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CHILDREN'S SURGICAL CENTRE

Rehabilitation Surgery For Disabled Cambodians

National Rehabilitation Center, Kien Khleang

Children's Surgical Centre(CSC) would like to extend a thank you to New Day for their assistance with our obstetric Fistula program. Since New Day made its grant to CSC, CSC has preformed 5 VVF repairs, continued to consult women who believed they needed a VVF repair and has conducted radio advertizing to encourage women in need to visit CSC for their surgeries.

There are currently 10 women on the VVF waiting list. One woman will receive her surgery later today. Nine other women are either waiting for a more convenient time for them to receive their surgery (most cannot afford to take time off during the rice growing season) or because their VVFs are exceptionally complicated. In order to assure that the women with exceptionally complicated VVF's get the best surgery possible we are waiting until a qualified specialist comes to assist the VVF program. When our specialist comes these women will all receive their free surgery at CSC. While the specialist is here he will also train our staff, and hopefully our staff will become more capable of doing the more difficult VVF cases. CSC will continue to utilize a specialist until several of our doctors feel very capable of performing all VVFs on their own.

On a special note one of our new surgeons, and our only female surgeon, has assisted on three VVF surgeries, will continue assisting on VVF surgeries and will work heavily with our visiting specialist when they arrive. It is our hope that she will become a skilled VVF surgeon and that women who feel uncomfortable with getting a VVF surgery will be more comfortable having her consult them and knowing that she will perform the surgeries.

CSC estimates the cost of a VVF surgeries to be around USD \$500 if internal investigations are necessary, which they often are. Because CSC has performed 5 VVF surgeries we estimate the costs to CSC to be around USD \$2500. In addition to this CSC has used nearly USD \$700 to run rural radio advertisements to inform women in remote locations about the free VVF surgery we provide.

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Signed:

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