## SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES



Dorcas Odipo's remarkable journey at SOS Children's Villages in Kenya spans an impressive 12 years, making her an invaluable member of the organization. As the first point of contact for visitors at the reception, Dorcas greets everyone with warmth and friendliness. Her outgoing nature has left a lasting impression on many individuals, as she has been recognized and approached by people throughout the country who fondly remember they're welcome at SOS Children's Villages National Office, located at Marcus Garvey Road gate number 7.

Deeply rooted in the values of SOS Children's Villages, Dorcas firmly believes in courage, commitment, trust, and accountability. Her unwavering dedication to her role as the face of the national office is evident in her professional demeanour, which significantly contributes to building and maintaining the organization's reputation in Kenya.

Dorcas's journey at SOS Children's Villages started at the then SOS Children's Villages Medical Centre, situated opposite the Nairobi village. Her time spent there laid the foundation for her profound understanding of the organization's mission and the immense impact it has on the lives of children in need.

As Dorcas prepares to retire this year, she imparts valuable advice to aspiring individuals considering a career at SOS Children's Villages. She emphasizes the importance of passion for the work and a genuine love for children, as these qualities are instrumental in making a difference in their lives.

On the occasion of SOS Children's Villages in Kenya celebrating 50 years, when asked if she could have met Herman Gmeiner, the organization's founder, Dorcas reflects that she would have urged him to establish the villages even earlier. By doing so, countless more children could have been helped and provided with the care and support they desperately needed.

Dorcas Odipo's dedication, friendly nature and commitment to the values of SOS Children's Villages in Kenya will be remembered by everyone who has visited the National Office.

As Dorcas retires she asks people who want to work for SOS Children's Villages in Kenya to use the skills they have to in transforming the lives of vulnerable children and young people.