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# Message from our Hospital Director & CEO

Dear Friend of AHC,

### Welcome to the April 2025 Impact Report.

The past six months were marked by amazing support and exciting steps forward.

In February we commemorated our 26th year of saving and improving the lives of children in Cambodia. To honour his legacy and impact on children's health, we welcomed back AHC's founder Kenro Izu for his final trip to Cambodia.

I'm so grateful for all the support we've received over the last 26 years, and continuing to receive today. In January, Her Majesty Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk, the Queen Mother of Cambodia, gifted an incredibly generous US\$20,000 to support children's healthcare. We offer our highest respects and heartfelt thanks for her generosity and support over the years. To ensure the long-term strength and stability of the hospital, we officially launched an endowment fund in December. Since then, we've raised an incredible US\$2.1 million to ensure we can always continue providing life-saving care to children, even during any unexpected challenges.

I'm so thankful for the confidence you've given me in our children's future. I see your support not only saving and improving the lives of children today — but also ensuring the long-term health and happiness of children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Professor Ngoun Chanpheaktra

Hospital Director & CEO



# Strategic goal 1

Provide specialty care for children across Cambodia with long-term, rare or acute conditions

### On the path to becoming Cambodia's first board-certified lactation consultant

In December, the GOLD Lactation Academy awarded Ms Ret Naroth, one of our nutrition nurses, with an opportunity to become Cambodia's International **Board-Certified** Lactation first Consultant.

Naroth has worked as a nutrition nurse at AHC for 15 years, providing thousands of mothers with breastfeeding support.

Even with her years of experience, Naroth noticed gaps in her knowledge that made it difficult to confidently manage certain breastfeeding challenges.

To address this, Naroth began the GOLD Lactation Academy's advanced lactation counselling course in February.

This rigorous 95+ hour course prepares participants to take the International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant exam and implement these skills in clinical settings. Naroth has 12 months to complete the course before taking the exam in 2026.

Through this training, Naroth will gain the evidencebased expertise and confidence she needs to become a trusted resource within the hospital and community.

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I'm excited to become an international board-certified lactation consultant. This training will build my confidence and help me address more issues mothers face. I can't wait to share my learnings with our team to continue improving our quality of care!

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Ms Ret Naroth Breastfeeding Counselling Team Leader

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Breastfeeding significantly contributes to a child's survival and development, while also benefitting the mother's health. It helps children grow healthier, allowing them to reach their full potential in life. For those who can, breastfeeding is the best gift a mother can give her child.

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I've taken my children to many hospitals, but none of them have ever offered such an educational programme. I've learned a great deal about the benefits of breast milk and how to maintain cleanliness for both mother and baby.

Most importantly, I now understand the significance of the first milk for the baby, which I'd previously misunderstood. I plan to share what I've learned with my neighbours so they can benefit from this knowledge too.



Channra Mother from Battambang



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# AHC's impact

October 2024–March 2025



**57,376** treatments b



**1,900** 



756 children treat



**7,872** consultations given and surgical procedures performed, incuding major and minor surgery



**226** 



treatments by our out-patient department

children stayed in our in-patient department

children treated in our specialist intensive care unit

newborns treated in our neonatal unit



# Strategic goal 2

Improve healthcare for children across Cambodia through

### Driving healthcare forward at AHC's 8th Annual Child Healthcare Conference

Around 24 out of every 1,000 children in Cambodia die before their fifth birthday.\* Many of these deaths are preventable through simple educational interventions in clinics and communities.

But as healthcare and health threats constantly evolve, basic education isn't always enough. Preventing child deaths means health workers must remain on the cutting edge of healthcare.

In 2016, AHC began holding annual conferences to discuss some of the most pressing updates to paediatric healthcare in Cambodia. In November 2024, 557 health professionals and stakeholders attended our 8th Annual Child Healthcare Conference.

AHC clinicians presented on their various areas of work and research, highlighting some of the most prevalent health problems they've encountered over the past year. They shared what they've learned and offered advice and strategies for tackling some of today's biggest health challenges.

# education for health workers, community members and caregivers



**Professor Ngeth Pises** 

**Deputy Hospital Director (clinical)** 

"This is the 8th annual conference AHC has put on. All our conferences have been entirely run and organised by our AHC staff, showing their strong commitment to saving children's lives and reducing mortality across Cambodia. I'm grateful for their dedication and the cooperation of other local experts who make this conference happen each year."



### Surgeon

"My presentation aimed to reduce the morbidity and mortality of newborns by improving the understanding of congenital bowel obstructions. Ongoing education and collaboration are so important to strengthening our healthcare system. I was happy to have participants engage and apply this knowledge to improve paediatric surgical care in Cambodia."



### Surgeon

"Presenting on the surgical management of melioidosis was a valuable opportunity to address a critical issue affecting children in Cambodia. By sharing knowledge and experiences, we're improving the management of chronic illnesses, saving lives and enhancing care for children in our communities. I'm proud that, together, we're creating a healthier future for Cambodia's next generation."



Neonatologist

"I was very excited to speak at this conference and share my research on bronchopulmonary dysplasia management with other Cambodian paediatricians. These conferences provide a wonderful platform to exchange ideas and foster a positive learning environment, which is very important in helping paediatricians improve the quality of our care."



### Intensive care doctor

"I feel proud to share my experience and research on diabetes. It's one of the most common chronic diseases in children, and knowledge-sharing events like these are key to helping healthcare providers recognise it early and provide correct management. If we can make a diagnosis early, the life-threatening complications decrease and improve their quality of life."



### Neonatologist & Saving Babies Lives Clinical Lead

"I presented on verbal autopsies in rural communities, which is crucial to determining causes of death and developing intervention strategies in lowresource settings. I was grateful to have such a fruitful conference, with participants from various provinces engaging actively in the discussions."

# **AHC's impact**

October 2024–March 2025



# 763,850

attendances at AHC's prevention and health education activities in villages, schools, communes and in the hospital



# 8,045

virtual and in-person attendances at our education trainings for external healthcare professionals, nursing and medical students and staff



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government health facilities received support to improve patient care, install lifesaving equipment and training and mentorship



14 publications in international journals



# Strategic goal 3

## Run a locally led, strong and transparent organisation

### Ensuring organisational sustainability through an endowment fund

To support our long-term capacity to provide lifesaving health care to children in Cambodia, we're proud to announce the creation of the Claudia Turner Endowment Fund.

An endowment fund is money set aside for emergencies and invested to grow over the long term. These reserved funds will ensure we can continue delivering care even during times of economic downturn, pandemics or natural disasters.

The fund is managed by AHC's US-based affiliate, AHC Inc. – a registered 501(c)(3) charity. Our goal is to raise US\$5 million by 31 December 2026. Since launching the fund in December 2024, we've raised US\$2.05 million thanks to your generous support. The Claudia Turner Endowment Fund is named in honour of AHC's former CEO Dr Claudia Turner OBE. Her outstanding work and achievements over 15 years in Cambodia has saved countless lives.

As we've entered our 26th year as an organisation, this endowment fund will help ensure we're around for many more – delivering the quality, compassionate health care that every child deserves.

We're so grateful for everyone who's already shown such massive support for the future of children's health. If you want to learn more about our endowment fund and how you can contribute, please visit <u>here</u>.

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I'm extremely proud to have the AHC endowment fund named after me, but, more importantly, I believe this fund is vital to AHC's long-term sustainability and stability. With your support, we've developed robust organisational fiscal accountability that has laid the foundations to establish and manage this endowment fund. This investment in AHC means we can invest in health care for children in Cambodia, save lives and ease the suffering of many children and families.

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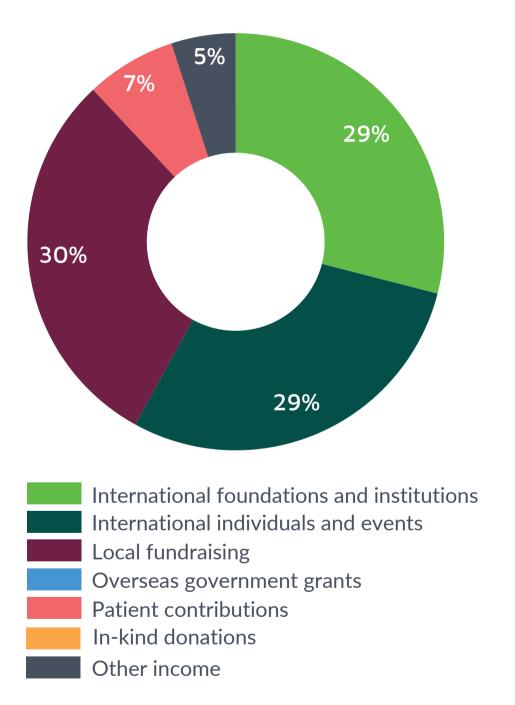
Dr Claudia Turner OBE AHC CEO 2015-2021



# **Financials**

# Source of funds

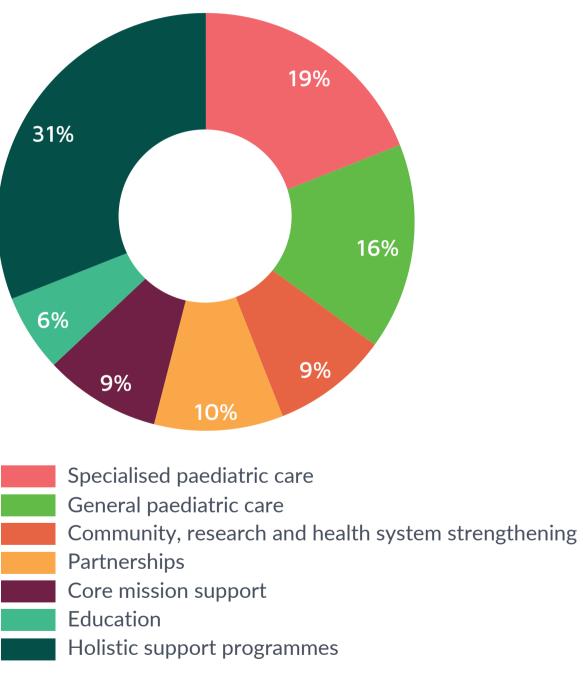
**Total funds raised** October 2024–March 2025: US\$4.1 million



There were no in-kind donations or overseas government grants during this reporting period

# Use of funds

Total funds used October 2024–March 2025: US\$2.7 million



The figures above exclude in-kind donations received from The Royal Government of Cambodia



# Thank you for improving healthcare for every child in Cambodia!

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