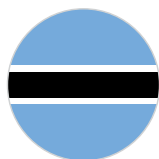




Giraffe and Zebra



Benin



Botswana



Cameroon



Congo DR



Gabon



Ghana



Kenya



Madagascar



Malawi



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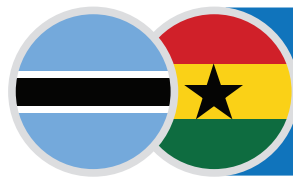
COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Benin	2	120			
Botswana	2	186	139		
Cameroon	1	80			
Congo DR	21	2,100			1
Gabon	2	40	8		
Ghana	1	105	72		1
Kenya	2	337	372		2
Madagascar	1	72	97		1
Malawi	1	10			
Mauritius	96	9,400	702	1	1
Morocco	1	31	11		
Nigeria	8	304	36	1	1
Sierra Leone	1	28			
South Africa	122	11,517	1,364	1	3
Tanzania	2	100			
Togoland	1	30			
Uganda	1	45	6		
Zambia	3	147			2
Zimbabwe	2	40			
Total	270	24,692	2,807	3	12

To think of God at all times and under all circumstances is true meditation.

–Sathya Sai Baba, 23 May 2005

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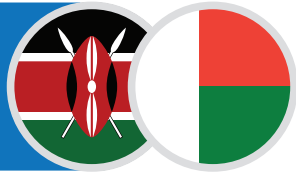
In Botswana, the SSIO operates a long-standing medical clinic in Gaborone and provides services to homes for the underprivileged and the deprived. More than 30 general volunteers, 15 doctors, four pharmacists, and a nurse operate the Sathya Sai Baba Free Medical Clinic on Sundays to provide medical services to the indigent local people. The clinic serves approximately 15,000 patients on an ongoing basis. During this reporting period, 3,086 patients were treated, including 105 for dental services and 288 for vision care, of whom 261 were given eyeglasses. A record number of 21,500 patient visits were also documented. The SSIO provided meals to the visitors and offered human values lessons, during the clinic visits.

In commemoration of Bhagawan's 90th Birthday, the Sathya Sai Baba Free Clinic organised a vision care programme on 12th July 2015 to help school children with vision difficulties. Eight opticians screened 200 students and 90 pairs of spectacles were distributed. Two blood camps were organised, wherein 87 pints of blood were collected.

In Ghana, the Nsawam Orthopaedic Training Center (NOTC) in Accra helps disabled children who have lost one or more limbs. On 26th December 2015, 16 SSIO members offered a Christmas gift of bread, doughnut, fruit juice, biscuit, toffee, sugar, soap and cooked jollof (one-pot main dish) rice to 40 children at the NOTC and a few visitors. The children were later given SSEHV lessons by SSIO members. At Easter time, in March 2016, 20 Sathya Sai volunteers visited the NOTC to offer food to about 50 children. The volunteers served jollof rice, biscuits, fruits, bread, pastries and fruit juice.



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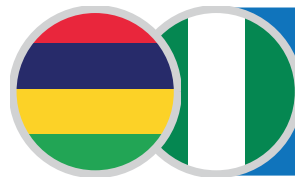


In Kenya, for the last 14 years, special activities were organised in honour of Avatar Declaration Day and Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday. On 20th October 2015, the Sathya Sai School of Kisaju served more than 90 needy senior ladies of the Maasai community, hailing from various villages. Students presented a cultural programme of human values-based poems and skits, and during the presentations, the Maasai guests happily joined the dances, bringing colour and joy to the event. The Chief Guest, the Honourable David Nkrimpai, member of the County Assembly, pledged support for the school. After lunch, the guests were presented with food, supplies and clothes.

Sathya Sai followers in Kenya organised a ground-breaking ceremony for a secondary school at Kisaju on 29th November 2015. More than 360 people attended this joyful event as part of the Founder's Day celebrations. A medical camp was held on 15th November 2015, wherein 108 patients were examined and blood pressure, blood sugar and bone density were checked.

In Madagascar, Sathya Sai volunteers served lunch thrice weekly to around 600 needy children from one of the poorest regions of Antananarivo. In addition, lunch is served monthly to about 60 elderly residents from the same area. A pre-primary school was opened in 2011, followed by a primary school in 2012. During 2015, 110 children, ages 5–8, including orphans and children from destitute families, received free education. In 2015, the SSIO conducted vision screening for about 500 children and 20 members of the Sathya Sai Centre.





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In Mauritius, the grand finale of the series of 16 Pre-World Conferences took place from 11th to 13th September 2015. More than 2,000 people, including cabinet ministers, members of parliament, the Lord Mayor of Port Louis and around 650 Sathya Sai youth, participated in the event. A magnificent exhibition was presented by the youth and a blood donation camp resulted in the collection of 100 pints of blood during the conference.

The Indian Ocean Centre for Education in Human Values of the Institute of Sathya Sai Education (ISSE–IOC) in Mauritius, is well known for its human values programmes. In honour of Sathya Sai’s 90th Birthday, the ISSE–IOC in collaboration with others, dedicated a seventh H.O.P.E. (Honour Our Parents Everyday) Family Values Monument in the village of Montagne Blanche. The opening ceremony included a human values march by the children and their parents.

The SSIO organised 63 blood drives in Mauritius to collect 5,307 pints of blood, of which 300 pints were collected on New Year’s Day, 2016.

In Nigeria, Sathya Sai volunteers render a variety of services at hospitals, homes for orphan infants, and homes for the elderly, to name a few. Volunteers also renovated and operated Sathya Sai orphanages. In Ajah, Lagos, about 15 to 20 Sathya Sai volunteers served food, juice and biscuits to more than 120 needy people every Sunday. The Sai African Choir presented a wonderful programme, to the delight of the audience in Sai Kulwant Hall, in 2015. Sathya Sai youth launched a Sai musical group, which rendered beautiful songs in praise of Sathya Sai Baba.



Mauritius



Nigeria



In South Africa, the Pre-World Conference held from 4th to 6th September 2015 attracted about 1,800 SSIO members, including international delegates from India and the USA. Distinguished guests Mrs. Geetha Ram Mohan and Dr. Geeta Reddy, and Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman of Prasanthi Council, shared their personal experiences with Sathya Sai Baba and His messages. About 350 youth participated in this landmark event, with energy and enthusiasm. A vibrant drama was staged by the youth, based on the teachings of Baba.

SSIO volunteers organised an annual service programme in the town of Actonville, in Benoni, to distribute food hampers, clothing, and a warm meal to about 400 indigent community members.

South Africa has been afflicted by drought in many areas. About 300 SSIO volunteers distributed more than 150,000 litres of bottled drinking water to 15,000 people, as part of an ongoing service project.





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Permanent free medical clinics served approximately 4,500 patients in Phoenix, Estcourt, and Ambo/Malagazi. Patients received medical, dental, and vision care, including eyeglasses and medicines. Dental extractions and surgeries were also performed. In conjunction with the South African National Blood Services, a total of 8,821 Sathya Sai devotees donated 6,838 pints of blood, including blood for platelets and plasma.

SSE children from every region of South Africa participated in a Walk for Values event, to spread Bhagawan's message of human values.

