

Is saving a life of a child a private affair?

From 1.1.2010 to 30.6.2010 **31 196** severely sick children were hospitalized in the Kantha Bopha Hospitals in Phnom Penh (2009: 27 543) and **25 555** in Kantha Bopha III (Jayavarman VII) in Siem Reap Angkor (2009: 18 993).

In Phnom Penh the numbers of severe cases to be hospitalized have increased by about 14%, in Siem Reap Angkor by about 30%.

That is why we had to start in Siem Reap Angkor a construction of a further wing for 210 additional beds (estimated costs: 3,8 Million USD).

There is no other place where to bring a really sick child. Sunday (11.7.2010) afternoon, a child in severe shock, caused by Dengue brought from a district, was refused by The Angkor Children's Hospital in Siem Reap. The doctor did not want to see it. It was the security guard who told the parents: no bed available. Every child in shock will die without correct and effective treatment. Later it arrived in Kantha Bopha III. This very Sunday there were 75 severely sick children to be hospitalized in Kantha Bopha III in Siem Reap Angkor. 7 children in shock! (4 by Dengue, 2 by Cholera, 1 by traffic accident). Normally the Angkor Children's Hospital is hospitalizing 5 children per day. **Kantha Bopha III in Siem Reap was hospitalizing on Monday (12.7.2010) 194 severely sick children, the Kantha Bopha Hospitals in Phnom Penh 231 !!**

The Swiss government will increase its financial contribution from 3 to 4 Million per year from 2011 on.

I am asking the Cambodian Government to increase its contribution of 2 Million per year as well.

80% of the hospitalized children could not survive without its hospitalization. Since 2004 we spend per year 34 Million USD (since 1992 totally more than 350 Million). **27 Million USD per year are private donations. But is saving a life of a child in a country which has suffered from a war and a genocide a private affair?** That is why I ask governments of other nations too for financial contribution to Kantha Bopha. The Kantha Bopha Hospitals are showing the worldwide best correlation costs / healing rate. So no single dollar is lost. All children are treated free. There is justice and no corruption and no discrimination of the poor. (80% of Cambodians are poor living in a misery)