

Celebrating 50 Years of Impact

SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia's Legacy of Care



A Message from the National Director

As we celebrate 50 years of dedicated service to vulnerable children and families in Ethiopia, it is a time for reflection and a commitment to the future. This external impact assessment was conducted to help us measure the changes and progress we have made over the decades on individuals, communities and the system at large.



It was important for us to get an independent view of our successes and areas for improvement as we embark on the next phase of our journey. With this assessment, we are better equipped to serve children, youth, and communities, and we look forward to creating even more impact in the years to come. As we celebrate this milestone, we are reminded of our mission to ensure every child grows up in a loving home and has access to opportunities for a bright future.

Thank you for being part of our story.

Sahlemariam Abebe

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SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia



Impact on Individuals

Transforming more than **8.1 million** Lives:
Impact on Children, youth and their families.



Over **4,500** children and youth have received nurturing care through our Alternative Care program.



Over **1,000,000** people have benefited from family and community development initiatives.



An additional **2,195,500** people have been assisted through humanitarian efforts.



More than **100,000** individuals have been reached through education-specific programs.



4,800,000 individuals have received preventive and curative health services.

Recorded success rates



93% of youth feel confident in their skills and have stable jobs, with many pursuing higher education.



88% of caregivers have built sustainable livelihoods, ensuring long-term care for their families.



95% of children in Alternative Care reported strong family relationships.



93% of participants in both programs reported positive outcomes in food security, education, and emotional well-being.



Over 92% of children in Family and community strengthening programs are "doing well" in terms of education and health.

Impact on Community

Building Strong Communities



Our work with local community organizations has empowered over **10,000** caregivers to become self-reliant, supporting the well-being of their children.



Community collaboration has helped provide access to health services, legal documents, and education for children.



Through partnerships, we've created lasting social networks that extend beyond SOS CVE, positively impacting community cohesion and civic engagement.

System-Level Impact

Transforming Systems



SOS CVE has played a critical role in shaping policies that safeguard children's rights, leading to **legal reforms and support mechanisms** for vulnerable children. The Ministry of Women and Social Affairs has developed a draft national minimum care leaving standards a document that will create a conducive environment for young care leavers to transition to independent lives.



Advocacy efforts have enhanced child protection systems and social inclusion for marginalized families. For instance, our advocacy engagements have lead to the recognition of young care leavers in the draft National Youth Policy as a segment of youth population that needs and requires special attention.



Collaborations with **government offices** and other key stakeholders have allowed us to reach thousands more children and families.

Social Return on Investment (SROI)

Measuring the Social Impact: SROI



For every **\$1** spent, our Family and Community Strengthening program generated **\$2.53** in social value, and our Alternative Care program created **\$1.76**.



The Family and Community Strengthening and Alternative Care programs returned **\$2.16** in social value for every dollar invested, reflecting our success in creating long-lasting societal impact.

Additionally, Our SROI assessment shows:

94.8% of participants have transitioned into stable employment.



High success rates in financial independence and livelihood sustainability.



Future Vision

Looking Ahead

With the lessons learned from this impact assessment, SOS Children's Villages in Ethiopia aims to:



Expand our reach to more vulnerable children and families.



Strengthen collaborations with **local organizations** for greater community impact.



Innovate and adapt our programs to better align with evolving needs, ensuring we continue delivering **sustainable change** for another 50 years.



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our mission of
transforming lives.

