

70  SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES INTERNATIONAL

 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES UKRAINE

**SOS Children's Villages**  
*70 years in the world*  
*16 years in Ukraine*

## SOS Children's Villages Ukraine management's introductory word



«Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the International Federation "SOS Children's Villages" is simultaneously an honour and a challenge. It is an honour to belong to one of the biggest and most stable charitable organizations in the world, whose authority was gained by three generations of our colleagues. Hermann Gmeiner, whose 100th birthday anniversary is also celebrated in 2019, was the first of them. And it is a challenge to adapt to the new social conditions. SOS Children's Villages Ukraine is a part of the worldwide movement, however we realize that Ukrainian society in particular is responsible for our children, - and we are sincerely grateful to our partners who share our belief. Thanks to their help we save hundreds of children from orphanages each year.»

**Serhiy Lukashov**  
Director



«As a scientist and specialist with many years of experience in children's aid, I consider that **SOS Children's Villages Ukraine's** methodology of work with children, parents and communities is worthy of scaling up. As a woman I am glad that our programme graduates' children are raised in strong families.»

**Nadiia Komarova**  
Chairwoman of the Board, honoured social-sphere specialist of Ukraine, PhD in Economics



## SOS Children's Villages in the world



«Every child should belong to a family and grow with love, respect and security.»

**Hermann Gmeiner**  
an educator and social activist, who founded SOS-Kinderdorf in Austria in 1949

### Worldwide mission of SOS Children's Villages

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

### Achievements over the last 70 years

Over 4 mln. children and youth supported through SOS Programmes

136 states and territories are covered

550 SOS Children's Villages opened



### Graduates

**90%** became successful parents, having broken the circle of family dysfunction, providing for their families independently

**60%** - are economically successful

**80%** - feel psychosocial well-being

## Children and young people about the help of SOS Children's Villages Ukraine

«SOS helps me financially, provides psychological help and help and assists me in the resolution of issues and problems that are hard to for me to solve alone. The most important thing for me is that SOS provides a mentor that I can ask any question and get information or support».

**Sabina, 20**  
Kyiv region



«The most important that SOS has given and still gives to me is moral support and realization of my creative potential».

**Tetyana, 20**  
Kyiv region

«In 2017 my sister and mother and I made a dramatic change of residence; without money and support, we had to leave Donetsk and look for the new housing. When we moved to Sievierodonetsk, we were very pleased when we got to SOS Children's Villages. We were immediately provided with high-quality support, and thanks to training with psychologists, we were able to escape from the problems and difficulties that have come upon us. We have made many new friends, you can be yourself here, you are accepted and supported...».

**Margo and Veronika, 15**  
Luhansk region



«Since the beginning of the war in Donbass, I, together with my mother and sister, was forced to move from my hometown to Starobilsk. The Children's Village's specialists helped us not only to get into the orphanage but also found a caring mother and father for me and my sister. I loved my foster parents instantly, and sometimes, thinking of my whole family, I can't hold back the tears of gratitude. Today I look forward to the future confidently. I have parents and support from the SOS. In my opinion, only good people work in this organization, they can help in any situation. Thank you!».

**Alexander, 18**  
Luhansk region

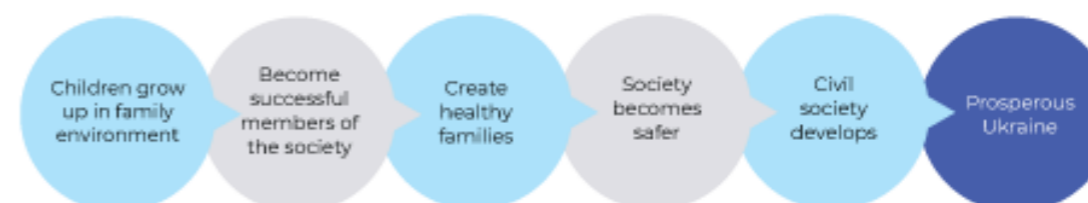
## Mission of SOS Children's Villages Ukraine

We ensure the right of every child to a loving family. We support vulnerable families and create family environment for children who have lost it.

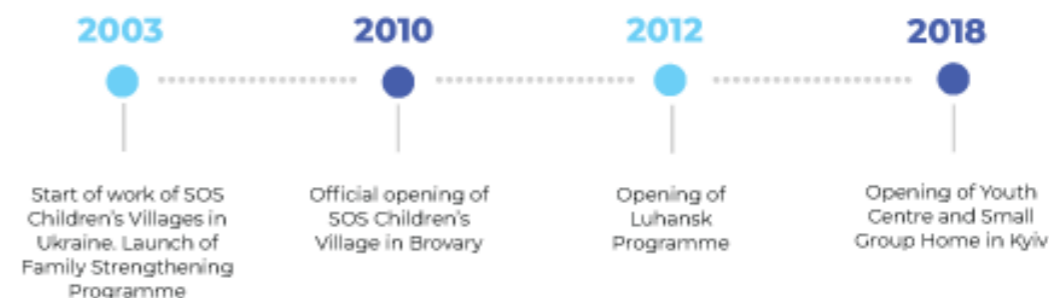
## Our vision

Every child in Ukraine lives in a family and grows up in love, respect and security.

## How does SOS Children's Villages influence Ukrainian society



## Important dates



## 7 features that distinguish SOS Children's Villages from other charitable foundations

- 70 years of international experience
- Scale of activity
- Holistic approach to solving the problem
- High standards and strict internal policy
- Transparency and accountability
- Cooperation with partners on global and national levels
- High level of employees' professionalism

**The only organization in Ukraine to address the issue of orphanhood comprehensively,** working not only on consequences, but on prevention as well. If it is not possible to preserve biological family, we provide the full-fledged replacement, guided entirely by the interests of the child. We prepare children to independent life and support them after they leave care.

# SOS Children's Villages Ukraine

## Main activities

- Foster Family Care Programme
- Family Strengthening Programme
- Emergency Response Projects
- Advocacy

## 16 years of our work: main results

**250+**

children have new families

**5000+**

children stay in their families of origin and receive adequate parental care

**80 000+**

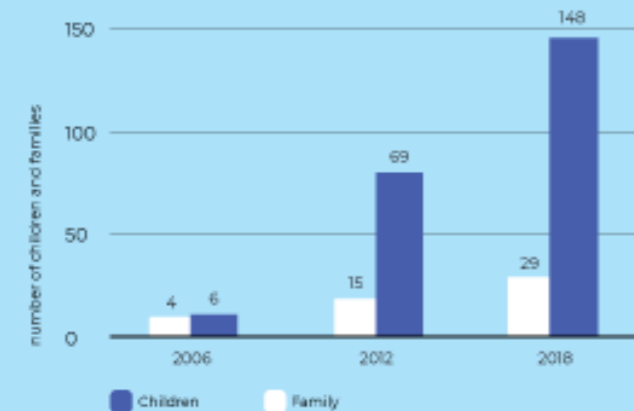
children and adults got our assistance

## Our Family Strengthening Centers

(supporting families in crisis)



## Development of Foster Family Care Programme\*\*



\*number of children under case management

\*\*for orphans and children deprived of parental care (Kyiv and Luhansk region)

# SOS Children's Villages Ukraine vs Orphanages

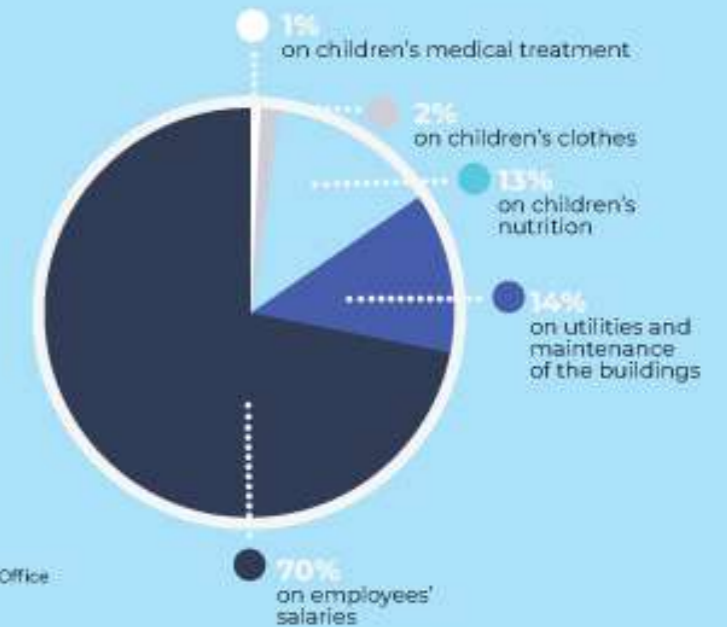
## Orphanages

**Almost 11 billion UAH**

was allocated from the national budget in 2019 for the maintenance of orphanages

**160 000 UAH per year\***

The average care cost for one child in an orphanage



\*according to the data of President's Commissioner of Human Rights' Office

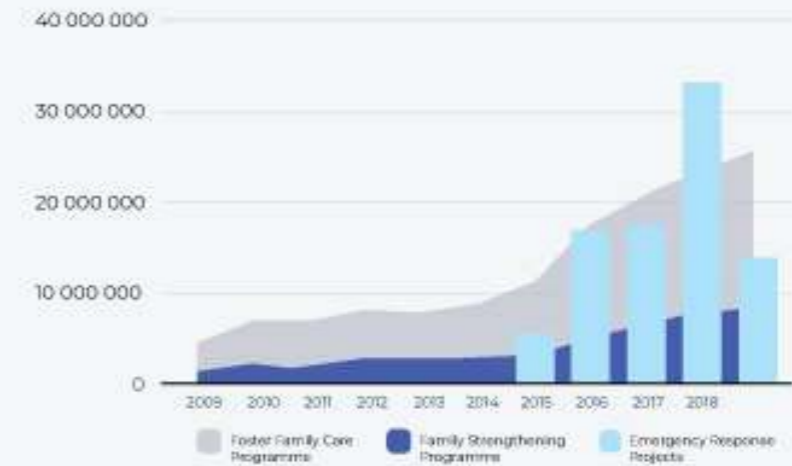
## SOS Children's Villages

**With 160 000 UAH per year**

SOS can provide support (through comprehensive services) for 26 children and adults within the Family Strengthening Programme.

According to SOS international research, **the social efficiency of investment** in preventive work with vulnerable families is much higher than investments in alternative care:

SOS Children's Village's Ukraine major programmes and projects financing, UAH



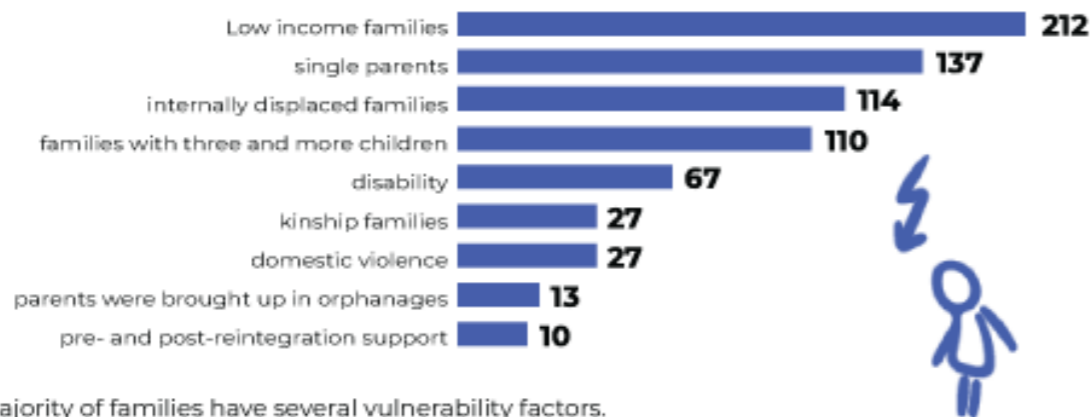
**1 Euro investment brings 22 Euros benefits to the society**

## Family Strengthening Programme

**99 917 children (2019)**  
live in Ukrainian orphanages

**92% of them**  
have parents and could have avoided the placement into orphanages if preventive services were provided on time

### Reasons of admission of the family to the Programme (2018)



Majority of families have several vulnerability factors.

### Aim of the Programme — preservation of the child in the family

We use an approach called 'case management' and provide services based on an individual assessment of the family needs: from in-kind support to the long-term psychotherapy, vocational training and inventory purchase for the self-employment. As a result, 70% of families left the Programme self-sufficient. For the monitoring, we use an innovative electronic database - Program Database.

**383 families (800 children)**  
simultaneously receive comprehensive Programme support.

**70% of these families**  
leave the programme self-sufficient



*«I want to express my gratitude to Liubov Myhallivna (social worker) and SOS Children's Villages Ukraine for being there for me and my children in the darkest and the hardest time for us. With you, I found a job. With you, I became successful woman and mother. And my children... Thank you for helping me make them happy children».*

**Nina, a single mother of 3 children**  
Brovary

## Foster Family Care

### What is the uniqueness of our foster family care?

- Support and training of foster parents with the use of the best international practice.
- Governmental partners regarding children's placement and services provision.
- The use of state-approved alternative care models.
- Additional support provided to children and families, including housing accommodation and payment for the utilities.

### SOS Children's Village Brovary (Kyiv Region)

**14** foster families  
**2** short-term care foster families

Together bring up **more than 100 children**

### Under our support

**17** young people live outside of SOS Children's Village Brovary  
**8** live in small group home in Kyiv, established in 2018

### More than 150 children

received foster family care (including short-term care) since **SOS Children's Village Brovary started**



### Luhansk region

#### In 2012

Luhansk Programme was established  
**6 foster families** have been created and integrated into the community in collaboration with the government

#### In 2015-2016

new families in Starobilsk and Sievierodonetsk were included into the Programme

#### In 2019

the first  
**5 short-term care foster families** were selected and trained in Luhansk region

**13 families** receive support and together bring up **34 children**

### More than 100 children

received foster family care since Programme started

## Youth Center

September 2018

The Youth Center in Kyiv was founded

250 young people

attend the Center monthly

### These are

- Youth that live in SOS Children's Village (14+)
- Youth that left care (18+)
- Youth 14+ from crisis families
- Youth from the local community
- Specialists that work in the child protection sphere



### Youth Center services

- Psychological consultations and support.
- Life skills training.
- Educational events and career guidance.
- Recreational events.
- Anti-café - open space for communication with peers.
- Strengthening the capacity of experts in child protection (trainings, workshops on working with vulnerable families and children, exchange of experience between governmental and non-governmental organizations).
- Meetings, roundtables, other events regarding the advocacy for the best interests of children who are deprived from parental care and/or risk losing parental care.

At the moment there is an urgent task to develop such services also for the Lugansk programme, as there are **9** young people (18+) and **11** teenagers (16+) who need support after leaving foster care.

## Emergency Response Projects

Since the beginning of the military conflict in the East of Ukraine:

**6 million** residents of Luhansk and Donetsk regions affected

**14 000 people (including 252 children)** killed

**24 778** people wounded

**1,5 million** citizens became Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), **200 000 of them are children**

**An estimated 100 000 children reside along the contact line**

and face all conflict-related risks, including impoverishment, health deterioration, shelling and mines.



### What does emergency response of SOS Children's Villages mean?

**The main goal of Project** – to help to reduce the effects of the conflict on the lives of children and their families.

SOS Children's Villages Ukraine were among the first who started to provide help to the most vulnerable - in **2014**, to internally displaced children and their families, who relocated to Kyiv region or Starobilsk district of Luhansk region.

#### 2017

Emergency Response Project in Kyiv region was finished, while active work along the contact line in Luhansk region was started.

#### 2019

Mobile psychosocial service was established, which provides assistance along the contact line. During 6 months in 2019, mobile team helped 1500 people.

In order to cover needs of the families in emergency response, public funding mechanisms are being involved. 'Pope for Ukraine' Initiative (2017-2018), the Dutch Relief Alliance (2018-2019), and UNICEF (since 2015) are key donors, who have provided funding support to SOS.

**75 000 people** received services and material support during 2014-2019.

## SOS Children's Villages Ukraine's advocacy contribution into child protection

### De-institutionalization

- **SOS Children's Villages Ukraine** participated in the development of the National De-I Strategy.
- Strategy implementation (including community-based social services for families and children) within the framework of the MoUs with Luhansk Regional State Administration and Brovary District State Administration
- Influence on the development of the national legislation on children's rights as a consistent member of the Interdepartmental Commission for Child Protection

### November, 2019

Our national advocacy efforts promoted the endorsement of the UN 'Rights of the Child' Resolution, focused on children that have lost parental care.



### Platform for children to defend their rights

- Within the MoU with President's Commissioner for Children's Rights, we promote the development of the **National Children's and Youth Council** (6 young people from SOS families joined NCYC and are its active members). President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky joined the All-Ukrainian forum of the National Council in 2019.
- Assisted Yevgeniya Yershova, a girl from one of our foster families, to represent Ukraine on **the international conference in Genève** to mark the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Her appeal to the international community that children ought to be raised in a family environment rather than in an orphanage and that the state should prioritize children in its policy has gained wide international attention.

## Our plans for the future until 2024



# Thank you to our supporters

'SOS' in the title of our organization means "**Societas Socialis - Responsible Society**". In the midst of communities, in offices and schools, in the capital and in front-line settlements, in poor dwellings and government premises, our employees work to help children in need by preserving their families, looking for foster parents for children who have lost them, reminding the state of its obligation to ensure child's right for a family. And all this is thanks to the support of our partners:

We express our sincere gratitude to you and to hundreds of compassionate people who donate through our website or by sending SMS to the number 88070 (10 UAH for prepaid subscribers of lifecell, Vodafone Ukraine, Kyivstar and 3Mob) or through other important contributions!



**EVERYONE CAN JOIN AND DONATE**

**Together, let's help every child live with a family!**

