

SOS Children's Villages Switzerland
(SOS-Kinderdorf Schweiz / SOS Villages d'Enfants Suisse)

- Social & Political Situation: 2/5
- Challenging Physical Environment: 3/5
- Complexity: including cultural complexity, level of project structure, and untested, breakthrough initiatives: 2/5
- Level of individual initiative: 3/5
- Group or individual based: Group

Project: Making Impact Visible



SOS Children's Villages started working in Nepal in the late 1960s, a diverse nation in the heart of the Himalayas. For about 55 years, we have been giving children without parental care a loving home. In addition, we strengthen vulnerable families, so that their children can grow up in a stable, caring environment. Our teams work with children and families at ten locations throughout the country.

To promote our work, we rely on up-to-date material that showcases what we do on-site. Testimonials from coworkers and beneficiaries in Nepal, reports, and images are vital to inform current and potential donors about how their contributions are used, and to ensure their future support. "Making Impact Visible" is a rare opportunity for students to make a hands-on contribution to the work of an international non-governmental organization – and the lives of vulnerable children. By creating photos and videos to share with our supporters, you will experience up-close how we implement programs for children, youth and families, ranging from alternative care to education, medical, and income-strengthening measures.

At least three Laidlaw scholars will work closely with our program team in Nepal to produce a wide array of photos, videos and short reports to promote their work. You will spend approximately four weeks in Nepal and up to another two weeks editing and finalizing your work after your return. During the project you will be accompanied, supported and counselled both by the program team in Nepal and SOS Children's Villages Switzerland. Collaborating on this project with our staff in Nepal and Switzerland will help you enhance the leadership skills you need for your professional development.

SDG focus of this project:

1 – no poverty, 3 – good health, 4 – quality education, 8 – decent work, 10 – reduced inequalities

Project locations:

Nepal, with time spent in Kathmandu, Itahari and/Pokhara.

<https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/where-we-help/asia/nepal>

<https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/where-we-help/asia/nepal/itahari>

<https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/where-we-help/asia/nepal/pokhara>

Impressions from Itahari and Pokhara:



Living conditions: You will be staying at hotels in the vicinity of the SOS Children’s Villages infrastructure in Nepal. Conditions are simple but clean and comfortable.

Transportation: SOS Children's Villages has its own fleet of vehicles and trained drivers. For shorter trips, you will be on foot or have the use of a bicycle.

Further information: For further information, please see our Annual Report 2022 which we have sent as a separate attachment.

Project date: Summer 2024 (exact dates in July and August to follow but ideally one week in late July and three weeks in August. The other two weeks for editing.)

Requirements for application:

- Proven experience in either photography or video production and editing (ideally both)
- Experience in VR-compatible video production is an advantage
- Police certificate of good conduct
- Fluency in English
- Interest in children's rights

Expectations for applications:

Letter of motivation, based on:

- Why are you interested in this project?
- What do you expect from your participation?
- From your perspective, what is important in the work of a children's aid organization; particularly regarding photographing/filming children and young people in the context of humanitarian aid

Work samples:

- Required:
 - o Photography (maximum 10 photos depicting people in a manner that triggers empathy or conveys a story)
 - o Videos (max. 2 videos, each of max. 2 minutes in length)
- Optional:
 - o Writing (a report, max. 1 page, that demonstrates your ability to capture a situation)

Please send your application to davd.becker@sos-kinderdorf.ch by 15th November 2023