

# China Nanchang

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## Thank you for supporting Nanchang!

SOS Children's Village Nanchang has now been running for 25 years, and today, 63 children live in the 12 SOS families in the village. In connection to the village there is a preschool where currently 132 children have started their education.

Young people who are getting ready for independent life, receive various support from SOS staff, who help them in planning their future. At present, 38 youths live in the youth house where they are preparing for adult life. Others live in rented apartments in the surrounding area.



**Our work in Nanchang would not be possible without you and other partners and private donors. Thank you for giving children and youths a better future!**



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## **Liu made new friends in the village**

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Liu came to SOS Children's village Nanchang when he was seven years old. He was malnourished and apprehensive. Up until now, he had lacked both love and care in this life.

His SOS-mother Chen did everything she could to make Liu thrive in the village. She taught him how to ride a bike and play with other children his age. Liu was so happy when Chen one day came home with a borrowed bike. Before that, he had never even seen one.

In the beginning, Liu was shy and withdrawn when he met other children. He was afraid to talk with them and to make contact. Mama Chen accompanied him to the playground and gave him little toys and biscuits that he could share with the others. Over time, Liu relaxed more and more. His self-esteem grew, and he made new friends.

Liu came to enjoy the life in the village. His days were filled with love from family and friends, and his mother knows that her presence is vital to the boy;

"Sometimes I fear that I haven't done enough. I want those kids who have lost their parents to enjoy the love of a mother and have a warm family. My biggest wish is that the children will grow up healthy and happy."



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## Together for social sustainability

On 1 January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit – officially came into force. Over the next twelve years, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.



For SOS Children’s Villages, these goals are a confirmation that we are going in the right direction. Our operation works with all the goals but goals 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 16 and 17 have a particularly clear connection to SOS Children’s Villages. By investing in SOS Children’s Villages you are supporting the work towards goals 1, 4 and 16.



**Goal 1 – End poverty.** Poverty is the most common reason why children are abandoned. All our efforts are in order to make it possible for children and families to be self-sufficient and create a better future for themselves in the long term.



**Goal 4 – Ensure quality education for all.** Education is essential towards creating a better future. SOS Children’s Villages supports schools and in places with a lack of educational opportunities, we run our own schools. Our long-term goal is that the schools should be managed by the local society.



**Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions.** Children who live in vulnerability run a huge risk of being victims to violence and abuse. By supporting individual children and families but also communities, we help creating peaceful and inclusive societies.