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Sustainable Values

Cambodia hurt and disabled by many years' warfare, remains a poor country. Since 1992, we created and installed in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap a total of five childrens' hospitals and one maternity. Since 1992, 8.8 million sick children were treated as outpatients and more than 850'000 severely diseased children were hospitalized in these facilities, all free of charge. Eighty percent of all hospitalized children would not have survived without the undergone treatment. Thousands of children have been prevented from lifelong invalidity or chronic disease.

At the same time, continuous and consistent medical education of Cambodian doctors was provided proving to be efficient and sustainable. Yet, criticism advertising „non-sustainability“ of the project even before the inauguration of the Kantha Bopha I hospital in 1992, continues choruslike by so-called and self promoted health care experts.

Financial sponsorship is providing sustainability of the values represented by the Kantha Bopha Childrens' Hospitals. The Kantha Bopha project has proved to produce sustainability in the efficient cure of any severely sick child. Each child has only one life. Saving a child's life is producing individual sustainability. Thus, sponsorship creates sustainable values.

On Friday, October 10, 2008, sustainability of value of invested money became highly questionable in many places. On that day, **a total of 1726 severely diseased children were hospitalised in all five Kantha Bopha Childrens' Hospitals. On that same day, a total of 306 severely diseased children were admitted to and a total of 324 cured children were discharged from these facilities.** On that very day, 41 surgical procedures were performed in Phom Penh and 22 in Siem Reap (15 of these in Phnom Penh and 18 in Siem Reap were crucial for immediate survival of the children). Still on that day, 51 deliveries occurred in the Siem Reap Maternity, designed and installed to prevent the transmission of HIV infection from mother to child (with a 100% efficiency, i.e. sustainable value). On that same day also, 1450 immunisation procedures were performed; 1260 of these were against Japanese Encephalitis (brain stem infection). To this date, Cambodian children are officially not eligible for this immunisation! With all of this occurring on the one day, **your financial sponsoring had great sustainable value on that Friday, October 10, 2008.**

We thank you for your continuous urgent help. Any financial support helps to cure and save childrens' lives and to prevent severe handicap.

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