

**Annual Report 2022**  
**of the Foundation of Children's Hospitals Kantha Bopha,**  
**Dr. med. Beat Richner**

**1. 30 Years Children's Hospitals Kantha Bopha**

The year 2022 was marked by the 30th anniversary of the Kantha Bopha Children's Hospitals. We honoured Dr. Beat Richner's lifetime achievements with various events and celebrated together with the many donors from Switzerland, without whom the hospitals would never have come into being.

In 1992, the Zurich paediatrician and musician Dr. Beat Richner, "Beatocello", gave up his practice to follow the call of the King of Cambodia and rebuild the war-ravaged Kantha Bopha Children's Hospital in Phnom Penh. Together with his deputy Dr Peter Studer, he worked tirelessly until the end of his life for the health and well-being of children in one of the poorest countries in Asia.

Five modern children's hospitals and a maternity unit with around 2,200 beds are now in operation in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap thanks to the generous support of the many donors from Switzerland. Every year, around one million children are treated as outpatients by the 2,500 well-trained Cambodian doctors and staff, and more than one hundred thousand seriously ill children are hospitalized, cared for, operated on and fully cured - all free of charge and with the best medical quality according to Dr. Richner's principles. The majority of the seriously ill children in Cambodia would not have a chance of survival without Kantha Bopha.

The Kantha Bopha Hospitals have been receiving professional support from the doctors of the University Children's Hospital Zurich and other local institutions for 30 years. Today, as university hospitals, they are among the most important medical training institutions in the country. In February 2022, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Cambodia designated the Kantha Bopha Hospitals as a "Centre of Excellence and Teaching" and an exemplary model for the entire country.

**1.1. First visit since Covid lockdown, Resumption of Medical Missions, Eighth International Kantha Bopha Symposium for Paediatrics**

Two years after the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic, a delegation of the Foundation Board was able to visit the Kantha Bopha Hospitals in Cambodia again for the first time in February 2022 (Enclosure 1). Even without on-site support from specialists from the Children's Hospital Zurich and other institutions, hundreds of thousands of sick children were treated and cured. The Kantha Bopha Hospitals have clearly demonstrated that they function sustainably and independently in medical terms.

To the great delight of the Foundation Board and the Cambodian staff, various planned medical missions to Cambodia by paediatricians from the University Children's Hospital Zurich and other experts from Switzerland and abroad were resumed in 2022. A total of 12 medical missions were carried out from Switzerland and France.

On 3 November 2022, the eighth International Symposium for Paediatrics took place at the Kantha Bopha Conference Centre in Siem Reap. A delegation of the Foundation Board and ten medical experts (professors and nurses) from the University Children's Hospital Zurich and other Swiss hospitals took part. The symposium was personally opened by the Cambodian Minister of Health (Enclosure 2).

## **1.2. Cambodian Leadership Team**

The Zurich paediatrician Dr. med. Beat Richner had one big goal: the children's hospitals he founded should eventually be run by Cambodians alone. By doctors and nurses whom he trained and promoted together with the University Children's Hospital Zurich. They should do it in his spirit. According to the principles he set: all sick children should be admitted, vaccinated, operated on and cared for free of charge. With the best instruments, protocols and practices of contemporary medicine.

Therefore, together with his successor Dr. med. Peter Studer, he made every effort to build up an experienced management team that could seamlessly replace them after their retirement. However, serious illnesses unfortunately put an early end to the lives of Beat Richner (2018) and Peter Studer (2020). This far-sighted preparation allowed the Foundation to organise the succession according to the plans of Beat Richner and Peter Studer.

The Kantha Bopha Children's Hospital Foundation, Dr. med. Beat Richner (hereinafter "the foundation"), handed over the management of the hospitals in May 2020 to the experienced Cambodian management team, which has been there since 1995. Dr. biol. Denis Laurent was appointed Directeur Général. The two chief physicians, Prof. Dr. med. Yay Chantana (Siem Reap) and Prof. Dr. med Ky Santy (Phnom Penh) are the medical directors of the hospitals. Their deputy and vice-directors are Assistant Professor Dr. med Khun Leang-Chhun (Siem Reap) and the two Assistant Professors Dr. med Yv Malene and Dr. med Nguon Yaneth. They all consider it their task to continue the hospitals in the spirit of Dr. Richner and Dr. Peter Studer.

The Cambodian leadership team, together with the 2,500 Cambodian staff, continued to do an excellent job in 2022. It is very pleasing to see how the Cambodian team works in a disciplined and independent manner.

### **1.3. Education and Training of Staff**

The medical area with education and training has been headed and coordinated by Prof. Dr. med. Michael Grotzer, Medical Director of the University Children's Hospital Zurich since 2020.

The strategic cooperation with the Children's Hospital Zurich was sustainably strengthened at the beginning of 2020 with the election of Prof. Dr. med. Felix Niggli and Prof. Dr. med. Oliver Kretschmar to the Foundation Board. The close cooperation with the Children's Hospital Zurich and their personal representation on the Foundation Board assures the high-quality standards of the Kantha Bopha Hospitals.

In 2022, the following professors, doctors and nurses continued and re-launched their medical missions:

Chr. Berger (infectiology), Chr. Brägger (gastroenterology), G. Babatasi and R. Prêtre (cardiology), O. Kretschmar and D. Stambach (cardiology), F. Niggli and S. Prader (oncology), Chr. Kellenberger and R. Gnannt (radiology), G. Laube (nephrology), F. Krähenmann, J. Wernli, M. Hüsler (obstetrics and gynaecology), J.-C. Fauchère and C. Keller (neonatology), V. Cannizzaro, S. Keller and P. van Kleef (intensive care), J. Sales de Gauzy and J.-F. Trincherro (orthopaedics).

All specialists were impressed by the progress and the high level of training of the Cambodian staff and confirmed their continued missions for the future. Many thanks to all for this great and selfless support!

## **2. Important Investment Decisions in 2022**

In 2022, the aging catheter laboratory for diagnostic imaging of the arteries of the heart as well as the ventricles in Siem Reap was replaced by a modern new device. The new device is working perfectly. At the end of 2022, the contracts for the replacement of the old MRI in Phnom Penh were signed.

The lifetime of these important and expensive devices is limited. Therefore, in addition to proper maintenance, their periodic renewal is also necessary. Modern equipment also allows the radiation exposure of young patients to be reduced.

## **3. On Future Financing of the Hospitals**

Dr. Beat Richner was unique when performing as "Beatocello" and cannot be eclipsed as an ingenious fundraiser. Dr. Beat Richner made it clear to the Cambodian government a number of years ago that he would not always be able to play the Cello and raise funds. After Dr. Beat Richner applied pressure, the Ministry of Finance and Health founded a working group in 2015 to develop solutions for long-term financing of the Kantha Bopha Hospitals. In 2016, Beat Richner was appointed advisor of the Ministry of Health in Cambodia and served in the rank of a State Secretary.

In 2016, the contribution was doubled to USD 6 million, and since 2017, we continue to receive a contribution of USD 2 for each entry ticket purchased to the famous temple grounds of Angkor Wat. Unfortunately, this source of funding practically dried up in 2022 (as in 2020 and 2021) due to the Corona pandemic and the lack of tourists. However, we are also very pleased that private donations in Cambodia tend to increase, which shows the enormous support of the Kantha Bopha Hospitals in Cambodia. The Swiss government has been supporting the Kantha Bopha Hospitals for many years through the Swiss

Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) with CHF 4 million annually. More than half of the budget was financed from donations from Switzerland in 2022. In the future, we are still urgently dependent on donations from Switzerland and hope for the continued faithful support of our many valued donors. Thank you very much!

The government of Cambodia is also very determined to preserve the Kantha Bopha Hospitals in the manner by which they were organised by Dr. Richner. In April 2018, the Prime Minister Hun Sen founded a Cambodian foundation "Kantha Bopha" and personally assumed, together with the First Lady, the role of honourable president. This was mainly to generate more donations in Cambodia; a powerful sign by the government further emphasizing the importance of the Kantha Bopha Hospitals for Cambodia. In 2022 we received USD 1 million each from the Cambodian Kantha Bopha foundation and the Cambodian Red Cross.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between our Swiss foundation and the Cambodian Kantha Bopha foundation in spring of 2019, reaffirming the common goals and principles of cooperation. In February 2022, an agreement was signed regarding the establishment of a Joint Advisory Board between the two foundations and the cooperation was strengthened. These agreements are of utmost importance for securing the future of hospitals. The Foundation Board is convinced that long-term financing can be secured in this way.

Whereas Dr. Richner's project was initially criticized as acting as a state within the state and as subversion of the health care system, it is now known and respected as a universally recognized model for poorer countries.

#### **4. Overview and Project Description**

Under the direction of Dr. Beat Richner, the Foundation has opened five children's hospitals respectively named Kantha Bopha in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap Angkor (hereinafter the "Kantha Bopha Hospitals") since 1992. The extension of the biggest maternity clinic in Cambodia was put into operation in autumn 2015.

The Kantha Bopha Hospitals take care of about 85% of all the sick children in Cambodia. The treatment is free of charge for all the children. The majority of the Cambodians are without any means and most patients come from families with a daily income of USD 2 or less. It is simply impossible for them to pay the treatment of their sick children!

The Kantha Bopha Hospitals have the highest correlation worldwide between costs and healing rate. This is why they can also serve as a model for poorer countries. In addition, as expressed in figures, they ethically support justifiable family planning resulting in mothers knowing that when their children are seriously ill, they can take them to the Kantha Bopha Hospitals for free. Mothers in Cambodia no longer have to give birth to ten children for fear of losing every second child. As a result, mothers giving birth in our maternity clinic, approximately 70 births per day (with expectant mothers coming from all regions of Cambodia), nowadays seldom have more than 3 children.

Kantha Bopha is an unparalleled success story around the world in the health care sector. The Kantha Bopha Hospitals have treated approximately 19.1 million ill children as outpatients since 1992 and 2.4 million seriously ill and injured children have been hospitalized and fully cured.

The Kantha Bopha Hospitals are an exemplary model for a functioning health care system in one of the poorest countries in Asia. Kantha Bopha is free of corruption and enjoys a reputation as a refuge for justice and social freedom in Cambodia.

#### **4.1. 30 Years Kantha Bopha**

The importance of the Kantha Bopha Hospitals can only be explained and understood within the historical context of Cambodia.

King Norodom Sihanouk, who died in October 2012, had the Children's hospital Kantha Bopha in Phnom Penh built in 1962 when he was the head of state. The hospital was named in honour of his daughter Kantha Bopha ("fragrant flower"), who died of leukaemia at infancy.

Up to and until the outbreak of the Vietnam War (1965-1971) and the subsequent Khmer Rouge's reign of terror (1975-1979), Cambodia operated a well-developed health care system.

The entire infrastructure in Cambodia was completely destroyed by the war and the subsequent civil war and an estimated 1.7 million Cambodians – about a quarter of the country's population – were murdered.

During the final negotiations of the Paris Peace Agreement in Paris in September 1991, the well-known Zurich paediatrician Dr. Beat Richner was asked to redevelop Kantha Bopha, a place where he had worked in 1974/75 until the invasion of the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh.

As early as on 23 September 1992, the newly restored Kantha Bopha was inaugurated with the participation of King Norodom Sihanouk and Ysushi Akashi (Japan), Chairman of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC).

The hospital has become a successful project and was soon overburdened. On a daily basis, the hospital faced more than 20 gravely ill children who could only be treated in the over-loaded intensive care unit, and as a result were rejected care. At that time, all the employees were staff of the Ministry of Health. Due to the mass increase of patient volumes, more doctors had to be requested. The ministry provided only inadequately

trained staff. As a solution, Dr. Beat Richner began hiring young Cambodian doctors, who completed their internship at Kantha Bopha and who demonstrated great intelligence and motivation. Today they all hold senior management positions.

In September 1995 King Norodom Sihanouk confirmed that all medical personnel should be selected by the Foundation and had to adhere to a set of specific criteria. Furthermore, he personally allotted a plot of land at the royal palace. On 12 October 1996 Kantha Bopha II was inaugurated at this site by King Norodom Sihanouk and the president of the Confederation at the time, J.P. Delamuraz.

In May 1999 King Norodom Sihanouk inaugurated the third hospital in the presence of the Prime Minister Hun Sen: Jayavarman VII (Kantha Bopha III) in Siem Reap Angkor.

Since then, the hospital has been expanded eight times and now has an X-ray department, a laboratory, a hospital pharmacy, and operating theatres. The maternity clinic was opened on 9 October 2001.

Kantha Bopha IV (Phnom Penh) was inaugurated in December 2005 and started to operate in January 2006.

In December 2007, after a construction period of only 12 months, Kantha Bopha V in Phnom Penh was inaugurated. It offers a ward comprising 300 beds, a vaccination clinic, a laboratory and an X-ray department.

The hospitals in Siem Reap and Phnom Penh have state-of-the-art equipment offering both MRI and CT scanners.

The new maternity clinic comprising 80 beds, 8 birthing facilities and a small intensive care unit started to operate in Siem Reap Angkor in October 2015. The former maternity ward in Phnom Penh, where the current King Sihamoni was born, was renovated in the year 2015. The ground floor now accommodates the archives of medical records and the first floor now houses and showcases an information centre.

In June 2018, the Foundation Board decided to tear down the dilapidated Kantha Bopha hospital I in Phnom Penh and to replace it with a new structure. This is the hospital where Dr. Beat Richner began his activities in 1992. On 1 August 2019, after only one year of planning and construction, the substitute building for the first Kantha Bopha Hospital was inaugurated in the presence of the King and Queen Mother.

In the new building, a new heart surgery centre as well as one intensive care unit for newborn babies and one for older children were each put into operation. This puts the Foundation in the fortunate position of being able to successfully perform heart surgery and invasive cardiac catheterizations in Phnom Penh in addition to the existing heart surgery centre in Siem Reap.

## 4.2 Health Care Services

### The figures of 2022

The Kantha Bopha Hospitals treat thousands of severely ill children mainly suffering from infectious diseases (tuberculosis, dengue fever, encephalitis, meningitis, etc.), as well as an increasing number of serious accident cases. The Kantha Bopha Hospitals have a total of more than 2'159 beds.

We continue to observe a constant increase of hospitalizations since 1992. The continuous increase of patient volume can be explained by the improvement of transport infrastructure, population growth, and the continuing poor health care system in the country. The patients come from all of the 24 provinces.

The increase in the number of patients is also related to the factor that the poor population can simply not afford the costs in the public and the private health sector. As is generally known, any and all treatments at the Kantha Bopha Hospitals are free of charge. This does not preclude wealthier Cambodians from bringing their children to Kantha Bopha or giving birth in Jayavarman VII, because hygiene and quality are often more than catastrophic in both the public and private health sectors. Often and increasingly, these families then make a small or large donation to Kantha Bopha after hospitalisation or birth of one of their children.

Overall, the number of patients in 2022 increased significantly compared to the previous year following a sharp decline in the previous year due to the covid-related lockdown and rigid travel restrictions.

In 2022, the number of severely ill children who needed to be hospitalized amounted to 119,958 (previous year 80,672) (Enclosure 3). The number of outpatient treatments of sick children amounted to 659,608 in 2022 (previous year 385,519) (Enclosure 4). Before being admitted to the polyclinic, a triage is undertaken by the doctors. The children who were not seriously ill and were therefore released following triage have therefore not been accounted for in our data.

In 2022, a total of 2,932 Covid patients (children and/or their mothers as well as hospital staff) were successfully treated. Fortunately, we did not have any severe courses of the Covid disease among the children.

36,564 children (previous year 39,924) were routinely vaccinated in 2022. In addition, 10,411 Covid-19 vaccinations were given (previous year 31,527).

In 2022, 26,613 surgical operations were performed (previous year 31,527), of which 903 were open heart (previous year 606) and 153 invasive cardiac catheterization surgeries (previous year 75). Since 2 August 2019, children have also been undergoing open-heart surgery at the new heart centre in Phnom Penh.

Furthermore, there were 18,172 births at the maternity clinic Jayavarman VII (Kantha Bopha III) (previous year 17,926) of which only about 18% by caesarean section (previous year 16%). A total of 91,015 pregnant women were examined (previous year 82,045), 22,301 of whom were treated as outpatients and 22,301 as inpatients. The mortality rate at the Kantha Bopha Hospitals was 0.45% in 2021 (previous year 0.49%).

### **4.3 Heart Surgery and Invasive Cardiac Catheterizations**

The illnesses with the highest mortality rate in our hospitals are the consequences of congenital heart defects.

Since Prof. Oliver Kretschmar, Children's Hospital Zurich, introduced invasive cardiac catheterizations in 2011, our Cambodian team is now capable to perform this minimally invasive procedure as a matter of routine on its own. We are thankful that Prof. Kretschmar still comes to Siem Reap and Phnom Penh to teach a one-week continuing training session twice a year.

Since 2012, our Cambodian doctors also successfully perform open heart surgery. This is made possible because of the regular presence of foreign specialists. These include, first and foremost, Prof. G. of the Chaîne de l'espoir, but also Prof. R. Prêtre, Lausanne, and Prof. L. Vricella, Baltimore/USA.

On 1 August 2019, another heart centre with an intensive care unit was opened in Phnom Penh. Due to Covid, no missions of our heart specialists from home and abroad could be carried out in 2020 and 2021. The experienced heart team from Siem Reap trained their Cambodian colleagues in Phnom Penh. For the first time in the history of Kantha Bopha, Cambodian specialists trained their colleagues without outside help. An impressive success story that proves the sustainability of the Kantha Bopha Hospitals.

This is only possible because the entire infrastructure of the hospitals functions at a high level: the laboratories, the blood bank, the intensive care units and the diagnostic equipment.

Furthermore, also because discipline is strictly maintained by the staff, day and night, physically as well as intellectually.

### **4.4 The Kantha Bopha Hospitals Have the Status of University and Government Hospitals**

Since 1994 (when only Kantha Bopha I existed), Kantha Bopha has been a department of the Health Ministry. At the request of Dr. Beat Richner, the Prime Minister Hun Sen signed a sub-decree in December 2014 which states that Kantha Bopha III (Jayavarman VII) in Siem Reap Angkor is also an own department of the Health Ministry. This is of great importance for the long-term continuation of Kantha Bopha in its predefined structure with decent salaries for its 2,500 Cambodian employees in a manner free of corruption and ensuring its policy of free treatment for everyone. The Kantha Bopha hospitals have the status of university hospitals and are fully integrated into the Cambodian health system.

The Director of Kantha Bopha Phnom Penh, Prof. Ky Santy, the Director of Kantha Bopha (Jayavarman VII), Siem Reap, Prof. Yay Chantana, both women Head surgeons in Siem Reap, Prof. Keo Sokha and Prof. Or Ouch and the Head surgeon in Phnom Penh, Prof. Pa Ponnareth, are regular professors at the Medical Faculty, Phnom Penh. Furthermore, 22 other colleagues are lecturers. In the year 2022, 541 medical students completed their internship in our hospitals in the departments of paediatrics, surgery and obstetrics. In 2022, the nursing college, which is affiliated with the Medical Faculty Phnom Penh, sent an attendance of 473 interns (called nursing internship) to the Kantha Bopha Hospitals.



Additionally, assistant medical technicians are trained in the laboratory and radiography. In this way, Kantha Bopha Hospitals are making a significant contribution to the further development of the entire Cambodian health system.

#### **4.5. Health Care Professionals**

At the end of 2022, the Foundation employed a total of about 2,500 local employees in the five hospitals in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap Angkor.

Dr. Denis Laurent (Director General and dual citizen of both France and Cambodia) is the only foreign employee working for the foundation in Cambodia.

The Kantha Bopha Hospitals operate sustainably and with the very high-quality collaboration of the Cambodian employees. The medical education and training of the younger colleagues are enhanced and maintained in a sustainable way. All the head doctors are aged between 46 and 56 and eagerly train their younger colleagues in the most professional manner.

#### **5. Foundation Board and Management**

During the two ordinary meetings of 17 March 2022 and 10 May 2022, the Foundation Board focussed on the statutory business.

Ms Christine Zwygart, a freelance journalist, was newly elected to the Foundation Board. She knew Dr. Beat Richner very well and has published various reports about him and Kantha Bopha in the Schweizer Illustrierte for 20 years. She is the new chairperson of the Public Relations Committee.

The well-known journalist Peter Rothenbühler announced his resignation after 30 years of membership on the Foundation Board. The Foundation Board thanks him most sincerely for his extremely valuable work and outstanding support of our project and wishes him all the best for the future.

In the course of 2022, Dr. iur. René Schwarzenbach announced his resignation as Chairman of the Foundation Board as of January 2023. During the 10 years that René Schwarzenbach led the Foundation, the essential measures were planned and implemented for the sustainable continuation of the hospitals after the deaths of Dr. Beat Richner and Dr Peter Studer. We are deeply indebted to him for this. We are very pleased that René Schwarzenbach has agreed to continue serving on the Foundation Board as a full member. In January 2023, Dr Philip Robinson was elected as the new President.

On 5 October 2022, our founding member Prof. Dr. med. Andreas Fanconi passed away. He was the director of the Children's Hospital Zurich from 1986 to 1996 and initiated the close cooperation with the medical staff in Cambodia from the very beginning. We will always remember him fondly.

The Compensatory and Audit Committee met on 31 March 2021 and was presided over by Dr. iur. Florian von Meiss. The body reviewed the compensation of the managing staff as well as the expenditures relating to bookkeeping, donations, auditing and public relations matters.

The Foundation Board wishes to thank Intercontrol AG for its transparent and precise bookkeeping and the monthly reports on current financial status. We are also incredibly grateful for the competent care of the business in connection with legacies, bequests and all the correspondence with donors. In 2022, PricewaterhouseCoopers AG (PwC) controlled the annual results as our appointed auditors.

## **6. Financial Concerns - Donations**

The Annual Financial Statement for 2022, approved by the Foundation Board on 9 May 2023, closed with assets of CHF 68,754,089.63 and an expenditure surplus of CHF 154,891.12.

The organisation capital (equity) therefore increased by approx. CHF 0.15 million to CHF 67.7 million. This development allows to provide for a finance period of the next 18 months' period for hospital operation.

As in the previous year, the Annual Financial Statement 2022 was carried out according to the requirements of Swiss GAAP FER 21. The audit report by PwC of 9 May 2023 contains no limitations or details and recommends that the Foundation Board approve the Annual Financial Statement.

Our accounting contains two matters of particular concern:

- Due to the special political situation and the lack of legal security in Cambodia, the investments are debited directly from the expenditures.
- As under Cambodian law, the purchase of real estate by a Swiss Foundation is not permitted, three plots of land are held in trust by Dr. Denis Laurent, Director general of the children's hospitals and French-Cambodian dual national. There are written agreements on the corresponding trust relationship.

After a revenue surplus of around CHF 7.3 million in the last year of operation, the annual financial statement for 2022 closes with a small revenue surplus of around CHF 0.15 million. The following factors contributed to this development:

- The *operating income* decreased by CHF 4.9 million from CHF 42.5 million to CHF 37.6 million. The ordinary donations in Switzerland amounted to approx. CHF 22.1 million and have decreased by approx. CHF 4.5 million. This decrease is due to a lack of large donations.

- Whereas in earlier years relevant income of around CHF 5-6 million was achieved with ticket contributions from the Angkor Wat temples, our Foundation only received contributions of around CHF 0.5 million as a result of the Corona pandemic and the lack of tourists. Large donations decreased by CHF 3.1 million to around CHF 2.3 million and bequests by CHF 2.0 million to CHF 8.2 million.
- The contribution from the Swiss Confederation (SDC) amounted to CHF 4.0 million for 2022, with CHF 0.8 million already prepaid to our Foundation by the end of December 2021. No accrual was made in the previous year.
- The expenditures for the operation of the hospitals in Cambodia ("recurring operating costs") were CHF 1.7 million higher than in the previous year at CHF 34.4 million, in particular due to higher wage costs (CHF 0.9 million) as a result of currency fluctuations, higher costs of medication (CHF 1.1 million) and lower operating costs (CHF 0.6 million).

Furthermore, lower *investments* of approximately CHF 2.1 million (previous year approx. 2.5 million) were made in medical equipment and building extensions.

- The "*infrastructure expenses Switzerland*" (expenses for fundraising, general advertisement expenditures and administrative costs) amount to about 1.4 million and is CHF 0.5 million higher than the previous year.
- Due to the strongly positive USD currency development in the previous year, the "financial results" have decreased by approx. CHF 0.5 million in comparison to the preceding year.

The part of our administrative costs confirmed by PwC is in keeping with the average of the past three years at 3.54% (previous year: 2.97%) of the total revenues, which is an efficiently low ratio and representatively reflects a lean organisational process.

The administrative costs mainly comprise public relations, including advertisements, IT, administration of donations, thank-you letters, bookkeeping and auditing costs.

## **7. Public Relations**

### **7.1. Occasions and Events**

In the anniversary year, the following four events were held with a photo exhibition on the life's work of Dr. Beat Richner, framed by videos, music and current information from the Foundation Board from the hospitals:

- Thursday, 31 March 2022 photo exhibition opening at the Kulturhaus Helferei, Kirchgasse 13, 8001 Zurich;
- Tuesday, 10 May 2022 traditional Knie Gala on Sechseläutenplatz with selected photos in the marquee to mark 30 years of loyal partnership with the Knie family;

- Tuesday, 31 May to Monday, 6 June 2022 Photo exhibition in the Tonhalle Zurich foyer;
- Thursday, 27 and Friday, 28 October 2022 Photo exhibition and premiere of the film "Wer war Beat Richner?" (Who was Beat Richner?) by Georges Gachot in the lecture hall of the Kunsthaus Zurich.

In Cambodia, the management team organised a mobile photo exhibition in the entrance areas of the hospitals in Siem Reap and Phnom Penh. This exhibition was also shown to King Norodon Sihamoni and Queen Mother Norodom Monineath Sihanouk in an audience at the palace in November. State television broadcast a long feature about it for the local population.

In February 2022, an SDC delegation visited the hospitals. Pedro Zwahlen, the new Swiss Ambassador for Cambodia (as well as Thailand, Vietnam and Laos), visited the hospitals in December 2022.

## **7.2. Advertisements and Mailings**

The Foundation increased its media presence with numerous advertisements with information about the activities of the hospitals for the loyal donors. Furthermore, we carried out a total of three mailings in March, June and November 2022.

## **8. Thanks**

The Foundation wishes to thank the approximately 100,000 donors and the many companies and foundations for their financial and ideological support of the Kantha Bopha Hospitals during the year 2022.

The contributions of the Cambodian government amounted to USD 6 million in 2022. Since February 2017, the Foundation receives a contribution of USD 2 for each tourist visiting the world-famous temple grounds of Angkor Wat. Due to the Covid situation, these revenues were virtually absent also in 2022. In addition, in 2022, we received USD 1 million from the Cambodian Kantha Bopha foundation and USD 1 million from the Cambodian Red Cross.

The yearly contributions of the Swiss confederation amounted to CHF 4 million in 2022. Known as the "Swiss Hospitals" throughout Asia, the Kantha Bopha Hospitals are one of the best examples of a humanitarian Switzerland. Official Switzerland, which has supported Kantha Bopha financially since 1994, can also be proud. It hardly knows of another, comparably large, sustainable aid project.

We would like to express our thanks to the governments of Cambodia and the Swiss Confederation for their regular support.

Warmest thanks to our donors. You know:

Every franc helps to heal, save and prevent.

Zurich, 9 May 2023

For the Foundation Board:



Dr. phil. Philip Robinson  
President



Prof. Dr. med. Michael Grotzer  
Vice President

Enclosures:

- Advertisement "First visit of the Kantha Bopha Hospitals in two years" (Enclosure 1)
- Advertisement "Eighth International Kantha Bopha Symposium" (Enclosure 2)
- Table "Yearly Global Admission" (Enclosure 3)
- Table "Yearly Global Outpatients" (Enclosure 4)



**Stiftung Kinderspital Kantha Bopha, Dr. med. Beat Richner**

## **Erster Besuch der Kantha Bopha Spitaler seit zwei Jahren**

Zwei Jahre nach dem Ausbruch der Covid-19-Pandemie konnte eine Delegation des Stiftungsrates erstmals wieder die Kantha Bopha Spitaler in Kambodscha besuchen. Der Prasident, beide Vizeprasidenten und Frau Genevieve Cattin-Studer reisten Anfang Februar nach Phnom Penh und Siem Reap und konnten sich iberzeugen, dass die Spitaler hervorragend funktionieren. Mit dem Tod unseres CEO Dr. Peter Studer im Mai 2020, welcher die Spitalleitung vom im Jahre 2018 verstorbenen Grunder Dr. Beat Richner ibernommen hatte, wurde die operative und medizinische Leitung der Spitaler dem erfahrenen kambodschanischen Fuhrungsteam ibergeben. Dieses hat unter der Leitung von GD Dr. Denis Laurent und den beiden Chefarzten Prof. Ky Santy und Prof. Yay Chantana zusammen mit den rund 2500 kambodschanischen Mitarbeitenden exzellente Arbeit geleistet: Die Covid-19-Massnahmen zum Schutz der Kinder, Mutter und Mitarbeitenden wurden erfolgreich umgesetzt, Hunderttausende kranker Kinder wurden behandelt, hospitalisiert, operiert und geheilt, dies alles ohne Unterstutzung vor Ort durch die Spezialistinnen und Spezialisten vom Kinderspital Zurich und weiteren Institutionen in der Schweiz und im Ausland. Damit haben die Kantha Bopha Spitaler den Tatbeweis erbracht, dass sie nachhaltig und selbststandig funktionieren. Sie verdienen mehr denn je das volle Vertrauen und die grosszugige Unterstutzung durch die Schweizer Spenderinnen und Spender.

Mit der Unterzeichnung eines weiteren Memorandum of Understanding zwischen der Kambodschanischen und der Schweizerischen Kantha Bopha Stiftung am 8. Februar 2022 wurde die Zusammenarbeit durch die Einfuhrung eines «Joint Advisory Board» verstarkt. Der stellvertretende Premierminister, Finanzminister und Vorsitzende der Kambodschanischen Kantha Bopha Stiftung bezeichnete die Spitaler Kantha Bopha als «Center of Excellence and Teaching» mit Modellcharakter fur das Gesundheitssystem in Kambodscha.

Die Delegation des Stiftungsrates hat mit den leitenden Arzten in Kambodscha die Schwerpunkte des nachsten Ausbildungsprogramms fur die Kantha Bopha Spitaler festgelegt. Die geplanten Missionen unserer Schweizer Spezialistinnen und Spezialisten werden voller Freude erwartet.

An der bereits angekundigten Veranstaltung vom 31. Marz 2022 im Kulturhaus Helferei hinter dem Grossmunster (Turoffnung ab 17.00 Uhr) werden wir Sie gerne aktuell informieren.

**Jeder Franken hilft heilen, retten und vorbeugen.**

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## 8. Internationales Kantha Bopha-Symposium für Pädiatrie zum 30-jährigen Jubiläum

Am 3. November 1992 wurde das durch den Krieg zerstörte und von Dr. Beat Richner wieder aufgebaute Kantha Bopha-Spital vom verstorbenen König Norodom Sihanouk feierlich eingeweiht. Exakt zum 30-jährigen Jubiläum fand im Konferenzzentrum Kantha Bopha in Siem Reap das 8. Internationale Symposium für Pädiatrie statt, an welchem eine Delegation des Stiftungsrates sowie zehn medizinische Experten (Professoren und Pflegefachleute) des Universitäts-Kinderspitals Zürich und weiteren Schweizer Spitalern teilnahmen.

Unsere kambodschanischen Ärztinnen und Ärzte präsentierten am Symposium ihre Erfahrungen aus verschiedenen Fachgebieten. Die Schweizer Experten, welche regelmässig für Weiter- und Fortbildung an den Kantha Bopha-Spitalern tätig sind, bestätigten die hohe Qualität und die grosse klinische Erfahrung unserer 2500 kambodschanischen Angestellten. Seit dem letzten Symposium vom Februar 2020 konnten wesentliche Entwicklungsschritte und neue Techniken im Bereich der Vorsorge, der Chirurgie und der Pflege der werdenden Mütter und kranken Kinder erfolgreich und kosteneffizient umgesetzt werden. Dank der gezielten intensiven Zusammenarbeit zwischen Ärztinnen und Ärzten sowie Pflegenden aus Kambodscha und der Schweiz konnten tausende Kinder geheilt und die Sterblichkeit der Mütter und der Kinder weiter reduziert werden.

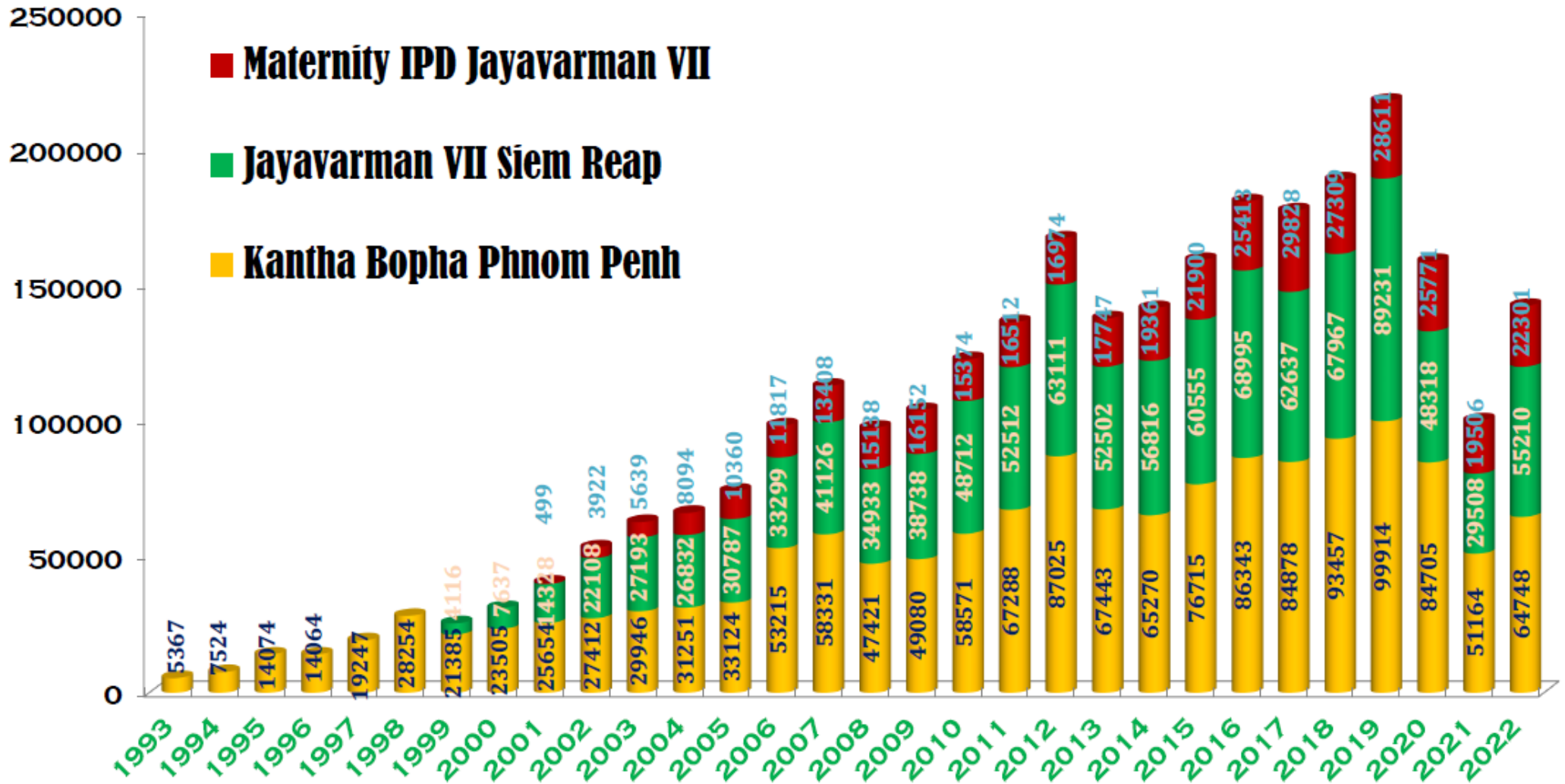
**Ganz herzlichen Dank für Ihre wertvolle Unterstützung.  
Denn jeder Franken hilft heilen, retten und vorbeugen.**

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