

SOS Children's Villages first began its work in Tanzania in 1991 on the island of Zanzibar. The SOS Children's Villages Zanzibar is situated in Mombasa, seven kilometres from the harbour town of Zanzibar. It comprises of 11 family houses, an SOS Kindergarten, Hermann Gmeiner School (primary and secondary education), an SOS Medical Centre and an SOS Social Centre as well as girls' and boys' youth homes. The youth homes are just a few kilometres from the SOS Children's Village.

OUR VISION

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

SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES

The first SOS Children's Village was founded by Hermann Gmeiner in Tyrol, Austria, in 1949. With the generous support of donors, old sponsors, partners and friends, Gmeiner's vision of providing loving, family-based care for children without parental care, and of helping families stay together so they can care for their children, has grown rapidly over six decades.

SOS Children's Villages International is the umbrella organization for the global federation of 116 national SOS Children's Villages associations. We work together with a single vision: to ensure that every child belongs to a family and grows with love, security and respect.

All nations SOS Children's Villages operate in line of SOS policies and guidelines and also respect their cultures and beliefs. The mission, vision and values are child- and family focused.

The SOS Children's Village supports orphans, vulnerable and under-privileged children and their families.



YOU CAN HELP US...

Our ambition is to offer our children an encouraging childhood. You can help us by becoming a part of SOS Children's Village Zanzibar.

As an SOS Children's Villages sponsor or donor you make it possible for a child at risk to grow up in a loving home, with good nutrition, health care and a quality education that will prepare him or her for a bright future.

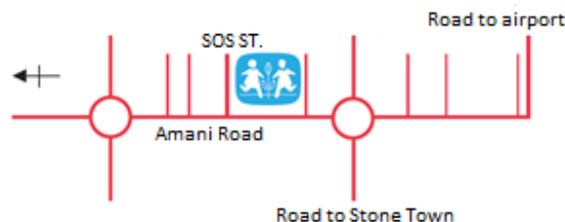
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THE VILLAGE



The SOS Children's Village on Zanzibar was opened in 1991 with three family-houses. Currently the SOS Children's Village Zanzibar consists of eleven houses and currently gives a home to a total of 157 children. Its green environment and the beautiful architecture colour the peaceful atmosphere of the SOS Children's Village. SOS families offer safe and comfortable homes to children who are no longer able to live with their parents. The children grow up being cared for by an SOS mother, along with their SOS brothers and sisters, who are encouraged to develop family ties and to grow up naturally.



KINDERGARTEN



The Kindergarten opened on the 10th of April 1995. A total number of 66 children, aged 3 to 6 were admitted. Today the Kindergarten has the capacity to accommodate about 180 children. Children from the SOS Village attend the Kindergarten along with children from families living in the local area, allowing them to form friendships with local children. The goal of the Kindergarten is to raise the child's awareness of the learning environment and to assist them in preparation for primary school.

HERMANN GMEINER SCHOOL



The primary school started in 1993 with 204 children. It now also includes a secondary school with the possibility of completing an Advanced Level of secondary school required to be admitted into University. It educates a total of about 1000 children, who come from the SOS Village and the community. The school is performing well and it's rated as one of the best schools on Zanzibar.



MEDICAL CENTRE

The SOS Medical Centre is located within the compound of the SOS Children's Village Zanzibar. The Medical Centre was established in 1991 with frequent visits of a village doctor to attend to the SOS Children and the staff. It has expanded its service to the community and is being run by our permanent M.D., one visiting paediatrician and a visiting obstetrician/ gynaecologist, professional nurses, a laboratory technician, it has a pharmacy and an MCH clinic (Mother and Child care), which provides services such as immunization, pre- and postnatal care, ultrasound services and family planning to the community.

FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME (FSP)

SOS Children's Village believes that the best place for children to grow up is together with their biological families. The aim of FSP is to empower families to protect and care better for their children. The vulnerable families become a part of the SOS family with the goal to rebuild their independency. They get support in managing their everyday life with basic material, such as nutrition, education, medical needs and to create their own business.



All children receive their key rights and a proper education to lead them to an independent life.

The young people who have moved on and left the SOS Village are still being supported. Some are now working, employed or self-employed, some are settled in married life having families of their own, while others have been offered scholarships to study abroad or are studying on Zanzibar, mainland Tanzania or in the East Africa region. Many of them remain in touch with the SOS Children's Village Zanzibar and part of the SOS family.