

SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES

MAURITIUS

ABOUT SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES

SOS Children's Villages is the world's largest charity working with unsupported children. We offer children without parental support due to conflict, poverty, disease and disaster the chance to grow up in a safe and nurturing family environment, with a parent and siblings who care for them, quality education and healthcare.

Our community programmes work with families strained by failing economies, conflict, epidemics, and natural disasters – or by personal challenges such as bereavement, addiction and separation, to prevent family breakdowns which could leave children without parental support, and reduce child neglect and abandonment.

In times of conflict and disaster we protect at-risk children, giving them a safe space where they can receive food, shelter, healthcare, education, trauma counselling and a chance to regain their childhood by playing and making friends.

In 2017, our family strengthening programmes supported 98,000 families facing crisis or extreme hardship and gave almost 77,000 unsupported children a family upbringing in one of our village communities worldwide.

MAURITIUS OVERVIEW

Since gaining independence Mauritius has become a social and economic success story, offering its citizens universal access to healthcare and clean drinking water and eliminating malaria and polio - but there are still many children in need of our support.

Poverty remains an issue and is a major cause of child abandonment and child labour, particularly in rural areas. Homelessness among children is on the rise and more than a fifth of young people are unemployed.

OUR WORK IN MAURITIUS

SOS Children's Villages has been caring for vulnerable children in Mauritius for more than 25 years. Our village communities in Bambous and Beau Bassin provide almost 200 children who have lost parental support with a secure home and care in a family setting.

Our community programmes on the island are also helping more than 300 struggling families become financially independent and remain together – and giving 1,000 children the chance to enjoy a happy and safe childhood with their biological parents.



Our work helps to reduce child abandonment and neglect and protect children from the dangers associated with poverty and losing parental care. We are also working to ensure that children from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to the quality education they need to reach their potential, from pre-school to adulthood.

SOS Children's Villages runs primary and secondary schools in Mauritius as well as offering early childhood education, remedial classes for struggling students and vocational training. Our work is empowering young people to enter the job market and build rewarding careers by teaching life and employability skills such as communication, leadership, CV writing and interview techniques.



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