



# 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 empower our CSC staff to develop skills and knowledge that contribute to long-term improvements in healthcare across the country, ensuring that the impact extends beyond our center and supports a sustainable healthcare system.

### 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 father is deeply grateful and shared: *"We are so happy that our son had this surgery. He will be able to play and go to school like other children. We are very grateful for the free care at this hospital."*



### **"Standing Tall" at Four Years of Age**

Four-year-old Reach is from Takeo province, Cambodia. His father works as a taxi driver, and his mother sells groceries out of their modest home. When Reach was about a year old, his parents noticed weakness in his foot when he was unable to stand after pulling himself up using furniture. They took him to a hospital, where a doctor observed that his spine was not straight, but, with their limited income, they could not afford further care for him. Due to a respiratory disease he had as a baby, he often struggled to breathe. Concerned that his condition was getting worse, a villager told them about CSC.

Reach was diagnosed with infantile scoliosis, which causes his spine to curve or twist, eventually affecting his chest and lungs, making it harder for him to breathe. On 14 August, CSC specialty spinal surgeons inserted growing rods - a corrective surgery that will allow his spine to grow straight and his lungs to expand. His mother collaborated with the physiotherapy team to develop a plan for rehabilitation as Reach learns to walk normally. With improved lung function and posture, he will be able to sit comfortably for longer periods, play with other children, and participate in other activities without getting tired quickly. The procedure will also reduce the risk of future complications, giving him a chance to grow strong, healthy, and independent.

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