



**SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES**

A loving home for every child

**SOS Children is most grateful for the support of Charles de Guerry & Florent Beluche and all the sponsors who generously contributed to their 2010 Road of Empires Motorcycle Adventure in support of our work.**

SOS Children has been providing a family for life for children who have lost their parents through conflict, disease, poverty and natural disaster since 1949. Over 78,000 orphaned or abandoned children are cared for by SOS mothers in clusters of family homes in more than 505 of our unique Children's Villages, in 124 countries around the world. A further million benefit from SOS Children's outreach support which includes education, vocational training, medical care and community development programmes.

**We are delighted to confirm receipt of €15,840 / GBP 13,845 / USD 22,140 which is contributing to our work in the following ways:**



**Russia: background**

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Russia has been striving to overcome the legacy of Communism. While there have been positive economic trends, the benefits are slow to filter down to ordinary people. Wages are low, inequality continues to rise and poverty is at significant levels, particularly among families with children or single-parent families, leading to many children being abandoned into state care or onto the streets.

**SOS Children's work in Russia**

SOS Children opened its first SOS Children's Village in Tomolino on the outskirts of Moscow, in 1996. Today there are 4 SOS Children's Villages; in addition to the family homes that comprise each village, SOS Social Centres are also in operation, providing community outreach programmes which offer comprehensive packages of support to strengthen the most vulnerable families in neighbouring locations, helping to reduce the risk of child abandonment.

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The 2010 medical budget for SOS Children's Village **Kandalaksha** has been funded, including insurance, medicines, travel to the local sanatorium, spectacles and braces, making a real difference to the health and well-being of these children



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### Kazakhstan: background

Kazakhstan is the second largest of the former Soviet Union republics. It is a huge country covering a territory equivalent to the whole of Western Europe, with vast mineral resources and considerable economic potential.

However, more than a decade after independence, and despite generous foreign investments, its people continue to suffer serious hardship, with many, particularly children, living in extreme poverty. Among the many daunting challenges it faces are a dilapidated infrastructure, high unemployment, inflation, poverty, prostitution, drug addiction and AIDS.

### SOS Children's work in Kazakhstan

SOS Children opened its first SOS Children's Village in **Almaty** (the former capital) in 1997. Today there are 3 SOS Children's Villages; in addition to the family homes that comprise each village, SOS Social Centres are also in operation.

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All the school uniforms and materials for children at SOS Children's Village Almaty have been funded, helping to meet the education needs of these pupils



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### Mongolia: background

In 1990 Mongolia abandoned its 70-year-old Soviet-style one-party state in favour of political and economic reforms. Democracy and privatisation were enshrined in a new constitution, but the collapse of the economy after the withdrawal of Soviet support caused widespread poverty.

### SOS Children's work in Mongolia

SOS Children opened its first SOS Children's Village in Ulaanbaatar in 2002. Today there are 2 SOS Children's Villages; in addition to the family homes that comprise each village, SOS Social Centres are also in operation.

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All the school books and stationery have been funded for the children at SOS Children's Village Ulaanbaatar, along with the university fees of the eldest girl who recently enrolled at the Educational University of Mongolia and has set her sights on becoming a Mathematics teacher.

