



CHILDREN'S SURGICAL CENTRE

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

WHO WE ARE

Children's Surgical Centre (CSC) is a tertiary teaching hospital in Phnom Penh providing affordable, high-quality surgical and rehabilitative care to Cambodians. Children receive surgery free of charge, while adults receive free or low-cost care based on need. Since 1998, CSC's Cambodian team has performed more than 411,000 consultations, and 85,000 surgeries while expanding local expertise through specialized training and collaboration with international medical professionals.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THIS POSSIBLE

Your continued support makes it possible for Children's Surgical Centre to provide life-changing care to children who would otherwise go without treatment.

Reach's mother said with joy, "We are excited to see him return to school and play with his friends again."

On average, growing rod surgery costs approximately **\$1,500**, helping stabilize and gradually correct a child's spinal curvature while allowing continued growth.



Reach, age six, before his treatment at CSC

A Stronger Future for a Six-Year-Old

Reach is a six-year-old boy from Prey Veng Province, Cambodia. He lives with his grandmother, who is a rice farmer, and his mother, who works long hours in a clothing factory. At home, he is in kindergarten and wants to be a doctor when he grows up.

In his short life, Reach has already faced the challenge of a spinal deformity affecting the alignment of his back, making everyday movement more difficult and raising concerns about how the condition will affect him as he grows. This spinal curve can worsen, particularly during growth spurts, which can reduce space in the chest cavity, compressing the lungs and heart.

Fortunately, Reach's mother learned about Children's Surgical Centre from a local clinic. On 17 August 2026, he underwent growing rod surgery at CSC. The surgical team placed rods along his spine to help correct and stabilize the curvature while allowing his spine and chest to continue growing.

As Reach grows, the rods will require periodic adjustments, making regular follow-up an essential part of his care. For a young child, major surgery can be frightening, but throughout Reach's free treatment, CSC's doctors, nurses and other staff were there to provide skilled care and reassurance.

Now recovering, Reach has greater hope for the future. He will return to CSC for regular follow-up and future adjustments as he grows. Thanks to the generosity of CSC's supporters, specialized surgical care like this can give Cambodian children with complex conditions the chance for healthier, more active lives.

And now Reach can continue to **grow, play, learn, and look forward to the future.**

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