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Kantha Bopha prevents mother to child transmission of HIV

Hundreds of children born from HIV positive mothers at the maternity clinic of Siem Reap Angkor are prevented from lifelong HIV infection. Thanks to the actual standard of care available at the maternity clinic with a daily birth rate of 50, the vicious circle of AIDS is broken in favor of the children.

Kantha Bopha provides sustainable healing

The assumption that successfully treated children will relaps once they return to their miserable living condition is erroneous. Hundreds of thousands of children treated at the Kantha Bopha facilities since 1992 have remained healthy. This includes innumerable cases of tuberculosis, severe sickness from Dengue fever, malaria and cholera and other diseases. The majority of 60 surgical procedures performed per day are life saving and provide sustainable cure.

Kantha Bopha provides reasonable and just family planning

The maternity clinic of Siem Reap Angkor highly frequented for regular pregnancy controls provides a state-of-the-art care for outpatients. Among the 14'000 deliveries, there has been one single maternal death. Given the country's recent genocidal history, the complementary concept of Kantha Bopha's standard of care by its maternity clinic and its pediatric centers is widely acknowledged as a guarantee for sustainable survival of Cambodia's children. Only under this precondition may a reasonable family planning be conceived.

Medical facilities must provide infrastructures up to standards of care in order to reduce children's suffering and high mortality rate in the poor world and without discriminating the poor

The International Community and their numerous ministries of help and development including the UN daughter organizations promote specific **programs for the poor world** aimed at tuberculosis, malaria, AIDS, Dengue fever and family planning, implementing these programs **at enormous costs..., however with little impact**. Its rationale remains enigmatic. Multiple evaluations performed at high costs over the past 30 years conclude again and again that **poverty be the reason** of the high mortality rate and the suffering in the poor world and that this will immutably persist. This **is yet another erroneous conclusion, as the Kantha Bopha concept proves:**

The Kantha Bopha facilities are free of charge, treating 85% of Cambodia's sick children (of a 14 million population), hospitalizing 90'000 severely diseased children per year and providing outpatient care for 750'000 sick children and vaccination for 600'000 children annually. Poverty is overwhelming and affects 90% of the country's children. The mortality rate at Kantha Bopha's facilities is 0.5%. This means that the crucial factor of misery is not poverty per se, but discrimination of the poor as well as innumerable programs without impact on the high mortality rate in poor countries.

However, the Kantha Bopha facilities and their infrastructure remain dependent on your contribution. Each Dollar, Euro or CHF contribute to life saving, healing, and preventing disease.

With heartfelt thanks,

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