



Organizational Profile



Background

SOS Children's Villages Botswana is non-governmental organization that cares for children who have lost parental care or are at risk of losing it. Operations started in 1987 in Tlokweng and spread to Francistown in 1998, and Serowe in 2008 in response to growing child protection needs of the country, hence over 30 years of existence in Botswana.

The organization is a member of SOS Children's Villages International, which started in Imst, Austria, 1949 and operates in 135 countries worldwide.

Vision & Mission

Vision: Every child belongs to a family and grows with love, respect and security.

Mission: We build families for children in need, we help to shape their own futures, and we share in the development of their communities.

What We Do

We work towards providing quality care to children in need. Quality care means a safe and caring environment for the child to grow and reach their full potential. We work with communities, the state and other stakeholders to provide a loving home for children who need alternative care, prevent family breakdown and advocate for children's rights.

Values

- 1. Courage:** We take action
- 2. Commitment:** We keep our promise
- 3. Trust:** We believe in each other
- 4. Accountability:** We are reliable partners



Alternative Care: SOS Children's Villages believes that the best place for a child to grow is within a family, especially their family of origin. We therefore provide alternative care if a child has lost natural family care. Currently SOS Children's Villages Botswana offers family-like and short-term care in 3 SOS villages (creating families for children who have lost them), kinship care through reunification of children with relatives and foster care in partnership with communities and the state. One of the priority actions is to integrate SOS families into communities around its facilities to remove children from growing up in institutions.

In Botswana, around 500 youths have graduated from SOS care as engineers, doctors, soldiers, police officers, teachers, lawyers and other vocational skills, hence an 85% success rate according to our Tracking Foot Prints Report.

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Strengthening Families:

The Family Strengthening Program (FSP) operates in Tlokweng and Francistown. This is a program through which SOS Children's Villages reaches out to disadvantaged families in poor areas so that they do

not breakdown or put children at risk. **Interventions** include facilitation of sustainability projects, parenting skills, education, mental and social health support, life skills, economic empowerment etc.

Tlokweng FSP aims to reach 750 children in Kumakwane, Ramaphatle, Mmatseta and Mmanoko villages while Francistown FSP aims to reach 750 children in Chadibe, Borolong, Mathangwane and Shashe Mooke in the next 5 years.



Advocacy & Child Safeguarding:

We stand up for children and help to inform communities and decision-makers about children's rights,

make sure they are safe and participate in making decisions which affect them. Our Advocacy & Child Safeguarding office ensures that in all activities the best interest of the children and their safety are taken into consideration. We also participate actively in influencing government policies for the benefit of children and we collaborate with other child service providers in child rights coalitions/networks so that we collectively advocate for the rights and welfare of children with a single voice.

Success Story

I came to SOS Children's Village Tlokweng at a



tender age of a year old. You can imagine that at that time I was not aware of my circumstances of life and today I give thanks to God for

putting me in the right hands of good; loving & caring people. As I grew older I started to join the dots of why I was raised up at SOS Children's Village and the reality hit me hard. For some time I was hurting, dealing with the issue. The support from both my SOS mother and the social worker helped me deal with the issue. My SOS family was a one strong group of people with whom we bore each other's pains and celebrated each one of us.

"I am now happily married..."

Just like any other child will wish for a better life and future I also had dreams and hopes for better future, I was granted that opportunity, I got good education, good health care, parental love, guidance and counselling from people around me even from them that I have never seen. I have completed my Bachelor of Social Science Degree (Economics and Public Administration majors) at the University of Botswana. I am now happily married and have a 1 year old daughter. Although I am not yet employed, I am working hard at establishing my business, taking advantage of government youth finance schemes.- Lame*(former SOS child)

*Name changed for protection purposes

QUICK FACTS:

- 323 children in 48 SOS Families
- 1500 children in families of origin
- P 25 Million annual budget
- 45% of budget to be raised locally
- 100% of budget to be raised locally by 2030
- Over 30 smuggled/trafficked children passed through SOS care

Strategy 2030



1 NO POVERTY



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Strategy 2030 in relation to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's):

SOS Children's Villages target group is now visible strongly in various goals. SOS will work towards the achievement of five SDGs particularly relevant for our target group and thus for our organisation

- **SDG 1 – No Poverty** (implementing appropriate social protection schemes)
- **SDG 4 – Quality education** (equal access and high quality education)
- **SDG 8 – Decent work and economic growth** (reducing youth unemployment)
- **SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities** (Promote the inclusion of all)
- **SDG 16 – Peace, Justice strong institutions** (focus on ending violence against children)

Just as the SDGs are a global plan for the next 15 years, our 2030 strategy sets out SOS Children's Villages' direction towards 2030. It explains how exactly we aim to reach our goals and simultaneously work towards the achievement of the SDGs.

Brandon¹ is the only son born to his mother. She was staying with her aged mother while caring for him. There was not enough food in the house and it was a struggle for her to eat and feed little Brandon. Unfortunately, Brandon's mother lost sanity and could not care for him any longer. Her mother was also too old to take care of Brandon and SOS Children's Villages came to the rescue. Upon his arrival at 7 months, Brandon was hungry and inflicted with a skin condition.

SOS gave him good medical attention, a balanced diet and a loving family in which he happily thrives. Now at 4 years Brandon is energetic, healthy and playful just like any other child!"

"Only at around 6 years old did I get to realize that Mama Tebogo is not my biological mother. I grew up in an environment where I got to experience first-hand what genuine love is. As I grew up, I got to know of the reason why I was at SOS Children's Village and it was not easy dealing with the truth. I am thankful for mother Tebogo who loved me like I was her very own child, together with my sibling. She nurtured and groomed us into what we are today. She was our teacher, our nurse and our "everything". Currently I am into Events management and Stage management. I have worked with the Diacore marathon team, BW color run, Slip and slide summer streets and Maitisong just to mention a few.

Although I don't live at SOS anymore I often come back home to check on my mother and help out where help is needed. (Sly- Former SOS Child)

THE CHALLENGE

With a robust strategy and relevant programs for implementation, SOS Children's Villages Botswana's main challenge is to **secure sustainable partnerships** for the realisation of its mandate for the children of Botswana.

Partnership Opportunities with SOS Children's Villages Botswana:

• **Corporate Partnerships:** Youth Empowerment, Project/Program Funding, ICT etc.

• **Institutional Partnerships:** Project funding, Education, Health

• **Sponsorships:** House Sponsorship (sponsoring the running cost of an SOS family house), Child Sponsorship (Contributing to the needs of a child or a number of children under the care of SOS Children's Villages), Village Sponsor (Taking care of the running cost of one or more of the 3 SOS villages in Botswana).

Banking Details

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