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SUPPORT TO KANTHA BOPHA HOSPITALS IN CAMBODIA CONTRIBUTING TO BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES AND THE SURVIVAL OF CAMBODIAN CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN.



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Over 25 years of Dr Richner's tireless efforts resulted in millions of children receiving free quality medical care at the Kantha Bopha Hospitals. Despite his demise in September 2018, the five hospitals are operating smoothly with the management model he set up and the commitment of the Royal Government of Cambodia to maintain it. SDC's financial support remains crucial until a sustainable Cambodian financing is secured.

BACKGROUND

The health sector in Cambodia reflects a typical administrative system of a post-conflict context. Peace and stability have only prevailed for several years and the country still suffers the consequences of civil war, and the extinction of the state apparatus and educated classes,

especially in the health sector, under the Khmer Rouge regime.

However, Cambodia has made significant progress in improving the health status of its population. Results include:

- a) reduced maternal and child mortality rates;
- b) decreased prevalence of communicable diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS;
- c) expanded coverage and increased access to essential health care services; and
- d) health equity schemes that provide a measure of financial protection, particularly for the poor.

These improvements can be attributed in part to long-term political stability (which has provided space for development to occur), to long-term and coherent collaboration between the Royal Government of Cambodia and its development partners, and to the commitment to achieving universal health coverage by 2030 as indicated in the Sustainable Development Goal 3.

This project forms an integral part of the Swiss Cooperation Programme in the Mekong Region 2022-25.

THE KANTHA BOPHA HOSPITALS

The Swiss Kantha Bopha Foundation manages several pediatric hospitals in Cambodia known as the Kantha Bopha Hospitals. Founded in 1992, and now with five sites in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap Angkor, these health facilities care for around 80% of all severely sick children in Cambodia on an inpatient and outpatient basis. They offer high quality health services including prevention, care and rehabilitation free of charge to all children and mothers, in order to respond to the needs of Cambodians living in poverty.

