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Kantha Bopha is in the battle against poverty

Fighting poverty has been talked about a lot in the past 16 years. Enduring talk. And yet poverty also endures. In Cambodia, the cost of medical care is the main and often crucial factor when livelihoods, already tiny and poor, fail. 80% of the population are farmers.

The cost of medical care ruins agricultural smallholdings. Farmers need to borrow money to pay for the healer, private doctors or those in pitiful official hospitals and for medicines. Eventually, they are forced to sell their herds and the land they usually use for growing rice crops. Their livelihoods are in tatters, the land is no longer tilled and becomes desolate... and all without having helped the sick relative: 80% of the medicines available in Cambodia are imitations and therefore ineffective, 20% are even toxic (as the Ministry recently admitted).

Kantha Bopha treats all children free of charge. All medicines used meet correct, western standards, having been imported for the last 16 years. In this way, Kantha Bopha prevents these smallholdings and livelihoods from being ruined in a most effective and sustainable way. It also saves these people's children – the next generations in a country which suffered atrocious genocide under the Khmer Rouge. Kantha Bopha treats 85% of all Cambodian children. In 2007, that was 1.2 million outpatients and 114,000 seriously ill children as inpatients.

For 16 years, now, Kantha Bopha has been successfully opposing the demands of the international community, the WHO (Geneva) and also the SDC (Berne), which claim that patients must pay for themselves in order to carry the responsibility for their own health and who also claim that the standards for medicines must follow the economic reality in the corresponding countries.

Despite free treatment and despite correct, western standards in medication, **Kantha Bopha accounts for the best and cheapest cost/healing ratio worldwide.** Kantha Bopha is free of corruption. A fair and just infrastructure.

We thank you for your help.

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