



ANNUAL REPORT 2022  
**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
& MEDICAL EXCHANGE  
PROGRAMME VIETNAM**

# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## ESTABLISHED

1999

## LOCATION

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

## OBJECTIVES

CNCF's Medical Assistance Programme (MAP) was established in 1999, in response to an urgent need of emergency medical assistance for children living in extreme hardship and deprivation. The programme provides financial support to help children cover the costs of life-saving surgical procedures, post-operative care, basic medical treatments, social support and health insurance. In 2004, CNCF's Medical Exchange Programme (MEP) was established as a sub-project of the MAP, in partnership with Professor Martin Corbally, Operation ChildLife and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, with an aim to bring world-class medical expertise to Vietnam in the form of medical delegations that assess difficult medical cases, and perform surgeries that are otherwise unavailable in Vietnam. In 2012 the programme expanded its partnership to include the Royal College of Surgeons Bahrain. The programme also brings key local Vietnamese medical staff to Ireland for intensive surgical training that they can apply in their home hospitals. This programme encourages sustainable development and higher learning capabilities in the medical field in the country, in turn providing access to greater medical support to the people of Vietnam

## BENEFICIARIES

Children (up to age 16) in need of urgent medical care but lacking the means to afford, children coming from poverty-stricken backgrounds living in different provinces in the South East, Mekong River Delta, Central Highlands, Central Coast of Vietnam but travel to Ho Chi Minh City for medical treatments; Vietnamese paediatric doctors (mainly doctors at Children's Hospital No. 2 - CH2)

## LOCAL PARTNERS

Children's Hospital No. 2, and City Children's Hospital

## CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is responsible for the funding, programme management, monitoring and evaluation of this programme

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Frequent monitoring and evaluation processes are conducted by the Medical Assistance Team. Regular meetings with the families and the children are organised to follow up on the child's health and to offer additional support. Monthly meetings are held with local partners. Monthly reports and semi-annual reports are sent to CNCF Board of Management and an Annual Review of the programme is made available to all stakeholders. An annual evaluation is conducted at the end of the year that covers all areas of the programme implementation including human resources, finance, management, activities, database management and future planning

# OUR YEAR

## Medical Assistance Programme

In 2022, CNCF's Medical Assistance Programme (MAP) continued providing crucial financial assistance to children living in poverty in need of immediate medical attention and treatments at our partner hospitals. We maintain ongoing communication with the children and their families for comprehensive case management and regular health updates to monitor the children's recovery progress.

In addition to the financial assistance, we deliver essential items, including school supplies, clothing, shoes, and donated household goods, to children and families facing hardships. This not only enhances their living conditions but also alleviates some of the burdens on these families. Counselling and guidance on nutrition and healthcare to children and their families are also facilitated, promoting their overall health and wellbeing.

Since inception,



**2,425**  
CHILDREN

have been supported by CNCF's Medical Assistance Programme



In 2022,

**32** CHILDREN  
(15 Boys & 17 Girls)

from the wider community received financial support for emergency surgeries and medical treatments



**81%**  
OF REFERRED CASES

were enrolled onto CNCF's Medical Assistance Programme



**91%** OF CASES supported by the Medical Assistance Programme were referred by Children's Hospital No. 2



**9%** OF CASES supported by the Medical Assistance Programme were referred by the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Dong Thap Province





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# OUR YEAR

## Demographic Data

**02** CHILDREN  
come from extremely destitute families  
in Ho Chi Minh city

**30** CHILDREN  
resided in the surrounding provinces

**02** CHILDREN  
come from ethnic minorities

**18** CHILDREN  
come from single-income households

## Age Group

**09**  
CHILDREN  
Under 6 years old

**07**  
CHILDREN  
6 – 10 years old

**13**  
CHILDREN  
11 – 14 years old

**03**  
CHILDREN  
15 – 17 years old

## Education Level

**02**  
Children

enrolled in  
Kindergarten

**08**  
Children

enrolled in  
Primary School

**11**  
Children

enrolled in  
Secondary School

**01**  
Child

enrolled in  
High School

**06** CHILDREN  
were under school enrolment age

**04** CHILDREN  
were unable to enroll in education  
due to health conditions, academic  
challenges, or family hardships

# OUR YEAR

## Medical Assistance Cases

**12 CHILDREN**  
received assistance for general disease treatments

**07 CHILDREN**  
received assistance for cardiovascular treatments

**12 CHILDREN**  
received assistance for trauma and injury treatments

**01 CHILD**  
received assistance for ophthalmic treatments

## Additional Family Support

 **23 FAMILIES**  
received health guidance and counselling

 **01 GIFT PACKAGE**  
including stationery and clothes was delivered to a child in need

## Recovery Rate In 2022

**13**  
Children

have completely recovered

**01**  
Child

has slightly improved

**14**  
Children

have improved

**03**  
Children

have not yet recovered

**01 CHILD**  
was unable to be assessed due to loss of contact from the child's parent/guardian changing contact number or the family relocating to a new province and not updating CNCF



# OUR YEAR

## Medical Exchange Programme

In 2022, CNCF's Medical Exchange Programme (MEP), a sub-project of the Medical Assistance Programme, in partnership with Professor Martin Corbally, Operation ChildLife and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, facilitated a delegation of world-class paediatric surgeons providing children in great need with medical consultations and delivering complex life-saving paediatric surgeries ordinarily unavailable in Vietnam. Furthermore, this recent mission also promoted valuable knowledge and skills sharing, as well as capacity strengthening for dedicated Vietnamese surgeons and medical teams.

Since inception,

**1,088** CHILDREN have been supported by CNCF's Medical Exchange Programme, of which, **569** CHILDREN have been provided with life-saving surgeries giving them another chance at life. **29** DOCTORS from Children's Hospital No. 2 have also been facilitated to travel to Ireland for intensive surgical training at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Dublin

In 2022,  
 **60** CHILDREN received medical consultations

Among them,  
 **34** CHILDREN underwent surgical procedures conducted by international expert paediatric surgical teams

 **31** CHILDREN were provided with life-saving surgeries

 **03** CHILDREN were provided with biopsy and endovascular intervention via radiology

Specialty	Number of children receiving consultations	Number of children undergoing surgical procedures	Number of children undergoing radiology intervention
Surgical Oncology	19	10	02
Surgical Urology	10	09	-
Surgical Neurology	17	05	01
General Surgery	14	07	-



# OUR STORIES

## From Sickness To Health And Hope

Phuong\* was diagnosed at birth with Moyamoya Disease, a rare and debilitating condition that narrows blood vessels in the brain. However, due to her young age, Phuong was unable to undergo surgery until she was 2 years old. Struggling to make ends meet on a limited income from her father's seasonal wallpaper installing job, the family was stuck in a cycle of borrowing and repaying debts. The burden of Phuong's medical expenses was overwhelming, forcing the family to sell their home and borrow from relatives to fund her previous treatments.

As her condition persisted, Phuong was admitted to the Children's Hospital No.2 for another operation this year. It was then that the hospital's Social Welfare Department referred Phuong to CNCF's Medical Assistance Programme for crucial financial support to cover her medical costs.

After the successful operation, Phuong's health showed remarkable improvements. Although Phuong still faces physical challenges with using her left arm and leg, she has made significant progress in her speech and ability to communicate and care for herself, bringing immense joy to her family. Phuong's story is a testament to the power of community and compassion, and the resilience within every child when they are provided with the life-saving assistance they so desperately need.

\*Name and identity changed to protect privacy







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# OUR STORIES

## Providing A Helping Hand

Thanh\* and her family live in Gia Lai Province in the central highlands of Vietnam. Thanh's father has been unable to secure stable employment due to his health, and her mother works various jobs as a seasonal farmer to put food on the table. In April this year, Thanh was admitted to a local hospital to treat a high fever. However, due to severe breathing difficulties, Thanh was then transferred to the Children's Hospital No.2 in Ho Chi Minh City, where she was diagnosed with Pericardial Effusion, a condition involving an accumulation of fluid around the heart.

Thanh's medical treatment was further complicated by financial constraints, as her family had to borrow money from relatives to cover the costs. Thanh and her father relied on charity meals to get by each day in order to save on expenses when they were away from home. The hospital then connected Thanh with CNCF's Medical Assistance Programme for financial assistance, ensuring ongoing medical care and vital support for Thanh's recovery.

Today, Thanh has now fully recovered and is preparing to continue her education, eagerly anticipating her upcoming Grade 7 studies. Thanh's journey to recovery reflects the power of willpower, strength, and the importance of community assistance in overcoming challenges in life.

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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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The total cost of the Medical Assistance Programme Vietnam in 2022 was:

**\$18,893 USD**

The total cost of the Medical Exchange Programme Vietnam in 2022 was:

**\$21,142 USD**

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Our audits can be found [here](#).



## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME VIETNAM EXPENDITURES IN 2022

Description	Expenditure (USD)
Children's Treatment Costs	12,161
Nutritional Support for Children	197
CNCF Project Management Costs	6,560
Others	65
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>18,983</b>

## MEDICAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME VIETNAM EXPENDITURES IN 2022

Description	Expenditure (USD)
Programme Costs	21,142
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>21,142</b>



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