

ANNUAL REPORT

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SOS Children's Villages

Cebu, Philippines



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Programme Information

The aim of a SOS Children's Village is to provide stable and consistent care to children who cannot remain with their biological family, and for whom family-based care is considered the best option. SOS families provide individualized care and promote the development, education and health of each child. Girls and boys of different ages live together. Every effort is made to keep biological siblings together.

Children grow within their SOS family until they are mature enough to lead independent lives. To the children and young people in our care we provide access to adequate day care, kindergarten, primary, secondary, tertiary and vocational education. Together with partners, the SOS Children's Village also provides access to non-formal education through learning support, child group activities, play and providing access to stimulating informal education environments for the child's development. For all children in the program access to doctors/medical clinics and access to counselling and therapeutic treatment is ensured.

The SOS family child-care model is for children who need long-term care. With the exception of countries where the law says otherwise, only those children who require a permanent new home in a family are offered a place. There are many reasons that lead government authorities to place children in alternative care. They differ across socioeconomic contexts and cultures.

SOS families are headed by a professionally trained care-giver, who creates emotionally stable relationships in a nurturing and secure home. In most cases, this is a SOS mother but in some countries, fathers or couples head an SOS family. The SOS mother is responsible for guiding the family according to professional childcare standards. She receives the required support from the village director and other co-workers.

UN Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children is our key reference as they form the international framework for our actions.

Program Facts

- ✓ Established in 1982, the SOS Children's Village Cebu was the fourth SOS Children's Village in the Philippines.
- ✓ The city of Cebu is the second largest city in the Philippines. It is the capital of Cebu Island.
- ✓ The SOS Children's Village is located in the district of Talamban, approximately 10 minutes by car from the city center.
- ✓ 139 children are in care in SOS Children's Village Cebu; 91 children now live in the 12 family houses while 48 youths live in the youth facility.
- ✓ 218 children are currently enrolled in the SOS Kindergarten. These are children from the SOS Children's Village as well as the surrounding areas.
- ✓ The SOS Family Strengthening Program currently supports 264 families at risk of breaking down which ensures that 1 144 children in the Cebu area can grow up in their family.



SOS Children's Villages Cebu status

Objective 1/Care

Ensuring that children in need of care receive alternative family based care within a SOS family

In 2016, SOS Children's Villages Cebu celebrated its 36th year of providing SOS families to children without parental care. 139 children and youth (81 children and 58 young people) is currently under the direct care of SOS Children's Villages in Cebu, with 14 children finding a home within the village during 2016. 2 children were reunited with their biological families during the year, and 10 young adults moved out of the SOS Children's Village in 2016. Of these, 7 finished their studies, 2 established a family on their own and 1 have found a job and chose to move out of the village.



Objective 2/Education

Ensuring formal, non-formal or informal education

During the year, 132 children attended educational services; 8 in kindergarten, 48 in primary school, 42 in Junior High School and 8 in Senior High School. 6 are attending vocational training and 20 are in college. The remaining 7 children are either between schooling and employment, or have specific challenges with regular school attendance.

To further improve students' academic performance, tutorials and intensive school monitoring were done. 35 young boys and girls participated the Foundation of Leadership Excellence workshop seminar.

Objective 3/Health

Ensuring preventive and curative health care, and psycho-social support

Medical check-ups as well as dental check-ups were provided to the children in 2016. Two cases of fractures were taken care of during the year, and psychological support has also been provided when needed.

The Cebu Partnership

Six Norwegian Shipping Companies currently support the SOS Children's Village Cebu. These are;

- KG Jebsen Skipsrederi
- Torvald Klaveness
- Norwegian Training Center
- Solstad Shipping
- Solvang
- Thome Ship Management

Expenditure 01.01.2016-31.12.2016:

	Funding from Norwegian Shipping Companies (netto/NOK)	Annual Budget 2016 NOK	Annual Expenditure 2016 NOK	% spent
CV Cebu	542	3 806	3 706	97 %

Amounts in NOK 1.000

The programme contributes to reaching the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDG):

