

## **....and the Cholera goes on**

### **The cases in the Kantha Bopha Children's Hospitals**

Since the first case of Cholera in the Kantha Bopha Hospital IV in Phnom Penh Cambodia was detected in November 2009 there were 1300 cases with symptoms of severe Cholera hospitalized. In 290 cases the clinical diagnosis Cholera was confirmed by our bacteriological laboratory: The germ "Vibrio cholerae" was found.

### **Increasing numbers in Kantha Bopha III, Siem Reap**

Since April 2010 the numbers of Cholera in Kantha Bopha III (Jayavarman VII) in Siem Reap Angkor are raising.

Most cases are arising from :

-Prek Tol, Ek Phnom, Battambang Province. Last week a family affected by Cholera told us that 7 people have died in the neighborhood 10 days ago, one adult and six children.

-Chong Pnase, Siem Reap Province

-Pourk District Siem Reap Province. A Cholera affected family told us yesterday that one young woman, 22 years old, has died.

About all these places we informed the authorities already months ago. The fact that there the Cholera still goes on is showing us that the measures for prevention taken by the authorities are not efficient or not efficient enough.

All 1300 Cholera cases being hospitalized in the Kantha Bopha Hospitals could not survive without its hospitalization. The Cholera problem is serious, as we have told 6 months ago. Prevention and curative care of Cholera caused by the germ "Vibrio cholerae" is different from seasonal diarrheas most being caused by a virus. In most Cholera cases there is vomiting and diarrhea occurring all of a sudden, no fever. As soon these symptoms are occurring a Hospital with reliable staff and equipment should be reached.

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