

One Day In The Kantha Bopha Hospitals – Decisive For Hundreds Of Lives

Today on October 22nd 2013 at 06.00 am 2221 severely sick children are hospitalized in the 5 Kantha Bopha Children's Hospitals.

Yesterday on October 21st 3688 sick children were treated in the outpatient stations. 566 severely sick children were admitted for hospitalization. Among these 566 severely cases 94 severely sick children were admitted for hospitalization during the night. Among the 566 admitted children 102 were admitted in the Intensive Care Units, otherwise they could not survive the first day of their hospitalization. And last but not least 58 surgical operations were done.

Our hospitals are overcrowded. This enormous work is possible thanks to the engagement and great and professional commitment of all 2500 Cambodian staff.

Additionally to the above mentioned numbers 535 pregnant women were controlled in the outpatient station of the maternity. There were 63 deliveries. Further 1102 healthy children were vaccinated against the Japanese Encephalitis (JEV).

All the treatments are free. All the hospitalizations are free. All medicines and drugs are free. Most families are very poor. It is the right for all children to get an immediate, correct, efficient and effective treatment, saving and not killing the live.

Day by day we spend 120 000.00 USD. It is not charity but an obligation. That is why we ask the Ministry of Health to contribute more than only 2 % of their money to Kantha Bopha, which is treating more than 85% of all Cambodian Children. In the Kantha Bopha Hospitals there is no corruption.

Dr. Beat Richner, founder and head of the Kantha Bopha Hospitals since 1992

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