



Zone 2A

Mexico



Costa Rica



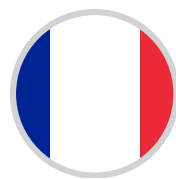
Cuba



Dominican Republic



El Salvador



Guadeloupe



Guatemala



Haiti



Honduras



Mexico



Nicaragua



Panama



Puerto Rico

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COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Costa Rica	1	15			
Cuba	8	129			
Dominican Republic	7	179	6	1	
El Salvador	11	186	12	1	
Guadaloupe	1	10			
Guatemala	5	96	7		1
Haiti	1	80			
Honduras	1	8			
Mexico	40	586	254	1	2
Nicaragua	1	4			
Panama	3	164	76		
Puerto Rico	3	28	5	1	
TOTAL	82	1,485	360	4	3



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Dominican Republic

SSIO volunteers organised a medical camp for underprivileged residents of Villa Progreso, in Cotuí. During the camp, healthcare professionals rendered medical services to 125 adults and 87 children. Sathya Sai volunteers also served lunch and distributed baskets of grains, sugar, and pasta to 110 families, along with clothing and shoes to more than 120 children.

El Salvador

For several years, the SSIO in El Salvador has worked in close partnership with the National Ministry of Culture to organise teachers' conferences, musical events, and presentations on human values. These public events have drawn about 150 SSIO members and 50 public. In 2016, SSIO leaders donated two national flags and flag poles to the ministry, honouring this association.

The Sathya Sai medical clinic in El Salvador continued to provide medical services to more than 1,000 needy patients annually, including Catholic nuns who otherwise had no access to healthcare. On 23rd November 2016, more than 100 SSIO members celebrated Bhagawan Baba's Birthday, singing uplifting bhajans in Santa Tecla.





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The SSIO of El Salvador hosted a multinational workshop, “Awaken to His Gift,” in January 2017, for the benefit of SSIO members from Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and El Salvador.

Guatemala

Sathya Sai volunteers in Guatemala served weekly meals to more than 150 persons in need.

Sathya Sai devotees from the city of Antigua continued their monthly visits to a nursing home for abandoned elders, where they distributed food and kept company with the senior residents.

Haiti

After Hurricane Matthew ravaged the eastern peninsula of Haiti, home to over 1.4 million people, the SSIO initiated a major relief mission in October 2016. Helicopter reconnaissance revealed that the best use of resources would be to distribute uncooked food supplies and filters for water purification to those in need, along with seeds to local farmers, to help restore normalcy. Also, SSIO volunteers from Trinidad shipped 3,000 boxes of food containing rice, beans,



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mixed vegetables, and spaghetti, along with personal hygiene supplies, which were delivered to towns, schools, and refugee camps.

Mexico

The SSIO of Mexico held a street exhibition in Morelio, Michoacan, consisting of posters sharing the message of Sri Sathya Sai Baba on human values. The posters were viewed by hundreds of people over a one-week period.

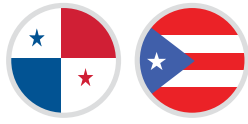
Monterrey's first Walk for Values was held in Alameda Park at the centre of the city. The event attracted good public participation, and everyone present joined in singing values-themed songs. Sathya Sai young adults distributed sweets.

The Sai School in Chihuahua has operated in rented facilities for 17 years. Land was purchased in 2015 for a new school building, and the foundation stone was laid in 2016 to mark the start of construction.

Nicaragua

Devotees delivered food and shoes to a rural population that had been overlooked by the government, after crop failures in Central America due to climate change and drought.





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Panama

In November 2016, members of the Panamanian SSIO served breakfast to 55 residents of the Centro de Cuidado al Anciano home for senior citizens, and entertained them with songs. The event, organised in honour of Ladies' Day (November 19), touched the residents' hearts, who joined in the singing of favourite songs from the past.

Puerto Rico

The Sathya Sai Institute of Human Values introduced a new book of stories on human values at an event in Caguas, Casa del Ajedrez, in January 2017. The book, in Spanish, contains 35 stories on human values, 20 of which were written by students. During the ceremony, a student afflicted with selective mutism impressed the audience by appearing onstage and reading aloud the story she had written.

In September 2016, a fire at an electrical plant knocked out the island's electrical grid. The resulting power outage lasted 72 hours and left more than 3 million people without electricity or water. An elderly lady had a broken electrical generator. An SSIO member immediately located the missing parts and repaired the generator free of cost. The elderly lady then gratefully supplied electricity to four neighbouring homes.

