

Annual report 2024



50
years



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES
ETHIOPIA

Together, children, young people, and their families form the heart of every vibrant, resilient society.



Through **care, support, and empowerment**, SOS Children's Villages, works to ensure they have the foundation they need to **grow, thrive, and shape a better future.**

50 years of Impact

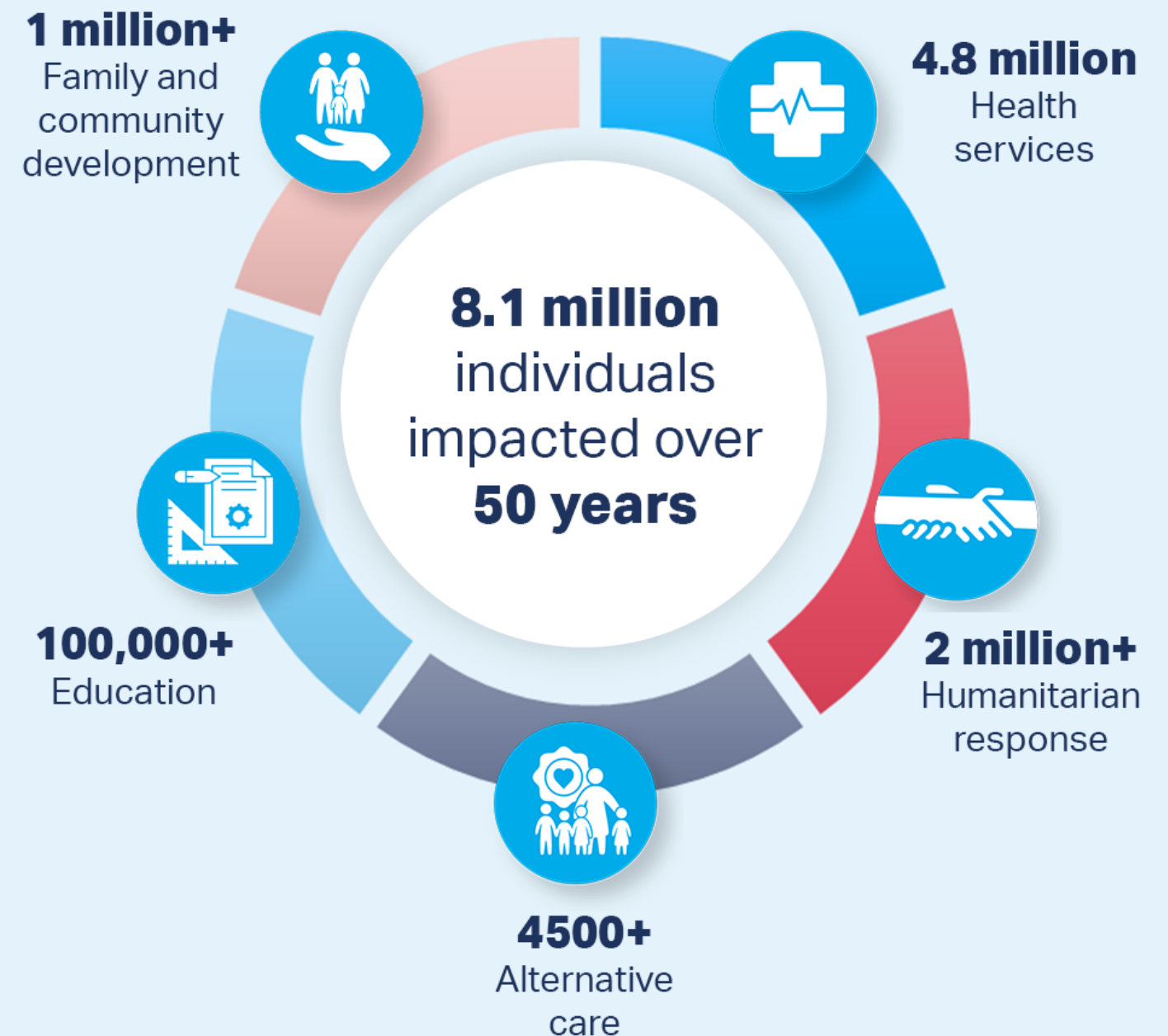


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Acronyms & abbreviations

| | |
|---------|---|
| ACC | Alternative child care |
| CBO | Community-based organizations |
| CS | Child safeguarding |
| CYP | Children and young people |
| DRA | Dutch Relief Alliance |
| ES | Emergency shelter |
| FLC | Family like care |
| FCS | Family and community strengthening |
| GBV | Gender based violence |
| HROD | Human resources and organizational development |
| IDP | Internally displaced person |
| IGA | Income generating activities |
| LNyB | Leave no youth behind |
| MA | Member association |
| MHPSS | Mental health and psychosocial support |
| NFI | Non-food items |
| NO | National office |
| PSHEA | Prevention and protection against sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse |
| SACCOs | Saving and credit cooperative organisations |
| SGH | Small group homes |
| SIL | Supervised independent living |
| SOS CV | SOS Children's Villages |
| SOS CVE | SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia |
| ToT | Training of trainers |
| WASH | Water, sanitation and hygiene |





About us

SOS Children's Villages began its work in Ethiopia in 1974, establishing the first SOS Children's Village in Mekelle Programme Location in response to the devastating drought in the northern region. Since then, its reach has grown significantly. Implementing over 43 development and humanitarian action projects across 9 regions (Tigray, Amhara, Oromia, Harrari, Afar, Sidama, South Ethiopia Region, Central Ethiopia, Somali) and the two administrative cities of Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa.

For over five decades, SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia has delivered holistic support to children, young people and families through childcare and protection, family and community strengthening, education, and health services. In times of crisis, vital humanitarian aid has been extended to communities affected by conflict and natural disasters, with a particular focus on women and children.

By investing in quality care, education, systems strengthening and economic empowerment, SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia contributes meaningfully to Ethiopia's national development goals, including its 2030 development roadmap. To date, SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia's diversified programmes have touched the lives of more than 8.1 million individuals.

The growing impact is made possible through the continued support of dedicated partners who share the organizations mission. Until the day comes when every child has a secure and loving home, SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia remains steadfast in its mission to ensure that no child grows up alone.

Message from the multi-country director: A year of reflecting on 50 years of legacy!

2024 marked a profound milestone in our journey, the 50th anniversary of SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia. In many ways, it felt like we were taken back to our beginnings in 1974, when the first SOS Children's Village in Mekelle was established in response to a severe drought. While this was an opportunity to look back at our roots, we also witnessed how far we have come, and how deeply our mission has grown.

Despite the complex challenges of 2024, ranging from volatile environments and security risks to logistical constraints we stood resilient. Through adaptive strategies and the unwavering dedication of staff members, we reached more than 202,000 individuals, including 140,485 children, through our humanitarian action programmes. Our interventions spanned education, health and nutrition, mental health support, child protection, livelihood assistance, and emergency relief serving communities in Amhara, Tigray, Harar, Somali, and Oromia.

Our family and community strengthening programme provided critical health services to nearly 17,000 children, young people, and caregivers, while over 3,200 caregivers received essential training to improve childcare. More than 4,500 individuals benefitted from economic empowerment initiatives, and we supported 83 community-based organizations building strong, localized networks of support and resilience.

In our cornerstone programme, alternative care, nearly 5,000 children, young people, and caregivers were empowered through a range of care options. Parenting skills training reached over 900 caregivers, and livelihood support helped enhance the capacities of 534 families. We also invested in the next generation through our youth empowerment initiatives. More than 2,500 youth received employability support, while over 2,600 took part in life skills training building confidence, resilience, and the capabilities needed to navigate adulthood and independence.

Our advocacy efforts saw significant progress in 2024. We proudly contributed to the drafting of Ethiopia's first national minimum care leaving standards, convened a national workshop focused on strengthening the country's child protection system, and empowered over 30 child parliaments equipping young voices with knowledge of their rights. At a time when global funding is shrinking, and the cost of living continues to rise, our commitment to local resource mobilization has never been stronger. Thanks to the generosity of 15,000 individual givers across 21 countries, more than 1,000 local sponsors, and with growing partnerships with Ethiopian corporations, we are better equipped to sustain our mission and scale our impact.

In everything we do, child safety remains paramount. In 2024, we reestablished national and location-based safeguarding teams, oriented partners and service providers on our holistic safeguarding framework, and empowered children and staff to select their own safeguarding representatives and confidants. As we move into 2025, we carry with us not just the achievements of the past year, but the legacy of 50 years of unwavering dedication to children and families in Ethiopia. Our journey is far from over. We are more determined than ever to deepen our impact, expand our reach, and build even stronger partnerships that ensure no child grows up alone.

To all our generous donors, sponsors, partners, and the incredible staff and volunteers who make this work possible, thank you. Your support is the foundation of every life we touch.

Sincerely,



Sahlemariam Abebe
Multi Country Director
SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia

Year in review 2024

SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia offers comprehensive support to children and young people facing challenging circumstances, empowering them to reach their full potential. Our work is rooted in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, and the Sustainable Development Goals ensuring that the best interests of the child are always at the heart of what we do.



15,000

Individual international
sponsors



1,000

Individual local
sponsors



13

Partners



Nearly **1,900**

children in alternative
care programme



Nearly **25,000**

CYP & caregivers received
essential services through
FCS



Over **900,000**

reached through
humanitarian
response



***It takes a village to
raise a child!***



SOS CHILDREN'S



— Family and community strengthening

In 2024, the family and community strengthening programme achieved a significant milestone in its mission to empower children, young people, and their caregivers. By equipping families with essential knowledge and skills, the programme fosters the creation of nurturing, supportive, and loving home environments that promote the holistic growth and well-being of children. A key focus of the programme is preserving the family unity and preventing separation through economic empowerment. The impact of these initiatives has been profound, with partners such as community-based organizations (CBOs), community care coalitions (CCCs), and saving and credit cooperatives (SACCOs) providing invaluable support to vulnerable children, young people, and caregivers.

In 2024, over **20,000** individuals have been reached through direct family empowerment initiatives, while community empowerment efforts impacted more than **110,000** people. Nearly **900** households received support to achieve independent living, with **62%** attaining self-reliance contributing to stronger, more resilient communities.

- **Improved health and wellbeing:** **16,992** children, young people, and caregivers accessed essential services through health centres, insurance programs, and received health-related trainings.
- **Empowering caregivers and families:** **3,218** caregivers received training in positive parenting, child protection, and mental health support. While **4,551** participants were empowered through business training, vocational skills, financial resources, and employment opportunities.
- **Strengthening communities:** **83** community support structures and service providers have been strengthened through training, awareness sessions, financial aid, and ongoing coaching.



**Every child deserves a safe place to grow
even when home must look a little different!**

Alternative care

SOS Children's Villages' priority is to strengthen existing families so they can stay together. However, there might be instances when that is not in the child's best interest or when there is no family to care for them.

In the year 2024, SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia offered a range of care options through various programmes:

- Foster care (FC): **51** children and youth have been placed in nurturing and loving homes.
- Kinship care (KC): **1039** children and youth reconnected with relatives.
- Reintegration: **279** children and youth reintegrated with caregivers of origin.
- Small group home (SGH): **38** young people have been transferred to **13** small group homes.
- Supervised independent living (SIL): **78** young people received assistance in transitioning to independent living.
- Community reintegration: **7** families from the family like care programme have been reintegrated into the community.

Overall, the alternative care programme has been able to provide essential services like health, education, food, housing, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) for **4668** children, young people, and caregivers in different care options. While **146** youths received aftercare support, and **497** youths were also supported to engage in different platforms and networks related to empowerment.

The national program quality standard was introduced to **1,135** children, caregivers, youth, children and youth care (CYC) professionals, and stakeholders. A youth care development guide reached **976** young people. Parenting skills development was provided for **918** caregivers, while livelihood capacity was enhanced for **534**. Additionally, **668** community members, government sectors, and service providers were trained in child protection to ensure quality care for children and youth.

“ *Truly bonding with a child, as a parent, sibling, caregiver or mentor, has the power to change their world.* ”

Promoting disability inclusion

In 2024, to uphold and promote the rights of people with disabilities, SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia implemented three projects:

Together for Inclusion (TOFI):

- Strengthened partnerships with organizations of people with disabilities (OPDs), including capacity development for **12** local OPDs, leading to clearer structures and expanded membership to **320** individuals.
- Supported **170** children with disabilities with scholastic materials and **138** with assistive devices.
- Strengthened **6** schools, **3** supported to enhance their resource centres and **3** supported to grow existing social businesses established by SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia.
- Provided start-up materials to **44** caregivers of people with disabilities.
- Linked **60** people with disabilities and their caregivers to Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs).

Advancing the Rights of People with Disabilities (ARPWDs):

- **144** children with disabilities were supported with assistive devices, and **159** received scholastic materials.
- **7** schools equipped with disability-inclusive teaching and learning materials.

Meeting the Rights of People with Disabilities (MRPWDs):

- **52** children with disabilities received assistive devices to support their mobility and learning.
- **49** people with disabilities and their caregivers were enrolled in financial service programs; **6** caregivers (all women) received start-up materials to support income-generating activities.
- Essential support—including food assistance, healthcare services, and home renovations was provided to **448** people with disabilities and their families.
- **139** children with disabilities received scholastic materials to enhance their access to education.
- **326** Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) members, families, and caregivers were trained on inclusive education and the rights of children with disabilities to equitable learning opportunities.



**When youth rise,
communities rise with them!**





Youth empowerment

In 2024, SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia has been leading various projects aimed at helping young people navigate the difficult transition from school to career, addressing the unique challenges faced by young care leavers, and supporting advocacy efforts for their voices to be heard in high-level policymaking. These efforts are focused on empowering them with the confidence needed to successfully transition to independence and adulthood.

- Job readiness skills and employment opportunities were provided to **2,585** young people.
- Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and life skills services were offered to **2,688** young people.
- Offered technical and financial support to the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MOWSA) in developing the national leaving care guide.
- **3** partnerships have been established with care leaver associations to co-implement the Leave No Youth Behind (LNYB) project and enhance their organizational capacity.
- Key messages regarding the mental and psychosocial well-being of Young Care Leavers (YCLs), as well as critical social protection services such as shelter, identity cards, and employment rights, were effectively communicated to various partners through the DANIDA Leave No Youth Behind project.
- The inaugural meeting of the technical working group was successfully held, providing support for the drafting and endorsement of the Child Act in Ethiopia.
- The social protection system has been strengthened by building the capacity of the government's social workforce, enabling young people to access social protection services provided by the government.

**A timely
response
is not only
support, but
justice in
action!**



Humanitarian action programme

The Humanitarian Action and Response Programme in 2024 continued to provide multi-sectoral support across regions affected by conflict, displacement, and drought. Through the programme, urgent needs in education, health and nutrition, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), non-food items (NFI), child protection, gender-based violence (GBV), livelihoods, and multipurpose cash assistance have been provided. Activities targeted children and families with experiences of adversity in Tigray, Amhara, Oromia, Somali, and Harar regions.

In total, the programme directly reached **202,373 individuals**, including **140,485 children**, and an estimated **700,000 indirect programme participants** through community-wide services and outreach.


Highlights of achievements across sectors include:

- **Education:** Provided learning materials, temporary learning spaces, teacher capacity buildings, and back-to-school campaigns reaching **17,798 children** improving access to safe and quality learning.
- **Healthcare and nutrition:** Delivered crucial healthcare and nutritional support for children and caregivers reaching over **25,000** individuals, with a focus on children under five and pregnant/lactating mothers.
- **Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS):** Offered mental health and psychosocial support to **3,000** children and caregivers affected by crises.
- **Basic needs:** Distributed non-food items to more than **10,000 families**.
- **Livelihood:** Supported over **1,200** youth and caregivers through vocational training, income-generating activities, and life skills.
- **Child protection:** Held structured activities in child friendly spaces, community awareness campaigns, case management services, staff trainings and community-based referral systems directly reaching **23,872** children.
- **Gender based violence (GBV) response:** Provided survivor centred GBV services, awareness-raising campaigns as well as integrated GBV risk mitigation efforts across sectors.
- **Cash assistance:** Provided multi-purpose cash assistance to **1,000** households for immediate relief.

Despite notable success in driving sustainable change, the humanitarian action programme faced persistent challenges in a volatile environment. Security issues, especially in conflict zones, restricted access, and logistic hurdles in remote areas like Tigray delayed service delivery. Vast humanitarian needs outstripped available resources, limiting coverage and sustainability.

To overcome these challenges, the programme adopted adaptive strategies: strengthening local partnerships, enhancing coordination, investing in capacity building, and deploying mobile and digital solutions to reach marginalized communities. Despite the complex context, the integrated, child-centred approach improved resilience and well-being for thousands across Ethiopia's most vulnerable regions.



A group of children are holding up circular signs. The signs are white with a red logo in the center, which consists of a stylized bird or leaf design. The logo is surrounded by Amharic text. The children are looking towards the camera, and the background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a thatched roof.

**A voice for those
who cannot be
heard, and the
bridge to the
change they
deserve!**

Advocacy

In 2024, SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia has made significant strides through its advocacy efforts, shaping policy and regulatory frameworks, building capacity, and participating in impactful campaigns. The organization has played a crucial role in advancing the well-being of children throughout the country.

Impacting policy and regulatory frameworks

- SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia played a key role in **drafting Ethiopia's first national minimum care leaving standards**, working closely with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs. The organization highlighted the challenges faced by young care leavers, providing platforms for them to share their experiences. The standards aim to standardize the leaving care process and aftercare support across all childcare providers and public institutions, while also setting the minimum age for leaving care in Ethiopia.
- SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia organized a thematic workshop on **'Strengthening Ethiopia's National Child Protection System'**, advocating for a comprehensive national childcare system with tailored social and financial support for children without parental care. The first session addressed gaps and challenges in developing policies to meet children's needs, encouraging actions from key decision-makers to expand social protection schemes. The second session facilitated a dialogue on the draft national minimum care leaving standards. The workshop was attended by 50 participants from organizations including the Ethiopian Policy Institute, the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, Addis Ababa University, and various CSOs.
- We continued to provide strong support in the revision of the National Youth Policy, which began in 2023. SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia remains committed to advocating for its adoption in 2025 through consistent follow-up and engagement.

Capacity-building

- SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia, in collaboration with Save the Children Ethiopia Country Office, organized a 2-day capacity-building session for child parliamentarians. The session focused on deepening their understanding of child rights under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), and national laws, while equipping them with advocacy skills to promote their rights, including the adoption of a comprehensive national child law. A total of **36** child parliamentarians from Addis Ababa and Bishoftu participated.
- Two webinars on advocacy for the national child protection system reached **200** staff, equipping them with the knowledge, tools, and skills to integrate advocacy into their programmes. Participants also learned about the key priorities, tools, and strategies of the National Advocacy Strategy.
- SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia, in collaboration with the Care Leavers Association Network, developed and published an advocacy training manual. **30** members participated in the training, which enhanced their advocacy knowledge and capacity to create advocacy plans, tools, and implementation strategies.

Campaigns

- SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia joined **32-member** association's globally in the **'Stomping for Peace'** campaign, highlighting the plight of children in conflict zones. On March 27, 2024, SOS Children's Villages in Belgium organized the event with **140** schools and **38,000** children, drawing attention to the need for care and protection for children in conflict. The campaign video was shared at the global ministerial conference in Colombia and SOS Children's Villages made a strong statement on International Children's Rights Day at the UN, advocating for children in conflict zones.



**A helping
hand today
creates a path
to opportunity
for children
tomorrow!**





Sponsorship

The international sponsorship and local fundraising unit at SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia focuses on securing financial support to provide children with experiences of adversity with a safe home, quality education, and a brighter future. With a core objective of mobilizing sustainable funding through sponsorships and corporate partnerships, ensuring that every child in the care of SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia receives the support they need to grow, thrive, and succeed.

International sponsorship


- As in previous years, the quality of the international sponsorship communication products in 2024 has been exceptional, earning an impressive **95%** score in feedback from the Quality Assurance Network at the International Office. Furthermore, high-quality, timely sponsorship content has been delivered to over **15,000** individual givers across **21** countries.

Local fundraising

- In 2024, **384 new individual givers** have been welcomed to the **local sponsorship programme**, bringing the total number of local individual givers to over 1,000. Their generous contributions have amounted to approximately **3 million ETB** over the past year.
- Promising partnerships with various local corporations have been established to enhance local resource mobilization efforts, resulting in a total of **1.3 million ETB** in corporate contributions in 2024.



Sponsor a child!

A young man with short dark hair is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. He is wearing a dark blue shirt with bright yellow vertical stripes. He is standing in front of a teal-colored wall that has some peeling paint and a wooden post to his left. The background is slightly out of focus.

**Safeguarding
is a shared
responsibility that
must be embraced
by all, to protect
every child and
young person!**

Child and youth safeguarding

SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia is committed to creating safe and nurturing environments for all children and young people in contact with the organization. Ensuring resources are effectively utilized to provide high-quality services to programme participants is also one of its other commitments. The safeguarding section follows an integrated approach, covering child and youth safeguarding, adult safeguarding, and anti-corruption and asset protection.

In 2024, to implement safeguarding policies and regulations, the section engaged in several key activities:


Empowering staff and communities:

- Conducted risk assessments and mitigation activities for both new and existing projects.
- Assessed partners' capacity, conducted local mapping, and translated safeguarding documents into local languages to improve accessibility and understanding.
- Re-established national and location safeguarding teams, in line with the new safeguarding regulations, and formed a national incident management team.
- Provided orientation on the holistic safeguarding framework and regulations to partners, contractors, and service providers. All partners signed a declaration before formalizing agreements with SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia.
- Delivered training on the child and youth safeguarding policy and regulation, the sexual misconduct regulation, and the anti-corruption regulation.
- Established various reporting channels and informed stakeholders on how to make reports.
- Empowered staff and programme participants by enabling them to select their representatives and staff confidants. Additionally, children's representatives were trained on how to collaborate with the Ombudsperson.

Building resilience among children and families:

- Engaged children and young people in the alternative care programme to participate in the perception assessment, helping to identify key areas of focus for safeguarding efforts.

In the coming year, priorities will focus on conducting comprehensive risk assessments and developing mitigation strategies at the project, department, and programme levels. Compliance checks will ensure safeguarding documents align with national laws. Awareness-raising initiatives and training will be organized, with a particular emphasis on the new anti-corruption regulation, and key documents will be translated into local languages to improve accessibility and understanding. Ongoing awareness efforts will continue for programme participants, staff, and relevant stakeholders.



“Though there is improvement, breaking the silence still needs hard work!”

**Behind every impact stands a strong team—growing,
learning, and leading with purpose.**



Human resources and organizational development

In 2024, the Human Resources and Organizational Development (HROD) department has actively focused on building the capacity of staff members and empowering them. Efforts have been consistently made to ensure the safety and security of staff, while also working to enhance various aspects of co-workers' well-being and benefits.

Capacity building and empowerment of co-workers:

- Capacitated staff by enhancing the leadership and staff capacity to support and implement the Humanitarian Action (HA) programme. This has been achieved through various initiatives, including training on basic HA & SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia companion for child protection in HA, project cycle management, safety, and security, among others.
- The Successors Development Program (SDP), aimed at identifying and nurturing future leaders involves **8** participants. Through the program, key development areas for each individual have been identified. To ensure continuous growth and support, an external consultant has been selected to provide ongoing assistance to the successors over the next **6** months.
- **10** female staff members selected to participate in The Female Leadership Program (FLP), designed to empower women within the organization. An assessment has been completed, identifying key areas for improvement and outlining a clear way forward for their development and leadership journey.
- A total of **35** trainings were successfully delivered, with **547** co-workers participating. These sessions covered essential topics, including mandatory training on the basic and advanced code of conduct, as well as the prevention of sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse (PSHEA)

Safety and security of co-workers:

- Safety and security measures at the National Office have been reinforced through comprehensive security risk assessments and the updating of security plans for all programmes, including those in hotspot areas.
- Additionally, a standard online basic safety and security training was provided to **342** staff members. Several capacity-building activities were also conducted for both colleagues and management, focusing on improving security management skills.

Wellbeing & benefits of co-workers:

- **6** planned initiatives to enhance staff compensation were successfully implemented, including the introduction of a medical insurance scheme, an **11.5%** salary adjustment, alignment of the care professionals' living wage to **ETB 25,370**, extension of maternity leave to **5 months**, and an increase in the minimum pension allowance to **6,150 ETB**.
- To attract and retain talent, our employer branding efforts have reached several key milestones. SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia's value propositions have been redefined, and various tools, including brochures, testimonial videos, and LinkedIn campaigns, have been created to communicate the **employee value proposition** (EVP) across multiple channels.

Staff distribution across the nation

| Staff | National Office | Addis Ababa | Bahir Dar | Gode | Hawassa | Jimma | Harrar | Mekelle |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|------|---------|-------|--------|---------|
| Administrative staff | 30 | 17 | 16 | 13 | 17 | 11 | 10 | 11 |
| Maintenance staff | 8 | 15 | 20 | 31 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 22 |
| Other programme staff | 14 | 61 | 28 | 53 | 41 | 16 | 18 | 21 |
| SOS family assistants | - | 8 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| SOS parents | - | 15 | 13 | 10 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 18 |
| Total | 52 | 116 | 82 | 111 | 91 | 62 | 61 | 80 |

Grand total employees - 655



A photograph of three students in school uniforms walking along a stone-paved path. Two girls in the foreground wear green hijabs, white shirts, green skirts, and backpacks. A boy in a white shirt and dark pants, wearing a blue face mask, walks behind them. The path is flanked by green bushes and trees, with a misty background.

**Empowering
children through
education that not
only opens minds—
but opens doors to
a brighter future.**



SOS social business unit

The Social Business Unit, an independent income-generating initiative of SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia, supports our mission by combining social impact with financial sustainability. In 2024, it operated six **SOS Hermann Gmeiner Schools**, providing quality education to **9,987 students**, including over 100 scholarship recipients.

Academic Excellence

- A total of 419 Grade 6 students from four SOS Hermann Gmeiner Schools sat for regional examinations, with 409 passing—achieving a strong pass rate of **97.6%**.
- Similarly, 450 Grade 8 students across all five schools attained a **97.1%** pass rate.
- While Grade 12 examination results varied significantly among the five schools, a focused remedial programme enabled 118 out of 120 students to gain university admission—resulting in an overall university placement rate of **99%**.
- Schools received certificates, trophies, cups, and computers from regional authorities, including the State President and City Mayors.
- Top-performing students in regional and national exams were awarded computer tablets and certificates.
- SOS HGS Hawassa **won first place** in both a Grade 6 quiz competition and a UN Charter simulation contest; recognized by Hawassa University and the City Education Office.
- SOS HGS Bahir Dar students excelled in an online maths competition sponsored by Smile Charity and Sliding Trough—**21 students won iPhones**.
- Hawassa's primary and secondary schools earned a rare **Level 4 rating** from the Regional Education Bureau.
- SOS HGS Mekelle reported **98%** parent satisfaction in a recent survey.

This year, the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Schools prioritized expanding access to quality education, resulting in a notable increase in student enrolment. By maintaining an optimal student-teacher ratio, the schools fostered personalised learning and strong educator-student engagement. Looking ahead, plans are in place to diversify income sources and expand education access—further strengthening our ability to serve children at risk of losing parental care.

Stronger together—building partnerships that power sustainable impact for children, young people and their communities.



Institutional partnership development

The Institutional Partnership Development Unit actively pursues strategic partnerships with institutional donors to solidify SOS Children's Villages' position as a leading expert in child and youth care through social development and humanitarian action. By fostering these collaborations, the Unit aims to elevate funding levels and expand its reach to create greater impact for vulnerable children and youth in Ethiopia.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the Unit submitted approximately **24 proposals and concept notes** to various donors, securing a total of **USD 8,529,236** in funding from nine institutional donors and PSAs. To further enhance organizational visibility, SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia actively engaged in **seven** UN coordination clusters and local partnership initiatives, strengthening its presence and collaboration within key networks.

The MA's engagement with the European Union delegation, Mastercard Foundation, and the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs stood out as key partnership initiatives, marking a major milestone in strengthening collaboration and advancing fundraising efforts. Having surpassed 50% of its ambitious target for the year, the Unit is now focused on mobilizing approximately USD 16 million in 2025 to further expand its impact.





Partners

Promoting and Supporting Associations (PSA)

- SOS Denmark
- SOS Norway
- SOS Austria
- SOS Switzerland
- SOS Iceland
- SOS Finland
- SOS USA
- SOS Canada
- HGFD
- KDeV
- SOS Luxembourg
- SOS Netherlands
- ADA

Donors

- European Union
- Danish International Development Agency-Denmark
- Heimstaden
- ADA
- SOS Switzerland
- Iceland MFA
- Finland MFA
- Helmsley Charitable Trust
- NORAD
- BMZ (German Federal Ministry for Economic cooperation and development)
- Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- SOS Luxembourg
- DRA
- Germany
- HGFD

Key Implementing Partners

- Tilahunen Charity Association (TCHA)
- Delassale Community Development Association
- Tesfa Berhan Child and Family Development
- Referral Akebab Fetto Derash Iddir
- Yenege Tesfa SACCO
- Forum on Sustainable Child Empowerment (FSCE)
- Jiren CBO
- Abdi Bori SACCO
- Terara Iddir
- Jinka Ber Iddir
- Terara Iddir
- Chamo SACCO
- Farmers' Association
- SACCOs
- Schools
- CBO

Financial report

SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia Statement of Financial Performance For the year ended 31 December 2024

| | | | | 31-Dec | 31-Dec |
|--|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Notes | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | ETB | ETB | ETB | ETB |
| Revenue from non-exchange transaction | | | | | |
| Income from PSAs for RC | 10 | 1,454,571,582.23 | 148,797,738.59 | 1,603,369,320.82 | 1,217,495,953.43 |
| Revenue from exchange transaction | | | | | |
| Local Income | 10 | 75,789,514.78 | 0.00 | 75,789,514.78 | 13,127,980.57 |
| Total Incoming Resources | | 1,530,361,097 | 148,797,739 | 1,679,158,836 | 1,230,623,934 |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| Program | 11 | 1,735,535,750.32 | 148,797,738.59 | 1,884,333,488.91 | 1,178,499,682.49 |
| Administrative | 12 | 224,660,258.36 | - | 224,660,258.36 | 127,965,355.63 |
| Depreciation Expenditure | 16 | 36,748,437.91 | - | 36,748,437.91 | 32,405,737.66 |
| Total Expenditures | | 1,996,944,447 | 148,797,739 | 2,145,742,185 | 1,338,870,776 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) on Operating Activities | | (466,583,350) | - | (466,583,350) | (108,246,842) |
| Gain or Loss from Foreign Exchange Rate | | 235,897,290.26 | - | 235,897,290 | 2,985,983 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | | (230,686,059) | - | (230,686,059) | (105,260,859) |

Auditors' note

"In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the organization as at 31 December 2024 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("IPSAS") and the requirements of the organizations of Civil Societies Regulatory Framework."

SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia Statement of Financial Position As of 31 December 2024

| | | 31 Dec 2024 ETB | 31 Dec 2023 ETB |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Non-Current Assets | | | |
| Intangible Assets | 3 | 4,207,690.57 | 165,887.54 |
| Property, Plant, and Equipment | 4 | 288,826,843.82 | 301,030,278.44 |
| Biological Assets | 5 | <u>1,143,000.00</u> | <u>295,100.00</u> |
| Total Non-Current Assets | | 294,177,534.39 | 301,491,265.98 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Receivables | 7 | 49,542,647.34 | 38,357,890.51 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 6 | <u>749,001,809.26</u> | <u>255,906,805.81</u> |
| Total Current Assets | | <u>798,544,456.60</u> | <u>294,264,696.32</u> |
| Total Assets | | <u>1,092,721,990.40</u> | <u>595,755,962.30</u> |
| Equity and Liabilities | | | |
| Equity/ Net Assets | | | |
| Accumulated Fund | | | |
| Unrestricted Fund | SCE | 204,612,839.47 | 65,663,588.92 |
| Restricted Fund | SCE | <u>13,336,847.79</u> | <u>13,336,847.79</u> |
| Total Equity/ Net Assets | | 191,275,991.68 | 52,326,741.13 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | | |
| Funds Held in Trust/MG | 8.1 | 168,447,965.69 | 73,111,547.82 |
| Employee Benefit Payables - Long term | 8.5 | <u>983,881,562.45</u> | <u>504,958,652.66</u> |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities | | 1,152,329,528.14 | 578,070,200.48 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Restrict Fund and other liabilities | 8.3 | 118,550,328.73 | 63,372,733.83 |
| Tax | 8.4 | 11,110,385.85 | 4,632,029.59 |
| Employee Benefit Payables -Short term | 8.2 | <u>2,007,739.10</u> | <u>2,007,739.10</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 131,668,453.68 | 70,012,502.52 |
| Total Liabilities | | <u>1,283,997,981.82</u> | <u>648,082,702.99</u> |
| Total Equity and Liabilities | | <u>1,092,721,990.40</u> | <u>595,755,962.30</u> |



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care for a child, we
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