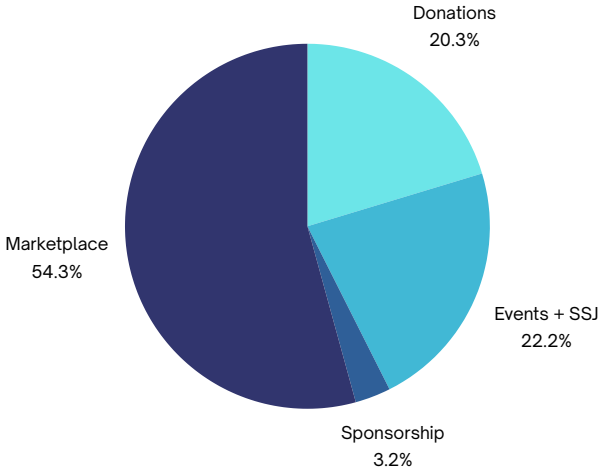
Sisters on Samui Foundation

Annual General Meeting Summary of 2023

Income

How did Sisters on Samui raise money YTD in 2023?

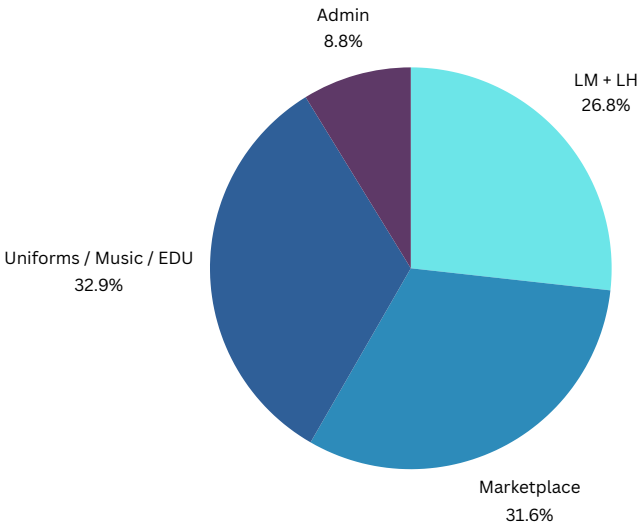
- *Income in 2023, YTD Oct'23 total THB956,635*
- *Breakdown: Marketplace THB516,548, Fundraising/Events THB170,544, Donations THB197,269, Sponsorship THB30,000 and Samui Summer Jazz THB45,274*
- *To show a comparison since 2020 - SOS Income was 2020 in THB3.3M, in 2021 THB1.87M and in 2022 THB1.65M.*



Spend

How did we spend money in the community YTD in 2023 and what are our costs?

- *Spend/Expenses in 2023, YTD Oct'23 total THB555,498*
- *Breakdown: Marketplace THB189,880 (inc. salary, rent, electricity, insurance, water), Learning Hands THB2,258, Admin THB53,257 (inc. website hosting, mailchimp, buffer, annual taxes) Uniforms/Musical Instruments/Outings/EDU THB142,410 and Local Matters THB158,749, Feed Samui THB5,175, Events THB828 and Sponsorship THB2,941*



Marketplace

Koh Samui's only home for preloved goods - giving them a 2nd act for community outreach programs

Operating since May 2021, this little shop with a big heart is about to expand - it's opening hours, community space, and awareness.

- *10%-15% of donated clothing goes straight out into the community (not sold).*
- *Volunteers donate 25+ hours a week to keep the store sorted, rotate stock and present all our beautiful donations to help them find new homes.*
- *25-40 donors contribute pre-loved goods each month, either via the shop in person, our donation bins or items are picked up by a volunteer.*
- *How it impacts - example 6 books sold = THB200 which helps buy a child school shoes, or 1 Shirt sold is THB50, which pays for two school lunches at THB22 each.*

Events

Connecting residents since 1997 - social, community, friendship for a good cause

Monthly gatherings for Ladies Luncheons, SOS+, Wellness and Markets.

- *Supporting local and international businesses through Luncheons monthly.*
- *Every event a minimum of 100thb goes from the price to SOS community outreach.*
- *Ladies are welcome to suggest venues for event - capacity 40-60 pax required.*
- *YTD in 2023 we have held 16 events for lunches, SOS+, markets and wellness raising over THB170K.*

Learning Hands

Our Mobile school

Operating since August 2022, this little school has given children who otherwise would have no learning

opportunities, an hour of face-to-face learning and fun each week.

- *16 weeks of preschool programs created by volunteers, materials, songs have run YTD.*
- *Taught in English to Burmese Migrants children aged 3-11.*
- *A 100% mobile school, taken on the road to the children.*

Local Matters

Helping one or two individual cases each month

Launched in February 2021, this sum of THB6,000 shared or singularly goes to a special case each month.

- *In 2023, 50% of the Local Matters cases have been identified by SOS ladies, for folks in need.*
- *We don't give money; it can be a need such as rehab, medical equipment, infant formular - each case handled and followed up by our volunteers.*
- *In 2024 we will extend this to support to Red Cross Koh Samui, a group 30 years strong helping the physically handicapped, isolated and elderly, for adult diapers/medical equipment each month to the value of THB5,000.*

Education

Enabling children to attend school

It remains our goal to support children's access to public schools on Koh Samui and support schools with equipment, uniforms, and the tools for kids to attend school.

- *Mobile libraries will be set up in all 7 Koh Samui tambons in select dining venues.*
- *The Lifetime Ambassador Scholarship Award will be launched in 2024.*
- *In 2024 we will continue all of the above support (unforms, sport and music equipment, school painting projects, reading programs) supporting 23 primary schools and 2 high schools. SOS has connections with all Thai schools.*

How you can help in 2024

Vacant Roles

Roles	Description
Ambassador/s	*4-7 hours a month, represent SOS at events, keep an ear to the ground for SOS opportunities to support the community, and love your island home! Non-Board role. A two-year term.*
Fundraiser	*Explore possibilities for raising funds in 2024 for SOS. Collaborations, Grants, Bequeaths to name a few. Unlimited opportunities to "FUNdraise" for SOS! Board-role. A two-year term.*
Socials	*Blogs, Newsletter, Socials - like telling a story, sharing updates, happenings - 2-3 hours a week role.*
Committee - Crafty Chicks	*Help launch the next phase of Crafty Chicks which is a learning craft centre with financial rewards and skills sharing for migrant and Thai ladies.* #threadsforlifebysos
Committee - Education	*To support and communicate with schools on Koh Samui, managing their needs. There is 7 tambons in Samui - we would like to have a volunteer for each tambon. 4 hours a month.*

Goals in 2024

What's planned in 2024?

As we emerged from the pandemic, employment returned to normal levels, our shift away from #feedsamui to #soseducation will remain, with adhoc support to special cases PLUS MORE.

Marketplace	Expand the opening hours. Officially will be the Foundations Head Quarters, operate 6 days a week, expand the opening hours and make it a community space through coffee mornings, SOS info hub, and a one stop shop for island connection and charity.
Education	Continue to support students access local primary and secondary schools. Support uniforms, outings, learning.
Threadforlifebysos	'To teach a girl a skill is to train them for life' - train Thai and migrant ladies how to crochet, sew, craft or knit. Girls receive skills and financial reward; items are sold in Marketplace and select venues across Koh Samui.
Scholars of Sustenance	Support SOS to establish on Koh Samui, potentially the fourth Thai location for them. Two prong approach to reduce food waste, and rescue food for those in need. This collaboration will be driven by Scholars of Sustenance primarily.
Learning Hands	Continue this weekly pre-school for kids who don't attend school from aged 3-11 in migrant camps.
Wellness	Offer a minimum of 6 wellness events a year and maintain our wellness pages on www.sistersonsamui.org, this is both for physical and mental health.
Life admin	Introduce advise for 'life admin things', such as having a Will in Thailand, insurance, immigration and banking to our ladies.
Events	Keep our events monthly, with our SOS+ (including the men in our lives) events scattered throughout the year.

Communication

In 2024 we will continue to communicate via Facebook, Instagram, blogs and bring back our monthly Newsletter, plus launch a new SOS website ready by the end of 2023.

- SOS Facebook has 5100+ followers
- Marketplace Facebook has 551 followers
- SOS Instagram has 1174 followers
- SOS Facebook locals page - 571 followers
- Newsletter monthly
- www.sistersonsamui.org for all info including blogs

Got a question? Want to get involved? Get in touch!

The information above was prepared by the SOS Board. Income and Expenses are reported up to date as of 31 October 2023. These figures will be externally audited come the end of the year. Our full AGM report will be available on the website soon. Thankyou from Lynn, Natalie and Nicky.