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ANGKOR HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN IMPACT FUND

Healthcare | Children



FUND OVERVIEW

NAME

Angkor Hospital for Children Impact Fund

FUND OBJECTIVES

This fund aims to strengthen AHC's work in **providing quality critical healthcare for children in Cambodia and improving speciality care to children with long-term, rare, or acute conditions.**

COUNTRY OF OPERATIONS

Cambodia

LAUNCH DATE

October 2024

MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION

SGD20,000 / USD15,000

Multi-year contributions encouraged

FUND TARGET AND DURATION

SGD2,250,000 / USD1,500,000

over 3 years

THE ISSUE

Today, approximately **75% of Cambodians, including three million children, live in rural areas**. For many of these children, healthcare facilities providing specialised care are often far away, making it expensive and costly to seek help. Furthermore, local healthcare facilities are mainly equipped to provide mainly basic care. The lack of access to adequate and affordable specialised care is a leading cause of child and maternal deaths in Cambodia, on top of other factors like poor hygiene practices and a lack of skilled healthcare staff. Improving the access to proper healthcare services that properly address the needs of children with complex healthcare needs is a key factor contributing to the survival of these children.

OUR PARTNER

Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC) is **a leading children's healthcare organisation based in Siem Reap**, Cambodia, dedicated to ensuring that every child coming through its doors receives quality, compassionate healthcare irrespective of their financial capacity or place of residence.

AHC pioneers **speciality treatment not universally available in Cambodia for children with complex, chronic, conditions** such as cancer and other life threatening conditions and injuries. **They also provide free and subsidised medical services to around 400 children daily.** As a pediatric teaching hospital, AHC also carries out extensive education programmes aimed at improving healthcare through education for the next generation of health workers, community members, and caregivers.

WHAT YOUR FUNDING COULD UNLOCK

SGD22,000

Support the **training of a speciality doctor in surgery, anaesthesia, or intensive care** for one year

SGD55,000

Support **physiotherapy for every child** AHC sees in a year

SGD80,000

Support the **running of one bed in intensive care** for one year

SGD145,000

Support the **running of the emergency room for a year, providing immediate treatment** to 3,600 children annually

SGD300,000

Support the **operations of the Trauma and Critical Care Centre for one year**, enabling 2,000 children annually to seek quality medical care

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KEY FUND PRIORITIES



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- 1 Provide access to quality and timely specialty healthcare services
- 2 Train medical professionals and enhance health literacy for community leaders and caregivers
- 3 Build up and expand the capabilities of AHC's Trauma and Critical Care Centre

CHAMPION DONOR

“ Ensuring accessible healthcare for children in Cambodia is a feat all in itself. For AHC to go beyond and provide comprehensive and quality specialised care regardless of one's ability to pay speaks volumes of their dedication to the cause. Their aspiration to ensure the growth of the larger Cambodian healthcare system is inspiring and life changing.

LINDSAY COOPER

Board Director, Angkor Hospital for Children

WHY GIVE?

- 1 **Learn alongside experienced givers**
Join the champion's giving journey and learn about the issue and needs.
- 2 **Fund high-quality social impact organisations**
Support impactful nonprofits with a proven track record of driving positive change.
- 3 **Join a network of donors**
Be part of a community of impact-minded donors.
- 4 **Focus on your giving**
Leverage ACF's grant management capabilities to reduce your administrative burden.
- 5 **Ensure security and accountability**
Rely on the ACF team to conduct due diligence and manage grant tracking and reporting.

THE BACKGROUND

The rule of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia from 1975 to 1979 saw the **dismantling of the Cambodian medical system, including the decline of the country's health workforce**. Subsequent years of violence and political unrest hampered reconstruction efforts, with progress in improving the healthcare system plateauing around 2010. Access to quality emergency care remains severely limited for a large portion of the population, particularly impacting children residing in rural communities.

For many rural families, accessing healthcare facilities is a lengthy and costly process. **Local healthcare centres are only equipped with basic medical equipment and medicines, and thus are only able to provide rudimentary care**, such as the treatment of minor injuries, diseases and ailments, facilitating non-complicated births, and providing general checkups. As such, families of children suffering from severe illnesses or life-threatening injuries must seek help from the nearest hospital equipped with the appropriate critical care services, such as Emergency Rooms and Intensive Care Units. However, families often have to endure long waits in their local healthcare centres before they are able to obtain a referral to these hospitals.

Adding to the challenge, these hospitals are often located far away from rural communities. Despite the existence of ambulances, **a lack of centralised transport coordination forces many families to bear high out-of-pocket costs** for private vehicles, taxis, or even non-motorised transport to reach these hospitals. Some families have no choice but to travel by foot to get to a hospital.



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of Cambodians live in rural areas

Major causes of child deaths in Cambodia include **a lack of adequate, affordable and accessible health services**, poor quality services, poor hygiene, a lack of skilled health staff, and harmful traditional practices.



An average of **4 people die** daily from road traffic accidents

A Snapshot of the Challenge:

THE BACKGROUND

Even when a child does reach a healthcare facility, it must be adequately equipped, and healthcare staff need to be trained with emergency-specific skills to effectively provide the necessary care. However, due to the lack of training or knowledge, many staff fail to recognise and manage complex emergencies, causing further delays in urgent treatment and increasing the risk of fatalities.

Given the challenges in the healthcare system in Cambodia, it is crucial to address these gaps to ensure that all children have access to the quality and timely critical care they need.

In response to Cambodia's healthcare needs, AHC established a Trauma and Critical Care Centre (TCCC) in 2023 to grow its capacity to treat critically ill and severely injured children. The Centre will also **serve as a teaching Centre of Excellence in trauma and emergency care** for all government health workers, as well as medical and nursing students, that pass through AHC's doors.

The Centre will expand medical referral networks and healthcare access for rural communities, strengthening the overall healthcare infrastructure in Cambodia by improving timely access to quality critical care services for remotely located families.

With the Centre, AHC expects to be able to provide more timely and quality care for over 8,000 children by 2026, and provide learning experiences to more than 20 government doctors, 400 medical students, and 1,500 nursing students across the country.

“**Accidents can happen to any child at any time. But many deaths and disabilities could be avoided—if only children get the right care they need on time.**

The children who arrive at AHC often have nowhere else to go. But every child is like our own. We will do everything we can to save them.

DR LENG NARA
AHC Surgeon

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