



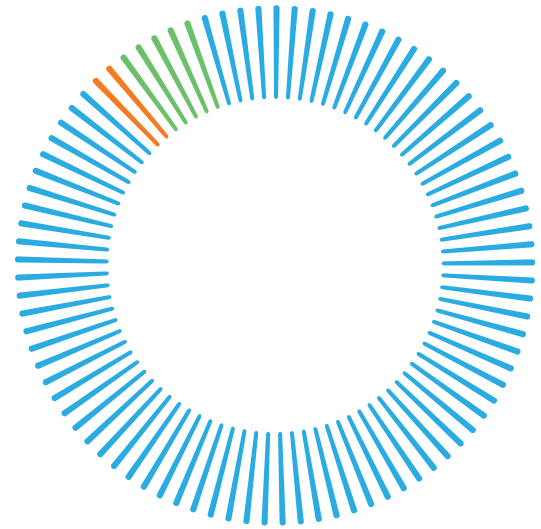
# Rebuilding Lives



### TOTAL EXPENDITURES 2020

FOR SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES - PALESTINE USD 4,320,676

Along with the wide spread of the covid-19 pandemic we increased our effort and focus on helping children without adequate parental care or at risk losing it, as well as prevention of family separation. All this is reflected in more 87 % of SOS Children's Villages Palestine expenditures that covers our programmes in SOS Family Care, Family Strengthening, and Education.



**87%**

**10%**

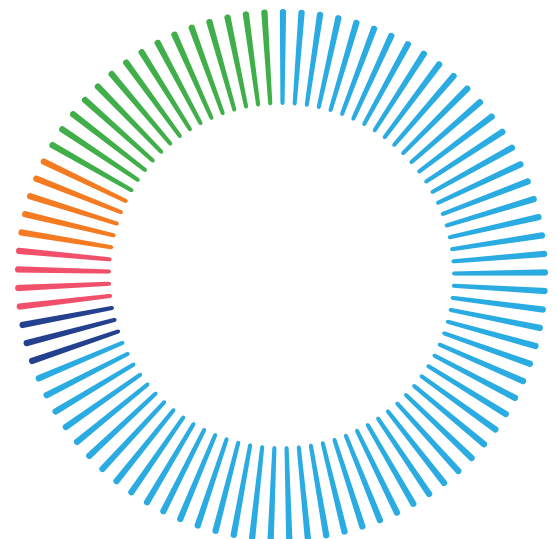
**3%**

Percentage of budget spent on programmes    Percentage of budget spent on administration    Percentage of budget spent on fundraising

### FUNDRAISING INCOME 2020:

TOTAL LOCAL FUNDRAISING INCOME 2020 FOR SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES PALESTINE USD 456,399 \$

As an integral part of the Palestinian community, we believe that financial support from the surrounding community is essential to our success. In 2020, we reached over 616 individual and corporate donors joining together to support vulnerable children and families in Palestine.



**34 %**

**27 %**

**14 %**

**13 %**

**3 %**

**9%**

Percentage from Institutions    Percentage from individual givers    Percentage from major donors    Percentage from corporates    Percentage from Government Subsidies    Percentage from In Kind

# Institutional & Corporate Donors in 2020

Significant Major Donors
Hammad H. Harazeen
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Institutional Partners
Haj Hashem Atta Shawa Charitable Foundation
(Palestine Association for Children's Encouragement of Sports (PACES
World Vision
Canada Feminist Fund CFF
Corporate Donors
Arab Palestinian Investment Company (APIC)
Quds Bank
Akram Sbitany and Sons. Company
Supporting Friends
Jawwal Employees
Austrian Empassy
Wakfet Izz Fund
International Bank Group

# GIVING BACK IN PALESTINE

2020 was a tough year for all , but with partners' continuous support they showed commitment to give back to the Palestinian society. They gave loving homes and education to children, empowerment and leadership opportunities to youth, and economic opportunities to families. Here are their contributions:

## **Hammad H. Harazeen**

We proudly received the significant annual donation from Mr. Hamad H. Harazeen, who generously contributes each year in covering several costs of Bethlehem and Rafah villages at SOS Children's Villages – Palestine.

## **Zuhdi Dajani**

Dr. Zuhdi Dajani is an Arab-American cardiologist who has been residing and working in the US for the past 40 years. Dr. Dajani has been instrumental in helping Palestinian children who have no family support via donating to SOS especially during the Corona pandemic last year.

## **Haj Hashem Atta Shawa Charitable Fund**

The Fund contributes annually to benefit children at SOS Children's Village in Rafah, who sponsored more than 90 children with a certain donation amount per child.

## **Jawwal Employees**

There are 80 givers from Jawwal employees contributing to monthly and continuous donation generously to the children at SOS Children's Villages Pales-

## **Palestine Association for Children's Encouragement of Sports (PACES)**

PACES supported around 400 families in Family Strengthening Programmes of SOS Children's Villages in Bethlehem and Hebron. It provided food packages for the most vulnerable families including 1400 children under risk of losing parental care.

## **World vision**

It provided families and children in Family Strengthening and SOS Family Care programmes with emergency and food packages as well as hygiene kit to cope with covid pandemic.

## **Canada Feminist Fund**

Canada Feminist Fund supported SOS Children's Village Programme in Bethlehem through the funding of Transgenerational Inherited Trauma Healing Project.

## **Wakfet Izz Fund**

Due to covid-19 pandemic the Palestinian Government created this fund in order to help Palestinian workers and organizations whom suffered economically due to closures and wide spread quarantine. This fund donated part of its revenues to SOS Children's Villages as part of its mission.

## **International Bank Group**

World Bank Employees dedicated part of their annual Giving Campaign to the children at SOS Children's Villages in Palestine. They helped in flourishing the gardens at the entrance of SOS Village houses .

## **Quds Bank**

Quds Bank contributed in "Light their future" campaign which contributes to shaping the future of children at SOS Children's Villages Palestine. The bank donated one shekel to every electronic transfer

## **A. Sbitany & Sons Co. Ltd**

Sbitany supported SOS Children's Villages through "We Care" social responsibility programme. As it contributed to providing SOS Children's Village in Bethlehem with home appliances needed for SOS Families for more than 6 years.

## **Austrian Embassy**

The Austrian Embassy visited SOS Children's Village in Bethlehem and provided educational gifts for children along with hygiene kit for the use of children and to protect them from Covid-19 infections.

## **Arab Palestinian Investment Company (APIC)**

APIC has been sponsoring a house of nine children and an SOS mother at SOS Children's Villages Palestine for the past seven years. This year APIC provided electronic tablet devices for children at Mama Wisam home in order to be able to join online education. APIC had been the major corporate partner for Youth Can! Global Programme which supported SOS youth through Youth Links platform.



# Family Strengthening

## Rafah Programme



### Bird Breeding Project Gave Life And Better Future To Mustafa And His Grand-Parents

Fathi, 63 old joined the Family Strengthening Programme in 2017 due to the difficult economic conditions that he and most families in the Gaza Strip live. Fathi has taken care of his 13-year-old grandson, Mustafa \*, since he was an infant at the age of two months, when he lost his father and had no one to take care of him. Grandpa Fathi now owns a successful bird breeding small business to support his family.

**"We used to wait for food packages and support from charitable organizations, but now we are self-reliant thanks to the project that enabled me to provide my family's food needs." . says Fathi.**

Despite his old age, Fathi was able to take care of his grandson and participated in the psychosocial support sessions provided by the Family Strengthening Programme social workers. In addition, he participated in parenting sessions, and trainings around life skills, child rights, and domestic violence, which helped him build his skills for raising up his grandson. Furthermore, he become the loving and caring embrace that Mustafa missed since he was a kid. He also received social support from volunteers working in the Family Strengthening Programme, which enhanced his ability to take care of his grandson and provide him with collective care.

The grandfather Fathi did not complete his primary education and became unemployed. But with Mustafa's presence and his need for the care of his grandfather and grandmother, it became necessary for the Fathi to develop his life skills so that he can take care of Mustafa and provide him with the care he needs in all aspects of his life.

Theoretical training on income-generating project management was provided to Fathi through SOS Children's Village Family Strengthening Programme in Rafah. During the year 2019 he became able and qualified to manage his project by himself, and its implementation began in 2020. Now, he achieved self- reliance and dependent on himself.

**Mustafa says: "I enjoy helping my grandfather in caring for and feeding the birds. His presence next to me gives me the feeling that I have someone who loves me and cares about my future."**

# Family Strengthening

## Southern West Bank (Bethlehem & Hebron) Programme



### Nahida's Dream Came True by Launching Her Sports' Clothes and Equipment Shop

Nahida, 41 years old, owns a shop that sells sports' clothes and equipment in Al Samou ' town south-west of Hebron. Nahida received financial support to open her project shortly before the spread of covid-19 pandemic, but it is one of the few projects that continued successfully and maintained its viability during the pandemic.

**"I challenged everything to have a complete sports clothes and equipment shop, it includes sports equipment, clothes, and shoes."**

Nahida has seven children, six of them under the age of eighteen. She went through difficult circumstances that affected her husband's ability to work and his ability to support and care for their children. But she did not give up and went through many stages before starting the project. She went to Al Aqsa Association, the partner association for SOS Children's Villages Palestine, and asked for help. Nahida received psychosocial support and empowerment trainings. The association worked on rehabilitating her home so that the environment would be healthy for embracing the family and children. SOS Volunteer Fadia also monitored the family's situation on an ongoing basis. About this, volunteer and social worker Fadia says: "What makes Nahida strong is her passion for challenge at work and her perseverance to be at a successful level."

The project currently secures her requirements and those of her children in terms of household expenses, clothes and education. Nahida and her husband take turns working in the Sports Clothes and Equipment's Shop. She says: **"The day I opened my project was the most beautiful day of my life."**

**"Most of the families that join our program suffer from difficult economic conditions, and this threatens their unification and may cause the family to breakdown."**

Reem Al-Awar, a social worker in the SOS Family strengthening Programme.

Nahida was able to build the future of one of her children, who is now at university, and she hopes to



## Mays Spells : Family, Brothers and Sisters

Mays says, "I was afraid to play guessing game with my brothers, but when I won and Mama gave me a gift, I loved to play it every day."



Mays spells : Family, Brothers and Sisters  
Seven-year-old Mays lives at SOS Children's Village in Rafah with her foster family of 7 children and an SOS Mother. She studies in the second grade at Hermann Gmeiner School in the village.

**"She is benefiting from the school gradually, and she is receiving basic lessons in Arabic language as well," said Lamia, a teacher, of Mays.**

Mays has made many friends, interacts with them, plays during her spare time, learns to improve her spelling, and participates in all class activities, unlike her first weeks at the village.

In the evening, when the family gathers together with Mama Hanan, the children play guessing game and Mays spells the letters with her siblings. Mama Hanan usually gives the winner a motivational gift. Mays's gift was a new pencil case with her favorite cartoon. Among the words that she was able to spell: **"family, brothers, sisters"**

At the beginning of her joining the SOS Children's Village in Rafah, Mays did not like to participate much in activities, ignored her homeworks, and interacted only with specific peers in her class. When asked to join the group's activities, she used to refuse and became unhappy.

When Miss Lamiaa saw that Mays needed follow-up, and after communicating with her biological family and the support sessions from the teachers, it appeared that she suffers from poor vision and needs glasses to help her see, read, write and learn well.

Mays has a beautiful handwriting according to her teacher, in addition to that she has many friends at school and at SOS Children's Village, which helped her to regain her confidence and improve her grades at school.



# SOS Education

## Bethlehem

### Even If We Missed Things We Love In Life Another Day Will Come Holding A New Rising Hope

Mayada is a nineteen-years-old youth who lived 10 years of her life at SOS Children's Village in Bethlehem, in which she joined with her sister after losing parental care at the age of eight.

Mayada graduated from SOS Children's Villages and is now working independently under the training and supervision of the Life Gate Rehabilitation organization, which works to rehabilitate children, youth and individuals with learning difficulties. Mayada works as a trainee chef assistant in the organizations' kitchen, where she trained for more than two years, and then she was chosen to work for the organization and receives direct social support from it.

**Mayada: "I liked my work a lot here. All the employees love my work and I spend my free time in something useful and training."**

She suffered from lack of attention due to the absence of her parents, as she lost safety and love. Since she came to the SOS Children's Village, the journey of development began, as she was admitted to the Holy Child School, which is a specialized school for working with children who suffer from slow learning. Mayada was simple, loving and cooperating girls.

When Mayada moved to live in the SOS Children's Village Youth House at the age of fourteen, specialists began working to empower her to start taking responsibility for herself. Then she was transferred to the Life Gate Rehabilitation, which is an institution that cares for slow learners and helps them acquire a profession through which they can support themselves. Later, Mayada started learning the profession of chef assistant and the focus was on teaching her basic skills such as Arabic language and mathematics. The Life Gate also contributed to developing her personality and providing her with basic life skills.

During this period, what she had hoped for and what she had dreamed of all the time came true. She returned to live the rest of her life with her mother and sister and reunited again with them. Mayada finished her studies for two years and then trained extensively, and obtained an academic certificate that will help her to get a suitable job in the future.

**"It was necessary to provide a paid training opportunity for Mayada as a chef assistant in the kitchen of the Life Gate Rehabilitation. In which along with our extensive care for Mayada this organization helped Mayada to depend on herself."** Inas Odeh , psychosocial specialist







## Wael's Creativity Exceeded The Limits Of The Corona

Wael, 23, is active socially and academically in his surroundings in Khan Yunis, in the Gaza Strip. He overcame multiple crises and worked in several aspects of society as an animator and graphic designer, in addition to possessing technical skills in computer maintenance. All this and with the spread of Corona virus this year, Wael employed him to gain more experiences that helped him overcome obstacles and work remotely in e-marketing using social media. In defiance of the difficult economic and social situation in the Gaza Strip.

**"I had great energies, I did not know how to use them until I participated in the e-marketing course. With Corona, I knew that I can work from home without having to go out." Wael**

Wael is still a student at the University of Palestine, studying accounting, in addition to joining the activities of the SOS Children's Village Empowerment and Employment

project since 2018. Among the activities that encourage integration with the English language, life skills, professional development, computer skills, and design using Photoshop and Computer maintenance in addition to designing web pages.

The project contributed to the development of its capabilities with a quick index compared to its peers. At the beginning, Wael had some barriers with the surrounding environment, although he is distinguished by his motivation, motivation and speed of learning.

The project coordinator in the Gaza Strip says, **"During more than 3 years, Wael spent navigating the project's activities, he acquired skills that helped him volunteer in several NGOs and temporary work in some of them."**

The young man's roles varied primarily as a graphic designer, activist, and secretary, and recently he worked as a trainer in workshops to improve the masculinity concept for the youth category. He is also one of the effective trainers in the peer training of the youth empowerment and employment project, and he contributes to refining the skills of adolescents with the skills he learned during the period of his benefiting from the project.

Ali, 19 years old, **"Wael always helps me remember the techniques we learned during the training. I always ask him when I have difficulties using the computer."**

During the Corona pandemic, Wael's societal work was affected, but to overcome the crisis, he moved in his training and work from face presence to social distancing as a necessity to prevent the pandemic that has spread in an unprecedented way in the Gaza Strip. Wael realized that he has an irreplaceable opportunity to change his reality and work to employ his acquired skills in a job that contributes to supporting his family and helps him overcome the economic obstacles that the pandemic has made worse.

He started working remotely using social networking sites, workgroups, and communication applications such as Zoom, Google, and others. Which provided him with a small income in exchange for some electronic services such as marketing and graphic design. The young man still hopes to gain more experiences that will help him build a better future and a bright independent life



## A Day In The Life Of The young Maya

Maya always dreamed of taking leadership roles in her surroundings! She participated in human rights trainings and learned how to document violations against children's rights and the complaints mechanism with the official authorities. She also passed the knowledge to her siblings in SOS Youth house. Her dream came true when she was sixteen years old. The head of the Juvenile Prosecution Office invited her to take up his duties for the whole day and live the leading role in defending children's rights.

Maya, accompanied by the supervisor at the SOS Youth House, went to the Juvenile Prosecution Office for the introductory visit. Informed about its field and operational procedures.

Maya lived in the SOS Children's Village in Bethlehem from a very early age. She did not hesitate to participate in all activities related to children and their rights. She participated in the elections for the Palestinian Children's Council and won membership. This enabled her to continue dreaming and learning for a better future. Maya now lives with her older sisters in the SOS Youth House. She dreams to have a promising future while studying law.

She asked, "My dream is to study rights in the future and defend children's rights. Can I work here when I finish my studies?"

"We hope, by hosting this young girl, that she will pass on what she has learned from her tour to children and adolescents of her age" said Thaer Khalil, head of the Juvenile Prosecution.

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### All Children Should Live In A Family That Will Support Them To Reach Their Full Potential.

Rana is a ten years old child who lives at SOS Children's Village in Rafah and studies at Herman Gmeiner School in Rafah. She won in the Art Competition at school with Mama Nahla's support her SOS mother. Mama Nahla takes care of seven children at the SOS Children's Village in Rafah and has been working for 20 years as an Alternative SOS Mother. During which she took care of dozens of children and offered them the love and care that they lost in all aspects of their lives, up to moments of distinction and creativity, such as the moment in which Rana won the second level prize in the Art Competition at the level of Rafah governorate. Mama Nahla: **"The thing that I prefer most about my work as an Alternative SOS Mother is giving children full care and attention psychologically, academically and socially."**

As a child, Rana watched her friends read and write and tried to imitate them. She couldn't do so at the beginning. Rana used to be silent and never participated in activities with other children, nor had been able to talk about her dreams or desires. Now, she is more active and energetic after years of hard work and dedication when her SOS mother helped her to overcome all difficulties.

"Her smile is back; I can see her bright eyes happy more than ever" says her SOS Mother Rana holding her painting that she gained the first level with at Herman Gmeiner School. After winning the second level in the arts competition in Rafah governorate schools' competition, she gained more confidence and self-esteem to aspire to become an artist. She dedicated her trophy to her SOS family.

"I consider my daughter Rana distinguished by her talent in drawing, her participation in drawing competitions and winning high ranks brings me pride. I like to talk about her to everyone and enhance her self-confidence in front of her siblings."

Such as all Alternative SOS Mothers; Mama Nahla tried to overcome the covid-19 quarantine by spending time attending awareness sessions on precautionary procedures and how to avoid virus infections. She also provided psychosocial support to her children through fun activities and spent time with them practicing their hobbies such as drawing and reading in addition to teaching embroidery. Which makes an attempt to build happy childhood moments for her children, strengthen their family ties and draw their future to reach their full potential and discover creativity in their personalities.



# SOS Children's Village Bethlehem Updates



## Loving and Caring Mothers For All

Mama Nabila had been working as SOS Mother at SOS Children's Villages Palestine for 24 years. Currently she is taking care of 8 children at an SOS family house within SOS Children's Village in Bethlehem.

**"I take care of children who lack parental care and needs my support in all life aspects"**

The thing that Mama Nabila appreciates most about working as an SOS mother is being able to give children the love and support which they missed the most. Because Children or young people who has no family, or their safety and well-being depend upon being in a more supportive family environment, are brought to live under a safe and stable loving home at SOS children's Villages. With brothers and sisters and a caring SOS Mother. This is \*Ahmad he lives with his SOS family. SOS Children's Villages gave him the chance for a life full of possibility. He now has the basics of life, a loving home, someone to cook for him, a healthy life, and education. Beyond these basics, he has the opportunity to develop. When he came he was a very shy child. Now, with the love and safety from Mama Nabila, he is able to express himself. He overcame many obstacles and Mama Nabila now counts on him with helping with his brothers and sisters.

Mama Nabila knows that she must continue to support \*Ahmad future development so that he has the chance to become an independent and successful adult:

**"It is very important for \*Ahmad to continue his education and go to college. I'm proud that I raised him to be a strong boy and looking forward to see his graduation in the future"**



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9-Palestine Association for Children's Encouragement of Sports (PACES) supports about 400 families from the SOS Children's Villages Family Empowerment Program in Bethlehem and Hebron

This year, PACES signed a cooperation agreement with SOS Children's Villages Palestine to support nearly 400 families from SOS Family Strengthening Programme in the Bethlehem and Hebron governorates, which includes about 1,400 children in their custody. This support came under the framework of the Covid-19 initiative launched by PACES to provide emergency aid to entities and communities affected by the Covid-19 crisis. For those to overcome the negative effects and additional costs borne by organizations due to the increase in current expenses and limited resources. Through this support, food parcels were provided to the most vulnerable families including children at risk of losing family care.



## 10-New Community Partnerships in Gaza Strip

SOS Children's Villages Palestine and Aisha Association for Women and Child Protection signed a memorandum of understanding within the framework of Family Strengthening Programme, which works to support families to achieve economic and mental independence to rebuild their capabilities, as it includes vulnerable families in dire need of support.

As the program ensures the empowerment of families and providing them with basic services such as proper feeding systems, improving living conditions, and providing health services. In addition to providing skills and knowledge for caregivers, enabling them to serve their children appropriately. And ensuring financial resources through income-generating activities for each family in order to prevent disintegration of those families.



## 11-Fun Day for Children and SOS Mothers at SOS Children's Village in Bethehem

The Governor of Ramallah and Al-Bireh Dr. Laila Ghannam sponsored a Fun Day activitie for children and mothers at SOS Children's Village in Bethlehem, in the presence of the Governor of Bethlehem, Kamel Hamid, the Ambassador of the State of Malta to Palestine Robin Guetcci and the Director of Bethlehem Governorate Police Tariq Al-Hajj. The fun day included outdoor meals, games, sharing gifts, and visits to the homes of SOS Village.

Dr. Ghannam praised the SOS Children's Village, considering it as a human factory that always works to raise the quality of services provided to children, take care of them, develop their skills, and protect them from family disintegration.



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2020

## 6-Injaz Palestine and SOS Children's Villages Palestine Starts Cooperation for The Benefit of SOS Youth

Injaz Palestine signed a memorandum of understanding with SOS Children's Villages in the field of holding training courses for SOS youth regarding work and leadership skills, with the aim of developing their capabilities and qualifying them in different life aspects.



## 7-SOS Palestine and World Vision Jerusalem – West Bank – Gaza Are Heading to Support the Most Vulnerable Families In Palestine

SOS Children's Villages Palestine signed a partnership agreement with World Vision Jerusalem – West Bank – Gaza (JWG), under the Family Strengthening and SOS Family Care Programmes.

The agreement between the two partners aim to provide children and their families with emergency supplies, including food packages and hygiene kits, during the coronavirus pandemic. This partnership came within the frame of World Vision JWG response to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestine.

SOS children's Villages Palestine's Institutional Partnership efforts are strengthened along with Covid-19 pandemic spread in the world. As it is necessary to head for new partners in the same humanitarian field to cover the needs of families and children under our care.



## 8-SOS Children's Villages and the Canadian Feminist Fund celebrate the closure of the Transgenerational Inherited Trauma Project, the first of its kind in Palestine

The SOS Children's Village Programme in Bethlehem celebrated the closure of the Transgenerational Inherited Trauma Project, funded by the Canadian Feminist Fund. Which targeted SOS mothers and social workers working in the SOS Children's Village in Bethlehem. The project is the first of its kind in Palestine that targets the traumas inherited over generations from a scientifically refined perspective.

Female specialists and mothers graduated from the training with new experience to be added to their professional careers. A booklet was prepared on the subject of Inherited Trauma through generations and made available in soft and hard copies for the benefit of researchers in this field. It is worth noting that the partnership of SOS Children's Villages Palestine and the Canadian Feminist Fund is for the second year in a row.





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## 3-Ramadan Iftars and Joy in 2020

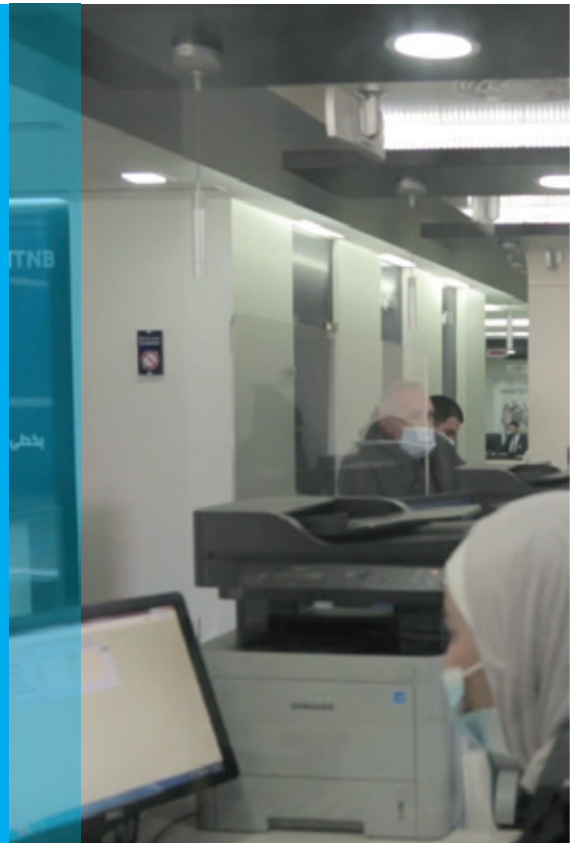
Your Zakat brings joy to children! is the main campaign that SOS Children's Villages Palestine launches every year during Ramadan. In order to raise support for children who lost parental care at SOS Children's Villages . Ramadan is the season that children share their joyful times with others in the community. But due to covid-19 this year many of the activities were postponed to protect the lives of children. Despite that, we hosted some activities in open air with the European Union, Mr.Ok theatre, and Shadi W Ana Association.



## 4-APIC and TNB are main partners for YouyhCan! Global SOS Children's Villages Programme

As part of the implementation for the global YouthCan! Programme which includes 5,700 young men and women in 31 countries around the world, including Palestine. The programme aims to provide young people in our care with the skills they need to move to independence and find decent work reaching a bright future. The Arab Palestinian Investment Company - APIC has given 14 young men and women from SOS programmes in Bethlehem and Rafah the opportunity to receive practical training and advice that will benefit them in launching into the labor market. This is through a distant learning platform that enables youth to communicate with experts and administrative mentors in partner companies to develop their skills and benefit from experiences' mentors have in the labor market and transfer their expertise to young people.

The National Bank, TNB, also participated in practical training for a number of young women and men in SOS Children's Villages, in order to enhance their ability to adapt to the work environment, rebuild their personalities and motivate them to develop.



## 5-Towards a Better Life" Agreement among Mr. Ok Theatre and SOS Children's Villages Palestine

SOS Children's Villages works with all parties that are in line with its mission and vision in building families for children in need and help them shape their future and participate in the development of their communities.

SOS Children's Villages National Director Mr. Mohammad Al-Shalalkeh, and the Director of Mr.Ok Theatre Mrs. Mary Samaan signed the partnership agreement within the framework of a previous long-term partnership 6 years ago. So today, it is a binding agreement to support the children of SOS villages and mothers who provide family care in the village.



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2020

## 1-How SOS Children's Villages dealt with Covid-19 Challenges

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect all aspects of our lives since the end of 2019, but SOS Children's Villages Palestine's ability and capacities to absorb and overcome crises is nothing new since its establishment in 1968. As the organization was able to continue its work as normally as possible despite the pandemic and quarantine procedures.

Working with the target groups remotely or between SOS Children's Villages staff and its partners was not difficult, as the organization has always sought to provide means of communication and technology within the reach of its co-workers. SOS Children's Villages Administration has also developed new action plans and follow-up mechanisms to confront the pandemic and maintain contact with the beneficiaries in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Co-workers in programmes also continued their work with rapid response to the needs of families, youth and children in our care, and to generalize the experience and benefit SOS partners, the field workers in Family Strengthening Programme allocated a telephone line for psychosocial support during the covid-19 pandemic to serve the beneficiaries of SOS Children's Villages and others from the Palestinian community. In addition, SOS Children's Villages Palestine donated a mobile clinic for the benefit and use of the Palestinian Ministry of Health in light of the widespread of the pandemic, to be used as a center to conduct Corona tests.



## 2-The Palestinian Telecommunication Group – PALTEL donates solar energy cells for SOS Children's Village in Rafah

The Palestinian Telecom Group, the sponsoring partner of SOS youth education in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, has made a generous donation to set up a solar energy system at SOS Children's Village in Rafah. Solar cells is sufficient for the village's need of electricity also provided in light of electricity shortage in Gaza Strip, which ensures the provision of basic life resources to 14 homes within SOS Children's Village in Rafah, which includes about 100 children and 17 mothers and aunts.





## The West Bank and Gaza Strip



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**Children and Youth**  
**705 Families**



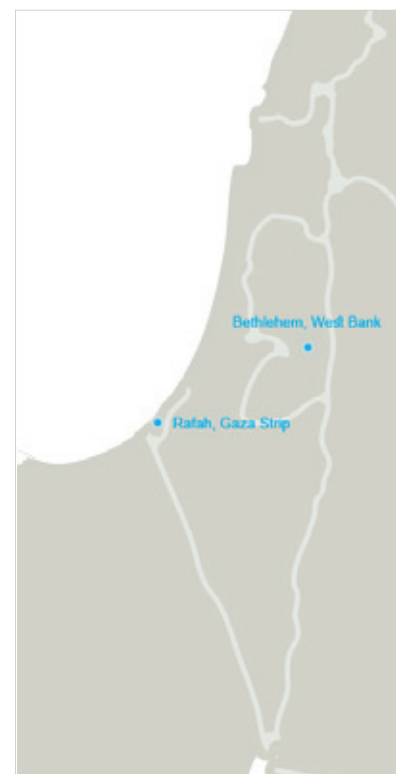
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**Children and Youth**



**Care services**



**Educational services**



101 years ago, Herman Gmeiner, the founder of SOS Children's Villages, was born. Hermann Gmeiner envisioned a new way to care for children left without parents after the Second World War. Through this concept, he hoped that no child in the world would have to grow up alone. His vision today can be seen in 136 countries around the world.

"... All the children of this world are our children. The day when we can say this with full conviction will be the start of peace on earth."



## Introduction

# ONE YEAR AFTER COVID-19 CHALLENGES, BUT WE STILL HAVE SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS ALONG



Mohammad Shalaldeh  
National Director  
SOS Children's Villages Palestine

### Our donors, supporters and dear friends.

To begin with, I would like to thank you for the support you have offered to us during the year 2020! With your support, we have continued to provide care for children, young people and families at SOS Children's Villages Palestine. Together, we will continue working in the upcoming year to achieve a better thriving future for them.

The change that had happened to the world because of the Covid-19 pandemic has set back efforts to stabilize families and children. The crises that have resulted from the pandemic since the beginning of the year 2020 in Palestine and the world have affected millions of children and threatened their stability in a safe family environment.

SOS Children's Villages Palestine realizes that its' ex

istence is one of the most important corner stones of the Palestinian State's governmental organizations regarding providing quality care and safe and caring environment for the child to grow and reach their full potential. This obliges us, as an international member organization, to continue to work on developing our programs and services to meet the needs of the beneficiaries, in addition to expanding the base of beneficiaries from SOS Children's Villages services in the southern West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The biggest challenges caused by the pandemic in 2020 was in the situation of Palestinian youth, where many young people suffered due to the suspension of their entrepreneurial projects, but SOS Children's Villages were and are still in the field with families, children and youth to help them overcome the difficulties that were generated as a result of the pandemic. We offered psycho-social and financial support, in addition to providing young people with electronic devices that facilitated the process of communicating with them to proceed in empowerment and employability trainings.

Therefore, we look forward to a new year full of opportunities, partnerships, and new innovative solutions in alternative care, in addition to serious prospects in empowering vulnerable families on the ground to prevent their disintegration, developing the capabilities of young women and men under our care, advocating for and promoting children's rights and investing in providing local regular support from the Palestinian society to reach sustainability. In line with and achieving our strategy in SOS Children's Villages International 2030.

With all due respect and apprecaiation,

**Mohammad Shalaldeh**  
National Director

## Rebuilding Lives .... Hope after a tough year

Your Support had always brought smiles to children's faces. Thanks to your generosity and supporting our work in 2020

❤️ 224

224 children and young people who once had no one to care for them, had loving families and opportunities for a bright future.

❤️ 705

705 families (with 4596 children) that were once at risk of falling apart grew stable and strong together.

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