



CHILDREN'S SURGICAL CENTRE

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

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WHO WE ARE

CSC is a healthcare organization that provides affordable surgical care by skilled specialists. CSC started as a small project to help victims of landmine injuries, many of whom were children. Since then, it has grown into what it is today - a tertiary teaching hospital with over 75 Cambodian staff, and 93,065 and counting surgeries since 1998. We offer free or low-cost surgical care and rehabilitation in numerous specialties for economically disadvantaged patients. We also focus on building capacity by providing sub-specialty surgical training and international training to medical professionals. Integral to our mission is a program of training local surgeons and hospital staff by international experts – focusing on the development of sustainable rehabilitative surgical services.

We are guided by the needs of our patients and strive to help them achieve health and meaningful change in their lives.

THE ASK

Whatever you can give, please know we are grateful to receive it! Little acts of kindness can collectively make a big difference. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us live our mission.

Reach's mother shared her happiness, saying: *"I feel very happy that my son's cataract surgery was successful. Now, I no longer worry about any problems with his eyes."*



Cambodian Infant Overcomes Blindness

Reach is a six-month-old boy from Kampot province with two older brothers in primary school. His father works in a garment factory, while his mother stays home to care for their three young boys.

Since birth, his parents noticed that his eyes appeared cloudy and didn't follow sounds, like his mother's voice, as other children did at his age. After hearing about the remarkable work done at Children's Surgical Centre for children's eye surgeries from villagers, they brought him to CSC to see an eye doctor.

Eye surgeons at CSC diagnosed Reach with bilateral congenital cataracts. On October 23, he underwent surgery. Under general anesthesia, doctors performed a lensectomy and placed an intraocular lens in his left eye. After recovery, he is expected to see clearly in his left eye.

Reach's mother will administer steroid and antibiotic eye drops as part of his post-operative care. Reach will need another subsequent surgery on his other eye; however, his mother is grateful for the free care, and positive about his future.

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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