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EDITORIAL

The present annual report gives us the opportunity to take a break in order to look back at our accomplishments, acknowledge our achievements and analyse the results with lucidity in order to plan our future in the best possible way. Looking back at the previous year also allows us to recall some projects and events while connecting the past to the present.

In 2018 we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which, on the one hand is reassuring, but on the other hand is still alarming due to the need to reaffirm basic freedoms and universal rights which are still being violated. In 2019, we are celebrating 30 years of existence of the United Nation's International Convention on the rights of the child. This celebration also represents a dichotomy between reassurance and concern when considering how distant some regions are from the very principles and values of liberty, equality and freedom that shaped the Convention. 70 years after the creation of the global federation, this very Convention still guides SOS Children's Villages' actions. And yes, it is within our responsibility to guarantee the rights and freedoms of our future generations.

It is not possible to recall the year 2018 without mentioning the violence outbursts, conflicts, refugee crisis and natural disasters which have cost the lives of numerous children, have deprived them of their rights and hopes and caused profound traumas. We have to protect them from such violence.

The process of reconstruction is a long and hard one, once the horrors have vanished. This represents one of our primary concerns: helping children and their communities to recover and support their resilience by focusing on mental health and psychosocial support. In this context, we have started a rehabilitation program in 2018 in northern Iraq which targets displaced youngsters having suffered from war. It is also in this very perspective that we have launched, in January 2019, an education and vocational training centre in the Bekaa valley in Lebanon, which offers innovative courses and psychosocial activities to young Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese children while reinforcing the cohesion of local communities.

Talking about education, we should also mention the reconstruction stage following emergency and review the inauguration of the community school in Bhimtar (Nepal) in April 2018, three years after the earthquake. A promise of a new life for hundreds of pupils.

Our development programs in West Africa (PACOPE) represent another sign of hope. The outcome testifies the willingness of communities to make it out and help each other in order to guarantee a living environment where children are able to grow in dignity. This is the real essence of our PACOPE.

The celebration of the 30 years of the United Nation's International Convention on the rights of the child mentioned above, overlaps with another anniversary, namely the 45th anniversary of SOS Village d'Enfants Monde. 2019 is marked by some highlights in order to bear in mind our attachment to these inalienable rights which are linked to our global sustainable development goals. What a wonderful occasion to thank you all for your long-term commitment to the cause of children.

(Mai 2019)



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SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES INTERNATIONAL

A Global Presence



Children's Villages



Family strengthening



Emergency



Education

SOS Children's Villages International is an independent, non-governmental, social development organisation that provides care and support for children and disadvantaged families. SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde is one of SOS Children's Villages International's 118 member associations. Present in 135 countries and territories around the world, about 1 million children and youth benefit from SOS programmes.

70 years of experience in supporting children without parental care and those at risk of losing it have given the organisation a deep understanding of how to care for children who need someone and how to help prevent the breakdown of parental care. Innovating alternative childcare, strengthening families, empowering young people and advocating for children are a few of SOS Children's Villages International's strategic objectives.

These objectives are achieved through SOS Children's Villages, SOS Kindergartens and Schools, as well as youth facilities providing vocational training and thus preparing youngsters to a life on their own. Family Strengthening Programmes where communities are sup-

ported to become self-sufficient as well as Emergency Response Programmes where SOS Children's Villages helps with longterm interventions are also major parts of our mission.

The organisation helps to build a sustainable future for all children, advocating for their rights and encouraging them to actively take part in decision making processes.

All of this would not be possible without the generous support of donors, sponsors, institutional and corporate partners worldwide.

559 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES
698,200 HEALTH SERVICES
575 FSP PROGRAMMES
618 SCHOOLS & SOCIAL CENTRES
835,800 BENEFICIARIES



A. Children in the SOS Village in Ait Ourir in Morocco.

SOS VILLAGES D'ENFANTS MONDE

Our Vision, Our Mission

The Luxembourg association SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde was set up in 1974. It works under the High Patronage of Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess, and receives support from the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.

It is a member of the world-wide federation SOS Children's Villages which works in the area of children's rights and for the benefit of children who have lost or risk losing parental care, as well as those living in extremely vulnerable situations. It works in the superior interest of the child, basing its work on the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Its aim is the child's well-being and development, it works towards the respect of his/her rights, and undertakes to ensure s/he can become an independent citizen, responsible and actively contributing to the community. *No child should grow up alone*: this is the concern and motivation of SOS Children's Villages.

SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde aims at being a key actor in the area of children's rights and child protection both in the Grand Duchy and in the countries where it is present. The association works from Luxembourg and is committed to promoting the well-being and development of children throughout the world.

In order to do this it informs public opinion, collects funds, educates on development issues, and engages

in advocacy for the rights of the child. In the field, it implements development programmes centred on child protection and aims at developing community dynamics, also supporting emergency response programmes which are followed up by rehabilitation programmes in cooperation with local partners.

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

In 2018, SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde Luxembourg received public and private funds amounting to **6,421,122 euros**. This sum includes the contribution from the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (Directorate of Development Cooperation), municipalities, the EIB Institute, foundations within the Fondation de Luxembourg, SOS sponsors' contributions (**1,532,229 euros**), donors and partners (associations, corporates and schools), as well as legacies and donations.

SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde Luxembourg supported **26 projects in 17 countries**: programmes aimed at children's rights, their protection, care and education (Cape Verde, Chile, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Nepal, Niger, Uzbekistan, Russia, Zimbabwe), as well as community empowerment programmes for the protection of the child (Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal) and emergency response programmes (Colombia, Indonesia, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria).



THE SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES

One Sponsorship to Support an Entire Community

SOS Children's Villages

Since the 1950s, SOS Children's Villages have been providing a loving and safe home for children and young people in distress. SOS Children's Villages give them access to quality education and prepare them to live independently.

Sponsor an SOS Children's Village

By subscribing to sponsor one of the 559 SOS Children's Villages, you do not only support the SOS Village but also the adjoining infrastructures such as SOS Social Centers, SOS Schools, SOS Kindergartens, SOS Training Centers as well as SOS Medical Centers that also benefit the surrounding communities.

The difference with an individual sponsorship is that a village sponsorship provides fair access to quality education for all children and young people, whether they live in the village or come from families living in the area.

Access to education empowers children and young people by developing their social and professional skills which allows them to get out of poverty and help their families. This support contributes to the development of the communities in a direct and effective way.

The parents of the beneficiary communities are informed about children's rights because means of protection and social structures are financed by these village sponsorships.

What to expect from an SOS sponsorship

An individual sponsorship as well as a village sponsorship entitles you to semi-annual reports which inform you of the child / village's evolution and adjoining infrastructure, as well as the projects that your donation has made possible. Every quarter, a newsletter is sent to keep you updated on the projects and programs we support around the world.



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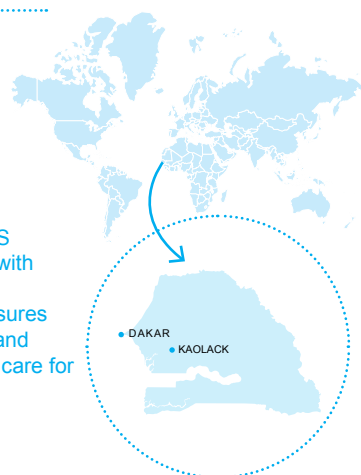


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SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE KAOLACK, SENEGAL

SOS Children's Villages started working in Kaolack in 1983. In the SOS Village, we offer a family to children who can no longer live with their parents. Currently, the 12 SOS families offer a home to 98 children who live with their siblings and a loving SOS mother. All children attend school together with children from the community at the SOS Kindergarten and the SOS School. This ensures fair access to education for 2,280 children and facilitates the integration of the children we care for in the local community.



A. Children in the SOS Children's Village in Battambang in Cambodia.
 B. Little girl in the SOS Children's Village in Kaolack in Senegal.
 C. Pascal Schumacher, SOS ambassador and sponsor during his visit to the SOS Children's Village in Kaolack.

THREE QUESTIONS TO PASCAL SCHUMACHER

Sponsor and SOS Ambassador

What made you decide to become an SOS Ambassador? Sophie Glesener invited me to a meeting during which she explained with passion and enthusiasm all the activities of SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde. Seeing the photos of all these children full of life, with stars in their eyes, who were lucky enough to be cared for in SOS Children's Villages, I realized the importance of this mission and its real impact. I was immediately convinced and today I feel honored to have the opportunity to get involved for SOS.

In the fall of 2018, you were on a mission to Kaolack in Senegal. What was your impression? It has been one of the most memorable moments of my life. Seeing all these children, in destitution and misery, seem so happy and be full of enthusiasm thanks to the dedication of the contributors and projects of SOS, it creates a real emotion.

When you came back, you wanted to sponsor a child from the SOS Village you visited. Why? To sponsor a child is so simple that I wonder

why I did not do it before, especially when you see the positive effect it can have on a child's life. Today I'm sponsoring the little Loly I met in Kaolack and whose history I know. It is an immense source of happiness. I really encourage anyone who can afford it to do it.—

BECOME A SPONSOR

There is nothing easier than becoming a sponsor. You can contact us by telephone or e-mail (parrainage@sosve.lu) to express your interest. You can also go directly to our internet site and fill out the form available there. Sponsorship means contributing 1€ a day which can make all the difference for the daily life of a vulnerable child. You can of course terminate your sponsorship at any time without any justification.



A. Adamou Hamadou during a work meeting in Luxembourg.
B. Women of a VS&CA in Kaolack, Senegal.

THE PACOPE FROM AN ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW

Interview with Adamou Hamadou

Engineer in tropical agronomy, specializing in development economics and public policy, Adamou Hamadou joined in 2015 the technical support team of SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde for the implementation of the Community Empowerment Programs for the Protection of the Child (PACOPE*) in West Africa (Guinea, Mali, Niger and Senegal). Originally from Niger where he worked for a long time for Aquadev International and Plan International, this graduate from the Montpellier Institute of warm regions has more than ten years of experience in development and emergency assistance. Visiting Luxembourg at the end of 2018, he shared his knowledge of the PACOPE.

How is your work as an expert in economic reinforcement organized when it is spread in four countries with very different realities? Reinforcing teams and doing proximity monitoring was not easy because of the multi-cultural and multilingualism. In some countries, the notion of group work existed, in others not. Senegal, for example, focused on institutional microfinance, which encourages families to carry out Income Generating Activities (IGAs) with 150€ but they do not have the capacity to make them fructify. And yet 30€ is sometimes enough to start trading. The Village Savings and Credit Associations (VS&CA) permitted to correct this. Other countries were already practicing community microfinance but in the form of tontines and without any management tools, which in the end creates problems of transparency... First, the needs and priorities of each country were identified. We had to reorganize internal teams which sometimes had no experience, and train them in economic strengthening and child protection. Despite the distances - in Guinea, Conakry is more than 1,000 km from N'Zérékoré - at least one mission

is carried out every year in each PACOPE, which means 12 monitoring missions with the beneficiaries, not including the training missions.

Do security issues have an impact on the development of the PACOPE? In Senegal and Guinea, there are no security problems. In Niger, Boko Haram attacks affect the Diffa region, but not our intervention zones, Dosso and Tahoua. On the other hand, in Mali, in Socoura/Mopti, our intervention is taking place in areas experiencing inter-community violence, where populations are displaced and schools are closing down.

You have followed the PACOPE since their launch. Can you give us a brief overview? The great success of these programs, which focus on the economic strengthening of communities and families through financial education and solidarity, is the result for the beneficiaries. Many families who did not have access to resources and therefore could not meet the needs of their children, went from a state of vulnerability to one of self-promotion in two years. There is assertiveness, the possibility for these families to say that with their own means, they can thrive. When they talk about it, it is heart warming. You tell yourself that you are useful. Moreover, for teams, capacity building is a personal success.

Do you have some numbers? They are encouraging: 84% of families are now participating in VS&CAs, between 86% and 90% lead IGAs which, after evaluation, have proved profitable and 70% are really involved in the

*The PACOPE are included in the third five-year Framework Cooperation Agreement (2017-2021), signed on 18 January 2017 between SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.



management of the family budget and can prioritize their expenses. Today, 65 to 70% of these families cover more than 50% of their basic needs by themselves.

Has there been any resistance to this new form of community solidarity? 16% of families did not join the VS&CAs, either because the guardian is elderly, is ill or has difficulty moving. But overall, the craze is there and the teams in the field are even overwhelmed by new solicitations. As they can't be everywhere, the community organizes itself. Out of 300 VS&CAs, about fifty were created spontaneously. The dynamic is there. Other programs funded by SOS France, Switzerland and Belgium are being inspired by it.

After the creation of the VS&CA and the IGAs, what is the next step? Currently the VS&CAs are meeting to launch group IGAs, a transition to entrepreneurship. We had planned this in the course of 2019 but people are in demand and we are looking at how to support them, to train field agents who will duplicate this expertise within the groups to structure them in order to guide them to entrepreneurship. This is the next step.

How do you work with local actors? With governments? We include a global development plan in our structures and we work for women's groups to assert themselves with other structures, including to state bodies such as the Central Administration of Agriculture or the Ministry of the Family, and to advocate their rights with the City Council or the Women's Directorate. In Socoura/Mopti, women are in this state of mind. There is the exemplary story of a trainer in cassava processing who was asked by the women for equipment. "I'm not giving it to you but I'm going to sell it to you," she told them. And as they were worried about repayment, she added "you can do it if you get organized." Which they did in developing a repayment plan. Today the equipment is theirs and they continue their activity.

Are the PACOPE a stepping stone for the social development and well-being of the children? Families, some very poor, some marginalized, come together to unite their efforts. In this sense, the PACOPE is a wonderful stepping stone for social development. They made families aware that direct support increases assistantship but that building their capacity is the best way to help them take care of their children. We use the VS&CAs, spaces where women talk about their daily problems, to share information about parenting education and child protection!

Are the PACOPE the ultimate model? The VS&CAs is something everybody does, but SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde has integrated non-financial services: trainings that allow vulnerable people to set short, medium and long-term goals for themselves, to get organized with the little they have to direct it towards the priority needs of the family, especially those of children. It is not a question of glorifying the PACOPE but pushing the community forward so that they shape their own destiny is remarkable. You have to be on the field to really understand it. When I do monitoring and people tell me their stories, I tell them "you see that you can do it." Of course there is a whole mechanism to put in place but the results are there. —

(Interviewed on December 12, 2018)



A. Puppet theater thematizing the fundamental rights of children.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

Educating towards Global Citizenship

In 2018, SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs signed a new Framework Agreement. This new triennial project is entitled *Towards tomorrow's world: today's citizen ... tomorrow's decision maker*. Our mission remains the same: the dissemination of information on children's rights in a sustainable development vision in order to spark people's interest, foster public debate and personal commitment among our target groups. Children's rights are at the core of the Agenda 2030 and it is crucial to emphasize the link between the two so as to stress the relevance of this global pact. Our goal is to accompany our target groups on their journey towards global citizenship and solidarity.

For the current Framework Agreement, we plan a redesign of the educational guide *The Rights of the Child*, the organization of spaces for dialogue and the training of multipliers.

Regarding the redesign of the educational guide, a meeting with child professionals enabled us to identify their specific needs and to clarify our framework. The new educational guide will be based on the theory of multiple intelligences in order to offer a wide range of interesting activities to all children allowing them to get acquainted with their rights and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We also attended the annual event of the Ombuds-Committee for the Rights of the Child and promoted the educational guide and our teaching material.

We co-developed an ecological child rights themed scavenger hunt app as part of our collaboration with the SNJ Hollenfels. We celebrated the Universal Children's Day with Heike Kammer's puppet theatre and a play specially staged for the occasion, *Die 7 Versteckten*, discussing children's fundamental rights.

We were also joined by the German theatre company Mensch: Theater! for a forum theatre play on school bullying.

43 ACTIVITIES HELD
1,443 PEOPLE REACHED

In terms of general public events, we co-organized a Cinéma du Sud afterwork with the screening of Celine Baril's documentary *24 Davids*. The Belgian theatre company Alternative Théâtre staged the play *A Table!* discussing responsible consumption at the Abbaye de Neumünster.

As a result of our collaboration with the ORK and the FEDAS, we organized a training entitled *Children's Rights-Introduction, Comprehension and Implementation for educators*.

As a member of the *Zesumme fir d'Agenda 2030* consortium, we designed a general public campaign raising awareness on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The consortium's goal is to promote the Agenda 2030 among the Luxembourgish general public in order to generate public interest and fuel civic engagement for the global pact.



ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Reconstruction of a School in Nepal

Education is the key to ensure a better future for children around the world. Access to a quality education is not only part of the Sustainable Development Goals as defined by the United Nations but is also included in the *Youth Empowerment Initiative* of the SOS Children's Villages International 2030 Strategy.

Indeed, quality education can break the vicious circle of poverty by giving children the means to, one day, be able to take care of themselves but also to support their families. It is for this reason that one of the priorities of SOS Children's Villages is to ensure that every child can have access to education either in SOS programs such as Kindergartens, Schools and Vocational Training Centers or in public schools.

Fully aware of the beneficial effects of education, SOS Children's Villages not only supports children in its SOS Villages, but also facilitates access to education for the surrounding communities. Our education in emergencies program in Lebanon (p. 15) is an example of such interventions, the projects in Nepal focus on the same issue but in a completely different context.

The Bhimeshwari school in Bhimtar, near Kathmandu, was completely destroyed following an earthquake in 2015. SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde contributed to the purchase of school materials and the reconstruction of this school. Inaugurated in 2018 in the presence of Siddhartha Kaul, President of SOS Children's Villages International, and Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal, this school has now the capacity to accommodate 700 children in 14 classrooms. It is also equipped with a computer room, a library, a science laboratory and a playground.

This reconstruction was supported by the *Nepal Challenge* organized in 2017 by SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde. Twenty people left Luxembourg for a solidarity challenge: reach the Annapurna Base Camp while raising funds. In addition to the equipment of the school in Bhimtar, the 80,000 euros raised by this challenge have provided two SOS Children's Villages (Kavre, Jorpati) with computer and medical equipment.

A. The computer room of the Bhimtar School in Nepal.

B. Students from Bhimeshwari School.

C. Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal, and Siddhartha Kaul, President of SOS Children's Villages International, at the inauguration of the infrastructure.

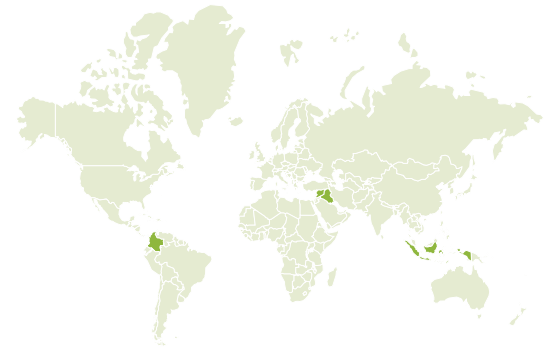


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CONFLICTS AND NATURAL DISASTERS

Emergency Response Programmes

In 2018, thanks to the support of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the European Investment Bank Institute and our generous donors, SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde took action to respond to crises and emergency situations and give communities the means to recover, families to rebuild their lives and children to be protected and cared for.

The Middle East has been at the heart of our action: education in an emergency situation in Lebanon, mental health and psychosocial support in Iraq and reunification of families in Syria are the programs which were put in place in this region. The organization also took measures in South America to assist Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Colombia and in Asia following the natural disasters that ravaged Indonesia.

INDONESIA

Earthquake and tsunami

On the 28th of September 2018, a magnitude 7.4 earthquake shook the territory of Palu and Donggala in Indonesia's central Sulawesi province. Following this disaster, some of the country's coastlines were hit by a tsunami. But the disaster did not stop there. On the 22nd of December, a second tsunami hit the coast of Indonesia, affecting this time the west coast of Java and the south coast of Sumatra. The consequences of these disasters were huge: 1.5 million people have been affected, including 665,000 children, and more than 211,000 people were displaced in camps. In order to help these children and their families living in these camps, SOS Children's Villages Indonesia provided them with "Home-in-a-box" kits containing essential items such as bedding items, kitchen items, children items and other family kits.

Active since the 1970s, SOS Children's Villages Indonesia supports nearly 12,000 children, adolescents and adults in eight localities on four islands (Sumatra, Java, Bali and Flores). Facing numerous natural disasters, the organization continues its emergency assistance program to support children in need. Children in such situations are generally unattended and at risk of abuse and exploitation. They are also psychologically and emotionally vulnerable. That's why SOS Children's Villages Indonesia, with the contribution of SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde, plans to open 9 childcare spaces for 1,500 children between 3 and 15 years old.

In these childcare spaces, children have access to basic services such as distribution of balanced meals and access to drinking water and sanitation. Hygiene training and practice is part of the activity to help children learn good hygiene habits and reduce the risk of infectious diseases. Support classes are also set up and educational materials are being



distributed to help children continue their studies. In order to cope with trauma, painting, storytelling and other fun activities are also offered.

Finally, parents and care givers are supported through coaching in the development of effective parenting skills.



COLOMBIA

Venezuelan refugees and migrants

Active since 1971, SOS Children's Villages Colombia assists more than 11,500 children and adults through its 7 SOS Children's Villages across the country. In addition to its alternative care programs for children who are left alone, the association manages emergency response programmes after natural disasters, as in 2017 following the deadly mudslides which devastated Mocoa.

In June 2018, SOS Children's Villages Colombia started the emergency program "Take my hand" to support Venezuelan refugees and migrants.

Since 2015, 3.4 million people have left Venezuela. More than 1.1 million of them found shelter in Colombia. Given the situation, it is essential to protect children and adolescents from all forms of violence that this kind of situation can cause such as sexual, physical and psychological abuse, exploitation and forced labour.

The program supported in Colombia by SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde aims to strengthen families and prevent their separation. Since the beginning of this program, more than 600 children and 450 parents and care givers have been supported in the departments of La Guajira (north) and Santander (center north) where food parcels and hygiene kits have also been distributed to more 1,900 Venezuelans.

SOS Children's Villages Colombia also helps unaccompanied children refugee while trying to reunite them with their

parents, distant family members or relatives who are willing to welcome them in their home.

Finally, children in these situations are exposed to traumatic events and need psychological support. These problems are more difficult to detect and require specialized care, as this type of situation has long-term consequences. This is why the organization has also opened Child Friendly Spaces in Villa del Sur, Riohacha, Maicao and Uribe where hundreds of children and young people can get access to psychological support and engage in educational and recreational activities.

A. An SOS co-worker with a young girl in the SOS Child Friendly Space in La Guajira.



LEBANON

Education in emergencies

The Syrian conflict which began in 2011 has had a significant impact on the subregion (Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt) with the displacement of more than five million refugees. After Turkey, Lebanon hosts the largest number of Syrian refugees. Today, this Syrian refugee population living in Lebanon is estimated at about 1,500,000 people more than 50% of whom are minors.

This situation creates many problems: about 50% of Syrian children and young people living in Lebanon do not attend school. Moreover, even when they are in school, the majority of these children suffer from trauma resulting from the situations they have experienced, traumas that require specific care which is not accessible in these establishments.

In addition, the job market in Lebanon does not offer real prospects for those who don't have a diploma or a profession. This means that job opportunities for young Syrians are very low. Without education or vocational training, these young people have the risk to be subjected to dangerous work, to get married too early or even to be recruited into armed groups or to fall into negative behavioural spirals.

Finally, we must not forget the disadvantaged young Lebanese living in those host communities whose pre-existing vulnerability is exacerbated by the influx of refugees.

It is for all these reasons that SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde has decided to support a project in Lebanon that aims to provide training adapted to children and young Syrian refugees and from Lebanese families living in the Bekaa Valley. 2018 was therefore dedicated to the construction of the new education and vocational training center at the entrance of the SOS Children's Village in Ksarnaba. Through this project, 770 children aged 6 to 21 will receive life skills classes, computer literacy, basic education combined

with psychosocial support or practical vocational training. These skills will facilitate their employability. More than a response to an emergency, this support will improve the quality of life of these children and their families in the long term.

A. The vocational training and e-learning center in Ksarnaba, Lebanon.
B. Syrian children in a refugee camp in the Bekaa valley in Lebanon.
C. Education and vocational training help improving the quality of life for children.





THANK
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HELP US HELP THEM

How Can You Help?

Delivering large-scale, long-term projects wouldn't be possible without the invaluable support of all our donors and friends of SOS. All our beneficiaries, especially the children, need your support to be able to grow up in a better world. There are more ways to support our projects than you can imagine!

Help to finance our projects by

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- **sponsoring a child** or one of the **SOS Villages**
- organising **your own fund-raising** (eg. on our Facebook page).

Helping does not only mean giving financial support. You can also support us by **sharing our mission** and our vision with people you know, by getting involved as a **volunteer** or by getting involved as a **corporate partner**.

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2018 AT A GLANCE

A Financial Overview

The funds collected and managed by SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde in 2018 amounted to 6,421,122 euros, representing an increase of 6% compared to 2017. As in the previous year, a significant part of these funds (46%) comes from public entities (Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs-MAEE, public actors, Institute of the European Investment Bank).

The year 2018 was the second year of implementation of the Framework Agreement signed with the MFEA in January 2017 for a total amount of 11.25 million € and a duration of five years. Child protection, economic strengthening and educational activities at a community level, as well as capacity building of mobilized local actors, were carried out in the 12 Community Support Programs for the Protection of Children (PACOPE) in Mali, Niger, Senegal and Guinea. In Uzbekistan, the fifth country covered by the Framework Agreement, links with social, state and civil society actors have been further strengthened to provide care for vulnerable children and families in the form of welfare.

Emergency response programs also continued in 2018. In Syria, in a particularly complicated context of intervention, a program aims at ensuring the reunification process of unaccompanied children with their biological family, often separated due to the civil conflict in the region (end of the project planned in 2019). But also in Lebanon where a program was launched at the beginning of the year in the Bekaa valley, with the main objective of offering training to over 770 young Syrians and Lebanese affected by the crisis. This is achieved through the establishment of a vocational training center as well as adapted training courses (end of the project also planned for 2019). In addition, it is worth mentioning the start of a two-year project in the fourth quarter of 2018 that will provide mental health and psychosocial support services to families (women, children and youth) that are displaced or on their way back after the armed conflict in the governorate of Ninewa in northern Iraq.

The EIB Institute, a loyal financial partner, once again supported SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde by making available a total budget of 145,833 euros for two emergency response projects, one for Venezuelan refugees in Colombia (62,500 euros) and the other in response to the magnitude 7.4 earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia's Palu and Donggala districts (83,333 euros).

The related expenses are not included in the 2018 balance sheet's expenses because they were only transferred at the beginning of 2019 to the local partner associations.

The financial support of 3,312 SOS sponsors, with a total contribution of more than 1.53 million euros, made it possible to sponsor 4,187 children and villages in some 100 countries around the world.

Thanks to the loyalty of its many donors, public and private partners as well as the efficient management of the collected funds, SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde was able to allocate nearly 90 euros out of 100 euros received to the direct beneficiaries of its programs (children and vulnerable families) in Africa, Central America, South America, Asia and Eastern Europe.

Transparency and sound financial management

SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde commits to the rigorous and professional management of its funds. Internal control mechanisms ensure transparency, accuracy of capital flow as well as receipts and expenditures conforming to the budget previously approved by the Board of Directors. In 2018 a General Assembly and two Board Meetings enabled the good development of the association.

In 2011 the non-profit organisation "Don en confiance" (Donating with confidence) was created with SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde as one of its founding members. The association's accounts, set up according to Luxembourg's legal and regulatory provisions and generally accepted accounting procedures for the NGO sector, are monitored annually by an independent company auditor. According to the report by company auditors Horus Audit & Associés S.à r.l., the 2018 accounts of SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde give a true and fair view of the assets and financial situation of the association.



RESULT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018 (in EUR)

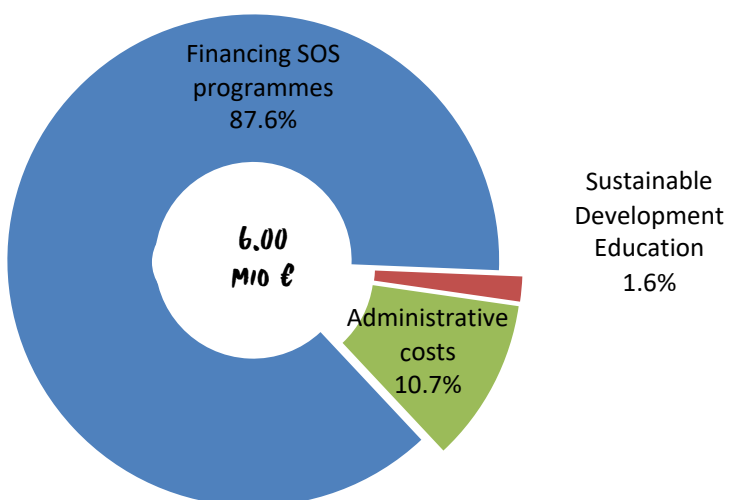
REVENUES	
Private funds	3,583,270
Public funds	2,818,642
MFA Project Funds	2,490,815
Subsidies	327,826
Other incomes	19,210
TOTAL REVENUES	6,421,122

EXPENSES	
Financing SOS Programmes	5,255,353
Community Empowerment Programmes	3,057,886
GUINEA	1,017,275
MALI	497,575
NIGER	665,402
SENEGAL	745,651
UZBEKISTAN	131,984
Emergency Response Programmes	386,375
IRAQ	43,589
LEBANON	192,097
SYRIA	150,689
SOS Programmes & Infrastructure Support	278,863
CAPE VERDE	10,444
ETHIOPIA	6,828
NEPAL	52,218
NIGER	36,529
RUSSIA	32,957
SENEGAL	1,730
OTHER PROGRAMMES AND INFRASTRUCTURES	138,158
SOS Villages & Children Sponsorships and Sponsorgifts	1,532,229
Sustainable Development Education	98,212
Overhead and administrative costs	644,123
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,997,688

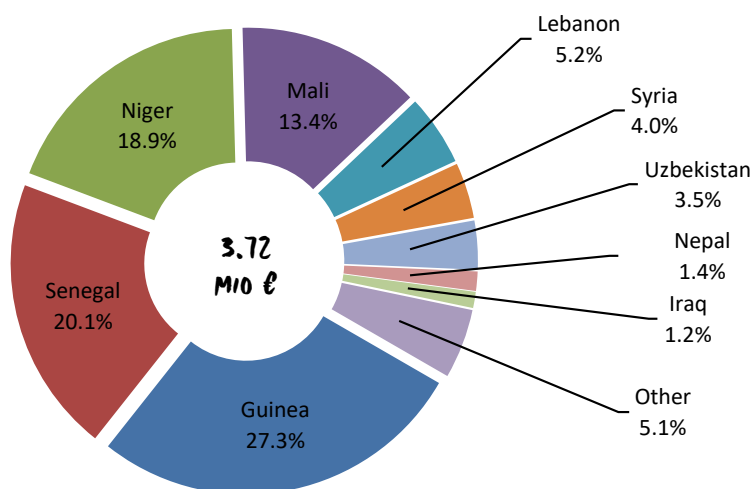
RESULT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR (in EUR)	423,434
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Since the 2018 fiscal year, SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde has differentiated its accounting between its own funds and the public funds under management allocated by the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs for its development and emergency as well as sustainable development education programs. Funds under management by program are presented in the form of off-balance sheet commitments in the associations annual accounts. The audited financial result for the 2018 financial year amounts accordingly to EUR 36,845.95.

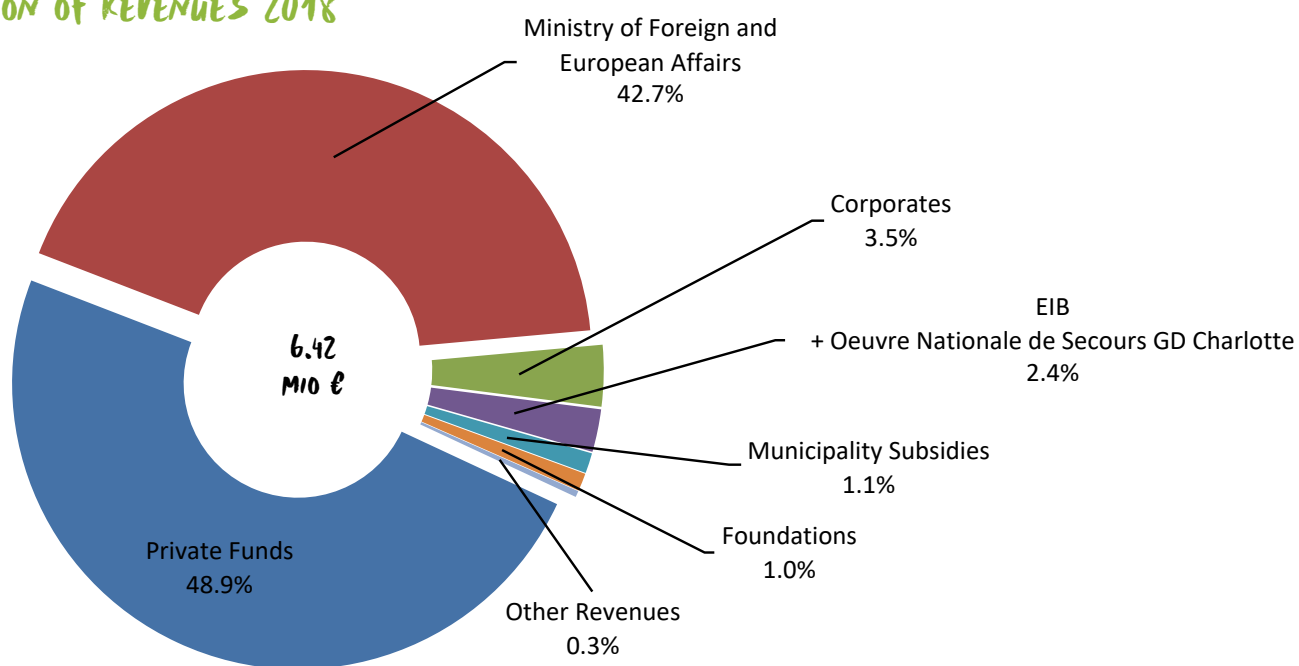
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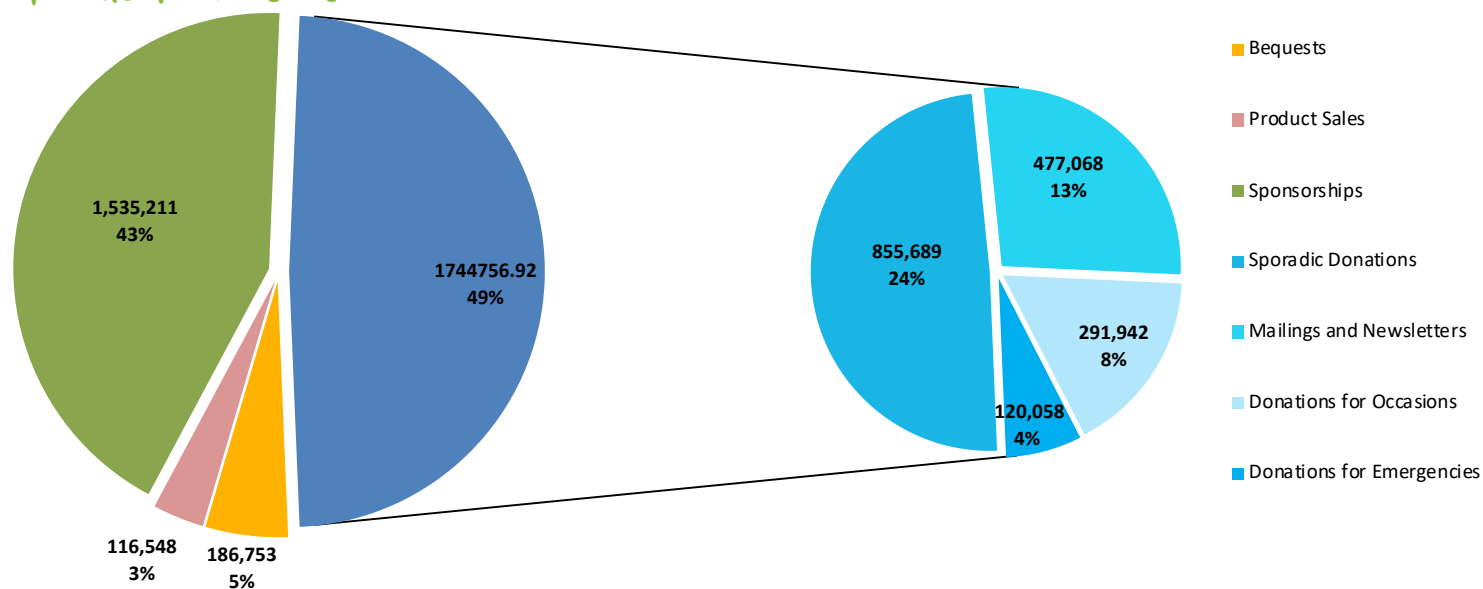
PROGRAMMES FINANCED IN 2018 BY COUNTRY



DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES 2018



PRIVATE FUNDS 2018



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