

Sustainable help for children, mothers, and families



Dear readers

In 2025, our hospitals' approximately 2,700 employees once again cared for a **virtually unimaginable number of sick and injured children** by Swiss standards. Once again, more than one million girls and boys were treated as outpatients, an increase of almost 5 per cent compared with the previous year. While the number of surgical procedures remained relatively stable, the number of children admission as inpatients increased by over 25 per cent.

This means that our hospitals were able to help even more children, and the sharp rise in hospital admissions indicates that our doctors and nurses have had to deal with a growing number of serious illnesses and injuries. Our specialised teams at the maternity clinic in Siem Reap also made a significant contribution in 2025, assisting with **over 20,000 births** once again. The number of vital medical check-ups during pregnancy also increased.

You will find details of our activities in this annual report. By way of introduction, I would like to highlight a few key points:

Our hospitals are renowned for the **high quality of work provided by our entire medical team**. This is the result of thorough training and staff development, combined with targeted knowledge transfer from specialists at the University Children's Hospital Zurich and other Swiss and international institutions.



We are committed to achieving our goal of **enabling and empowering our local teams to independently perform therapies**, whether they involve specific surgical procedures, drug treatments or complex nursing care.

During the reporting year, our teams took part in various initiatives that had an **impact not only on our hospitals, but also on Cambodia's healthcare system as a whole**. At the same time, our popular programme, which offers Swiss medical students the opportunity to spend part of their elective year on a two-month clinical placement as junior doctors in one of our hospitals, facilitates a transfer of knowledge from Cambodia to Switzerland.

We conduct our **public relations work through various channels**, increasingly



also via social media. Our traditional Knie Gala continues to be a highlight of our events. The 33rd edition took place on 13 May 2025 under the big top at Sechseläutenplatz in Zurich. In September, we held an event for the members of our circle of patrons at the new University Children's Hospital Zurich, which included a guided tour of the Kispi buildings. Representatives of our Cambodian management team were also present, and, like the other guests, they were highly impressed by the spectacular architecture.

The Kantha Bopha Children's Hospitals are well known throughout Cambodia, and **almost every family in the country has had some personal connection with the 'Swiss Hospitals'**. The health authorities regard the hospitals as role models for other clinics in the country, playing a pioneering role in terms of medical quality and equipment. This is also linked to the expectation of ongoing investment in infrastructure and the quality of medical services.

In recognition of Kantha Bopha's important contribution to the health of Cambodian children and expectant mothers, the subsidies we receive from the Cambodian authorities were significantly increased in 2025. We have been assured of a further increase in these subsidies for the coming years. While this is encouraging, **we remain dependent on the generosity of donors from Switzerland and Cambodia.**

I personally, and on behalf of the entire Foundation Board, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our hospitals over the past year, thereby enabling their continued development.

Philip Robinson

President of the Foundation Board