

One day, after 20 years

On 23 April 1992 we started rebuilding the Kantha Bopha Children's Hospital in Phnom Penh, which had been destroyed during the war and civil unrest. Just a half year later, the hospital was already operational.

On 23 April 2012 the five Kantha Bopha Children's Hospitals that have since been established in Cambodia admitted 456 seriously ill children to hospital, treated 2,982 sick children on an outpatient basis, performed 52 surgical procedures and delivered 51 babies in the maternity ward in Siem Reap.

Also on this 23 April, three open heart surgeries were performed and three interventional angioplasty procedures were carried out – led by a French team of surgical specialists who spend 10 days per month operating here so our Cambodian staff can be trained on site.

At 6 a.m. on 24 April, a total of 2,030 patients were hospitalised.

These medical services can only be provided thanks to your financial support and the round-the-clock efforts and commitment of our 2,400 Cambodian hospital staff.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Every Swiss franc you give helps to heal and prevent illness and save lives. Without the Kantha Bopha Hospitals, there would be widespread high child mortality in Cambodia, a country that has suffered a long period of war, civil unrest and genocide.

Kantha Bopha stands above politics and is a humanitarian institution in the true sense of the word. The King of Cambodia, King Norodom Sihamoni, also stands above politics. He will be accompanying me next week to Switzerland to personally express his gratitude to our Swiss donors. Once again, we wish to thank you for your support.

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