



CHILDREN'S SURGICAL CENTRE

Rehabilitation surgery for disabled Cambodians
National Rehabilitation Center, Kien Khleang.

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WHO WE ARE

CSC aims to improve the quality of life for disabled poor people by providing free rehabilitation surgery. Integral to CSC's mission is a program of training local surgeons and hospital staff by international experts – focusing on the development of sustainable surgical services.



"I really hope after this surgery my arm and shoulder will return to full function and I can work to support my family.

Meet Ry

Ry is a 26-year-old construction worker from Cambodia. Three months ago, Ry was in a construction accident that caused a severe laceration on his right neck, and paralysis of his right shoulder and elbow. After his accident, he spent a month in another hospital recovering from his accident. Still unable to move or lift his arm, he traveled to Children's Surgical Centre, where doctors diagnosed him with a brachial plexus injury. The brachial plexus is a nerve network that transmits signals from the spine to the shoulder, arm and hand. These injuries are devastating to young people who often lose the use of their arms, so Ry is ecstatic the surgery can regenerate the nerve network and improve his life to support his family. CSC surgeons did a complex brachial plexus nerve transfer repair surgery, referred to as an Oberlin transfer. He has started to work with the physiotherapy team and can already move one of his fingers. Surgeons look forward to seeing him again in 3 months to see his progress!

CHALLENGES

The COVID-19 pandemic hit Asia in late 2019; in 2020, CSC activity was reduced by a third, with just under 2,666 operations and 21,578 consultations. Donations have fallen about 30% with many large donors ceasing support. As we continue our mission of training local surgeons and improving the quality of life for disabled Cambodians, every donation helps to pay for staff and supplies.

Planned construction and a hospital move from our physical location has not progressed; this is good news for CSC, as we can continue to occupy the Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Centre for the foreseeable future.

Our mission is to directly connect people through technology to access life-changing surgery. We are guided by the needs of our patients and strive to help them achieve health and meaningful change in their lives. CSC aims to improve the quality of life for disabled poor people by providing rehabilitation surgery.



THE ASK

Whatever you can give, please know we are grateful to receive it! Please consider signing up to give us a monthly gift, it makes a huge difference to our community. Even just a donation of \$10 goes a long way! Thank you for your continued support and helping us through what has become a challenging year. Please visit <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/build-hospital-wing-for-25000-disabled-cambodians/> to learn more about how you can help change the lives of thousands of Cambodians each year.

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