CHARITY MISSIONS TO HEAL CHILDREN'S HEARTS

Roman Gebauer

Cardiac Care in LMIC in the world

- A conservative estimate: 80–90% of the children in the world with CHD no adequate care
- Over 1 million children born annually, 250,000 died untreated in the first year of life
- Nearly 275,000 die of rheumatic fever
- Deficiencies in pediatric cardiac care in LMIC
- Bringing children for surgery at best a few hundred lifesaving operations a year
- The only long-term solution is to build local capacity.

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found *how to serve.*"

-Albert Schweitzer, 1875

Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) German/French polymath - theologian, organist, writer, humanitarian, philosopher and physician, Nobel Peace Prize 1952.





The William Novick Global Cardiac Alliance 1991



Magdi Yacoub Chain of Hope 1995



Cuba 1983 - 1988

- education
- 3 camps
- 2 years with surgeon in site
- Wiliam Soler Hospital



How to develop sustainable program

- Request for assistance (de novo or improving existing site)
- Validation, questionnaire, funding, viability
- Site visit
- Preparation for model implementation
- Choosing model program
 - 1. intermittent visit model
 - 2. resident senior surgeon model
 - 3. team in residence model
- Quality improvement / assessment

Novick WM: Pediatric Cardiac Service Development Programs in LMIC in Need of Improving or Initiatin Local Services. Frontiers in Pediatrics 2019 *Cumulative surgical activity 2010-22* 356 patients operated in 3 programs

- MEDEVAC Czechia (N=230) Healing Little Hearts UK (N=90) Slovak Aid (N=36)
- India Mumbai, Bengaluru, Vijayawada, Imphal 90
- Kenya The Mater Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya 101
- Jordan Al Chalidi Medical Centre, Amman 103

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- Cambodia Hospital Calmette, Phnompenh 39
- Morocco CHU Hassan II, Fes

Medical Humanitarian Programme MEDEVAC

- permanent government program of the Czech Republic
- medical care for vulnerable groups of persons
- the care is free of charge and exclusively for civilians

- Evacuation for medical treatment to the Czech Republic (1993)
- Deploying of medical teams abroad (2013)
- Expert trainings for foreign medical staff (2015)
- Supporting medical projects rebuilding health infrastructure (2016)



MEDEVAC

The Mater Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya 101 patients







MEDEVAC Al Chalidi Medical Centre, Amman, Jordan 103 patients









Hospital Calmette, Phnompenh, Cambodia 39 patients



CHU Hassan II, Fes, Morocco 23 patients

HLH established 2009, 20 international camps a year



HEALING LITTLE HEARTS GLOBAL FOUNDATION 12 Countries | 2000+ Lives Saved



HLH India

Asian Heart Hospital, Mumbai Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai Sri Sathya Sai, Bengaluru Andra Hospital, Vijayawada Sky Hospital, Manipur 90 patients





Slovak Aid

microgrants

The Mater Hospital, Nairobi,

4 camps - 36 patients

Team spirit





Amman , Jordan



Nairobi, Kenya



Bengaluru, India



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