

Zone 9B

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COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI Schools
Abu Dhabi (UAE)	1	286	304		
Bahrain	1	269	298		
Dubai (UAE)	1	366	268		
Iran	1	20			
Kuwait	1	226	207		
Oman	7	467	409		
Qatar	1	60	16		
Ruwais (UAE)	1	37			
Saudi Arabia	4	219	176		
Sharjah (UAE)	1	28	25		
TOTAL	19	1,978	1,703		



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Abu Dhabi

Each month, around 220 SSIO volunteers cook and serve food to over 1,200 needy expatriate labourers at various designated labour camps. During this reporting period, around 7,400 home-cooked meals were served. Additionally, SSIO members distribute dry ration packs containing rice, lentils and oil to 20 beneficiaries at labour camps during the first week of every month.



Bahrain

During winter months, every Saturday, 15 SSIO volunteers served tea (prepared by Ladies Wing volunteers) along with biscuits to 1,000 labourers. Since 2018, tea has been distributed in paper cups in keeping with the SSIO's 'Go Green' initiative and used cups were collected for recycling at the end of the service.

As requested by the Indian Embassy in Bahrain, SSIO volunteers distributed over 70 grocery bags, each containing rice, pulses and cooking oil to needy labourers in designated labour camps during December 2018.



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Dubai

More than 300 enthusiastic athletes participated in the Annual Sai Sports Day on 11th January 2019. The event featured contests for participants of all ages, ranging from a lemon-and-spoon race for SSE children to a speed-walking race for seniors. Other highlights of the day included a cricket match, a 400 metre endurance race and a symbolic torch relay and lamp lighting ceremony, representing the spirit of teamwork and collaboration.



Kuwait

On 22nd and 29th March 2019, SSIO volunteers in Kuwait organised a 10-hour Wellness Camp for 58 SSE children. The camp was facilitated by doctors from the Indian Doctors Forum (IDF) representing various specialities and eminent Yoga trainers. The children were taught daily healthcare, nutrition, primary eye care, and the holistic health benefits of Yoga.



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Oman

On the second Friday of every month, SSIO volunteers in Oman provide free medical, dental, and vision care to hundreds of labourers at an industrial facility. The patients receive a general health check-up (including blood chemistry and vision tests). They also learn about the adverse effects of undesirable personal habits.

Each month, 120 grocery bags containing rice, wheat flour, cooking oil, milk powder, sugar, one or two varieties of grains, pickle, salt, tomato paste, and Omani Kawa (coffee) are distributed to the indigent. During this reporting period, 442 bags of grocery items were also delivered to Omani families.



Saudi Arabia

On 24th November 2018, SSIO volunteers and parents of SSE students commemorated the 93rd birthday of Sathya Sai Baba by packing and distributing 250 packages containing dry rations to labourers in need. Each package contained rice, pulses, sugar, cooking oil, Laban (Buttermilk), a croissant, biscuits, apples, and a sweet.

On 26th January 2019, SSIO volunteers from Saudi Arabia distributed 108 packets of biryani (seasoned rice), raitha (tempered yogurt), apples, juices and water bottles to impoverished workers.



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