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**OUR VISION**

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SOS CHILDREN’S VILLAGE

Is an independent non-governmental social development organisation that cares for orphaned and vulnerable children. We endeavour to restore the balance in their lives, give them individual support and take them by the hand on the road from childhood to adulthood. In Botswana there are three SOS Villages; Tlokweng, Francistown and Serowe which as at 2015 provide s for 1950 children and youths.

The first Village SOS Tlokweng opened its doors with six family houses. Today it comprises 16 family houses, three youth facilities and provides for 179 children and youths.

With the increased demand for permanent family based care, SOS Francistown opened in 1998. It consists of 16 family houses, 2 youth facilities and a kindergarten. In 2008 we opened our third Village, the SOS Serowe which consists of 12 family houses and a kindergarten. The boys youth facility will be completed this year and with further funding we hope to build the girls youth facility.

Internationally, SOS Children’s Villages exists in 135 countries. It was founded in 1949 when Hermann Gmeiner was confronted with the suffering of orphaned and homeless children after the Second World War. Convinced that help cannot be effective where a child has no home, he established the first SOS Village in Imst, Austria.

WHAT WE DO

MOTHERHOOD
Our aim is for a child to be at the heart of a secure, loving, long-term relationship with a parent/carer. The SOS mother builds a close relationship with every child entrusted to her care, providing constant encouragement, trust and support.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Our aim is to keep families together. If this is not possible, we try to ensure that brothers and sisters grow up together, keeping their own shared history and building a shared future. About eight boys and girls of different ages stay in an SOS family house.

FAMILY
Regardless of their background, children live in a family who will support them to reach their potential. The children and their SOS mother build emotional ties that last a lifetime.

HOME
We help families to create an environment where children can always feel at home, to which they can return. Each home has its own unique feeling, rhythm and routine.

VILLAGE
A village is part of the community – a good place to grow up, a familiar environment where children’s needs are put first, where they can build their confidence and learn in a positive, supportive community.

EDUCATION AND GROWTH
Our aim is to enable every child to develop into an adult who has the skills to take responsibility for themselves in society.

CHILDHOOD IN CULTURAL DIVERSITY
Our aim is to enable every child to form their own convictions, follow their beliefs, be true to their cultural roots and learn to respect those of others.

MOMENTS OF HAPPY CHILDHOOD
Our aim is for children to live as children – to feel loved, protected, and comfortable enough to build new positive memories.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Sponsor
You can help give an orphaned and vulnerable child a loving home, an SOS mother, siblings and community. As a child sponsor you make a lasting difference in the life of a child by making regular monetary contributions towards the upkeep of that child. A house sponsor makes contributions towards a specific SOS family and as a Village sponsor you help support all the children living in the SOS Village with payments going towards many running costs.

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