

# A LOVING HOME FOR EVERY CHILD



**SOS CHILDREN'S  
VILLAGES**  
GEORGIA



# OUR ORGANIZATION

SOS Children's Villages International is an international organization which has member organizations in the form of National Associations in 133 countries.

Association SOS Children's Villages Georgia is a non-profit legal entity. Our association is functioning on the basis of the statute of the international organization and is operated in Georgia from 1989.

The aim of the organization is to protect the rights of the children at risk of losing or deprived of parental care and to provide support to the vulnerable children through community based and alternative child care services for their well-being.

All programs and projects implemented by SOS Children's Villages Georgia are in compliance with the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and Child Welfare Policy.



# OUR PRINCIPLES

We believe that a child has the best chances to develop well ..

- in a caring family environment
- supported by strong social networks
- when all our decisions and actions are based on what is in the child's best interests
- when children are involved in finding solutions to challenges they face in their lives



# WHAT WE DO

We help families care for their children. We provide quality alternative care for children who cannot live with their biological families.

## We strengthen families

SOS Family Strengthening Programmes help keep children in the care of their family. We support disadvantaged families at risk of separation by bolstering their capacity to protect and care for their children. Strengthening safety nets within the community is key.

## We provide children with a voice to exercise their rights

Guided by the spirit of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, SOS Children's Villages Georgia advocates for the rights of children and believes that a child's development is best achieved in a family environment.

## We have an individual plan for every child in our care

Children, who cannot be cared for by their biological families are supported by family-based carers. SOS families provide individualized care to promote the development, education and health of each child. We implement Youth Care Programmes, which are focused on providing support to young people who are in the stage of Leaving Care and also those young people who already left this care.



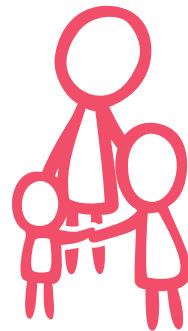
# FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME

Loving and caring family is crucial for children's physical, cognitive, psycho-emotional and social development. Healthy family environment is essential for children's healthy development.

The main purpose of the Family Strengthening Programme is to enable socially vulnerable children to grow within a caring and safe family environment.

The target group of Family Strengthening Programme is children (0-18) and their parents who are in need of support.

Family Strengthening Programme offers different types of services to beneficiaries: psychological, social, employment, self-employment support and 24 hour Mother and Child Shelter Service.



# FAMILY BASED CARE



Every child has right to grow up in caring family environment. However, if it is impossible for the child to grow in biological family, it is necessary to provide these children with alternative care services. For this reason, we offer family-like caring and safe environment to the children deprived of parental care in terms of family based care.

Our aim is to help children deprived of parental care in the formation of their future. We enable children develop long-lasting relationships in family like

environment and realize their potential based on their interests and abilities. In addition, we support children in receiving education, gaining practical knowledge and becoming full-fledged members of society.

In terms of family based care, organization offers children/young people following services: Small Group Homes, Youth Houses, Semi-Independent and Independent Living Programmes.



# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES



Education is a fundamental right of a human being. It ensures intellectual, emotional, social and physical development of a child. Quality education is the basic tool for fighting against marginalization, poverty, violence and destruction of the families. The quality education supports children in developing those skills which are necessary for maintaining dignity and becoming active members of society.

The opportunity of receiving education should awake respect towards cultural heritage, language, traditions, social responsibility and tolerance in children. It will support them in developing their social, emotional, cognitive, physical, motor and communication skills and

enable them to acquire general knowledge and achieve physical and spiritual health which is universally recognized right of a child.

Thus, SOS Children's Villages Georgia implements various educational programmes for beneficiary children in the frames of Family Based Care and Family Strengthening Programme in order to support children's physical, mental, social and personal development.

Organization is implementing educational project "Information and Communication Technologies for Development" for children and young people at risk of losing and deprived of parental care in cooperation with Tbilisi public school № 102 and Kutaisi public school № 19. In addition, the organization carries out preschool education project in Kutaisi Municipal Kindergarten №1



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