive our regular newsletter with news and information on our work.



SOS Children Home, Johar Town, Lahore



SOS Children's Village, Lahore

Is sponsorship like adoption?

Sponsorship doesn't work like adoption as SOS is the guardian of the child and the custody of the child is with us for as long as he/she is residing under our care. A sponsor is paying for the child's monthly expenses and can be a part of child's major life decisions. As a sponsor, you can guide and motivate your sponsored child throughout his academic and professional life. However, any communication which might take place with the child, is protected by our Child Protection Policy and is supervised by the management to ensure the safety of the children.

What does full and partial sponsorship mean?



We offer two types of sponsorships for the convenience of our sponsors, for those who do not wish to subscribe to the full sponsorship amount, we offer the option of co-sponsoring.

In our full sponsorship program, you are the sole sponsor of the child and as per our policies, we will not allocate your child to another sponsor until and unless you quit our sponsorship program. Whereas in partial sponsorship, there are co-sponsors, sponsoring the same child at a partial sponsorship rate of PKR 5,000/- each.

Can I send gifts to my child/village?

You can send gifts to your sponsored child, which we suggest, should be lightweight and inexpensive, so that they could be shared with other children in the house too and they don't feel left out. For that matter, you can parcel the gift directly to the concerned Village, all addresses are mentioned on our website www.sos.org.pk. However, if you want to send the money and want us to buy something for her/him, you can transfer the gift amount as well and intimate us, we will make the necessary arrangements and share the pictures/thank you note of the child with you.



SOS Children's Village, Dhodial

I'm sponsoring an SOS child, is it okay to write to them?

Yes, of course. You can write a new year or a birthday card, for example. You can send any letters or cards directly to your sponsored child's at the specified SOS village. Don't worry about any language problems, there's always a member of staff to translate. Please bear in mind that we don't put pressure on our children to write back to their sponsors. Some children may not be able to write back to their sponsors, as a number of children are behind in their education when they join us. Many of the older children, especially if they are learning English as a second language, do write to their sponsors, but it's entirely their decision.



How do I introduce myself?

Your sponsored child will know who you are. Introduce yourself however you feel comfortable. Some sponsors like to be known by their title (Mr/Mrs X) while others prefer Auntie/Uncle or their first name. You might want to describe where you live, for example, or the weather, your hobbies and interests or how you celebrate special occasions. Many sponsors like to include photos of themselves and their families, but please be aware of your surroundings - many children may come from very different backgrounds. Including postcards of your town or where you go on holiday are always interesting and can be used as part of a geography lesson in school.



SOS Children's Village, Kharian

Any questions?

Please don't hesitate to get in touch. If you need to tell us that you're moving or have any questions whatsoever about your sponsorship, please contact us and we'll be more than happy to help:

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How can I leave a lasting legacy to orphaned and abandoned children?

You can continue to help SOS Children by leaving a gift in your will. This is a wonderful, practical way to carry on supporting the children and villages you care about.



Sponsorship Process

Through the sponsorship program, we will allocate you a child from one of our projects across Pakistan. Initially, you will be provided with the child's brief history followed by annual progress reports.

Below are the child sponsorship amount details for your information:

	Complete Sponsorship Amount	Partial Sponsorship Amount
Sponsorship for a month	PKR 20,000	PKR 10,000
Sponsorship (Biannual)	PKR 120,000 (For 6 months)	PKR 60,000 (for 6 months)
Sponsorship for one year	PKR 240,000	PKR 120,000

When you pay your sponsorship funds, you will be issued an official receipt and an unique sponsor ID will be allotted to you. You can make your sponsorship payment in one of the following ways:

- Online payment through our website following this link: <http://sos.org.pk/Person/PersonForm>
- Deposit cash or a cheque drawn in the name of 'SOS Children's Villages of Pakistan' at the National Office during office hours (9:00 am - 5:00 pm) from Monday through Saturday.
- Make a payment in our bank accounts and inform us of transaction details.

Standard Chartered Bank

Title of Account:

SOS Children's Villages of Pakistan

PKR Account Number:

08-7928912-01

IBAN Number:

PK25SCBL0000008792891201

Branch Code: 0029

Standard Chartered Bank (Gulberg Branch,
86-A-D-I, Gulberg III Lahore, Pakistan)

Habib Bank Limited

Title of Account:

SOS Children's Villages of Pakistan

PKR Account Number:

1589-79006689-01

IBAN Number:

PK47HABB0015897900668901

Branch Code: 1589

Habib Bank Limited (PECO Road Branch,
Block A-1, Township, Lahore, Pakistan)

Muslim Commercial Bank

Title of Account:

SOS Children's Villages of Pakistan

PKR Account Number:

0021802010087195

IBAN Number:

PK02MUCB0021802010087195

Branch Code: 0218

Muslim Commercial Bank (Liberty Round About,
Gulberg 3, Lahore, Pakistan)

Words of inspiration from some of your fellow sponsors...

"We've always felt lucky to have a fulfilling family life. So when our own children left home, we began sponsoring a Kashmiri girl who lives in the SOS Children's Village in Muzaffarabad. We can't think of a better way to spend money than to give a child a family." **Mr. & Mrs. Imran Baig**

"With the hustle and bustle of life now a days, visiting the SOS Children's Village was a positive oasis of peace and calm. I was so impressed by what I saw and how the village benefits the whole community."

Mr. Omer Khan

"It has made me so happy that these children are getting a great opportunity and knowing I am a small part of it."

Mrs. Yasmeen Kashif

Front cover: SOS Children's Village, Faisalabad, Pakistan



SOS Children's Village, Karachi

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