

SUPPORT TO KANTHA BOPHA HOSPITALS IN CAMBODIA



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Over 30 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 contribution is complemented with specific expertise to support the hospitals to tap into other funding sources, making this SDC's last phase of financial support.

BACKGROUND

The Swiss Kantha Bopha Foundation manages five world-class pediatric hospitals in Cambodia known as the Kantha Bopha Hospitals (KBH) founded by Dr. Beat Richner in 1992. In the 30

years since, the hospitals in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, have treated more than 18 million patients, thereof more than 2 million critically ill children. The maternity wing constructed in Siem Reap in 2001 assists around 71 births daily, summing up to a total of 18,172 professionally attended births in 2022.

The KB hospitals offer high quality health services free of charge to all children and mothers. They are a model of well-functioning healthcare structure with an optimal cost-benefit ratio in one of Asia's poorer countries.

Switzerland through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has supported the KBH since 1994 with a total amount of over CHF 100 million up to this date. Currently the Swiss annual contribution to KBH is CHF 4 Mio which corresponds to between 8 and 10 percent of the total budget of the KBH.

OBJECTIVES

Switzerland supports the overall goal of KBH in contributing to the improvement of child and maternal health through equitable provision of highly specialized pediatric and obstetric care and building of a resilient health system in Cambodia. For this last phase of SDC support to the KBH, SDC will continue supporting the hospitals as well as the Swiss and the Cambodia Kantha Bopha Foundations in reaching long-term financial sustainability of the hospitals.

