

Allianz SE

Group Communications and Corporate Responsibility

# Press release

## Allianz and SOS Children's Villages focus on social inclusion

- Global partnership aims to give young people better opportunities, skills and networks
- Allianz employees run 34 times around the world at the first Allianz World Run to raise money for 12 SOS children's villages, setting a new world record
- The partnership is part of Allianz' "Encouraging Future Generations" program and is designed to promote social inclusion.

[Allianz SE](#) and [SOS Children's Villages](#) announced their global partnership at a joint event today. The initial three-year partnership will see Allianz companies across the globe lend their support to SOS Children's Villages. In addition to projects to provide children with individual support, Allianz will be contributing its risk management expertise, for example by helping to turn children's villages into safe ports of call for local communities in the event of a catastrophe.

Allianz has been providing young people with targeted support for more than 20 years now. "As an insurer and investor, we think and plan ahead longer-term than many others do," said **Oliver Bäte**, CEO of Allianz SE. "With our 'Encouraging Future Generations' social program, which has now entered into its first global partnership with SOS Children's Villages, we are seeking solutions for challenges relating to social inclusion. Together with the SOS Children's Villages, we are encouraging young people worldwide to shape the future in a sustainable manner."

**Richard Pichler**, Special Representative of SOS Children's Villages International, said: "We currently provide 80,000 children and teenagers in 134 countries with a safe place to call home. As a result, we are delighted to have secured the support of Allianz, a global partner that shares our values and objectives and can also contribute complementary knowledge and skills. We want to achieve more together by launching training programs for young

people, improving the opportunities open to them on the labor market, dealing with risk provisions within communities... to mention only a few of the areas we want to focus on."

The joint event included a podium discussion on "What contribution can the corporate sector make to social inclusion?". Experts from both organizations had a lively discussion on security and the fulfilment of basic human needs as the fundamental prerequisites for social inclusion, as well as on the need for the corporate sector to show a commitment to social issues.

More than 12,000 Allianz employees worldwide had taken part in the first Allianz World Run to mark the beginning of the partnership. In the period between May and the end of July, they covered a distance of 1.4 million kilometers to raise funds for SOS Children's Villages, the equivalent of circling the globe 34 times, and raised EUR 600,000 that will be used to finance children's village projects in twelve countries (Argentina, Austria, China, Colombia, Croatia, Germany, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Luxembourg, Mexico, Syria, Thailand).

The Group set a new world record in connection with the Allianz World Run: "Longest distance covered by one team in 90 days". Allianz World Run pictures from across the globe were also used to break the Guinness World Records™ for the "longest line of photographs" (8,470 images, 1,225 meters).

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Photos available free for use: [www.allianz.com/en/worldrun](http://www.allianz.com/en/worldrun)

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Together with its customers and sales partners, Allianz is one of the strongest financial communities. More than 85 million private and corporate customers insured by Allianz rely on its knowledge, global reach, capital strength and solidity to help them make the most of financial opportunities and to avoid and safeguard themselves against risks. In 2015, around 142,000 employees in over 70 countries achieved total revenues of 125.2 billion euros and an operating profit of 10.7 billion euros. Benefits for our customers reached 107.4 billion euros.

This business success with insurance, asset management and assistance services is based increasingly on customer demand for crisis-proof financial solutions for an aging society and the challenges of climate change. Transparency and integrity are key components of sustainable corporate governance at Allianz SE.

**About SOS Children's Villages**

SOS Children's Villages is an independent, non-governmental social development organization. We respect each religion and culture, and work in countries and communities where our mission will make a lasting contribution to economic and social development.

We work in the spirit of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and we promote these rights throughout the world.

SOS was founded in Austria in 1949 by Hermann Gmeiner. His basic idea still holds true today: every child should benefit from having a mother, brothers and sisters, and be able to live in a house and a village, growing up with a feeling of belonging and security. Based on these four simple principles, SOS children's villages have grown over the years into an international organization that helps children and their families all over the world.

Funded mainly by individual donors, SOS operates 567 villages in 134 countries, as well as more than 1,900 additional facilities such as kindergartens, schools, youth facilities, vocational training centers, and medical centers (hospitals). SOS also sets up emergency relief programs in order to help victims of natural disasters, war or crisis. All in all SOS supports more than 1,5 million children and their families.

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