About Us

CURE International UK or ‘CURE’ for short, provides life-changing medical care to more than 25,000 children with disabilities each year. Many of these are from amongst the poorest families on earth and they are suffering unnecessarily from conditions that can be healed through an operation.

Without specialist treatment, these children have little hope for the future; many will die from their condition. Others are likely to become beggars living on the streets as they are unable to walk to school or find work.

Within many cultures, children with a disability are stigmatised and considered to be ‘cursed’. They are marginalised and excluded from society. CURE works to dispel this myth through compassionate care.

At CURE we say that ‘healing changes everything’. This is not only because it brings an end to physical pain, but because it means restoration of dignity and hope to many thousands of children and their families.

Thank You

Welcome to our 2017 Executive Review-what a year it has been!

We are so excited to share with you what we have achieved over the past year. Thanks to our donors and supporters, CURE has been able to heal many thousands of children in some of the poorest places in the world.

We celebrate the impact that we have made, evidenced by the lives that have been changed, successful milestones and patient stories coming out of our hospitals and medical programmes each day.

We could not have done any of this work without the support of our donors and funders. If you are a CURE supporter, thank you for standing with us in healing the sick and demonstrating God’s unconditional love to some of the most vulnerable people in the world.

In addition, we would like to thank CURE’s incredible staff who are making great personal sacrifices in order to serve these children and their families tirelessly.

We are looking forward to continue partnering with our faithful donors and supporters carrying out CURE’s life-changing work, we hope that you are too.

Thank you, it is deeply appreciated.

Warm Regards,
John O’Dowd
Chairman, CURE International UK
What we achieved in 2017

*FY 2017 - 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017*

**Every day in FY 2017 the CURE network witnessed:**

- 69 procedures performed in our hospitals
- 74 children enrolled in clubfoot treatment
- 10 procedures performed by CURE-trained surgeons to heal children suffering from hydrocephalus and spina bifida
- 2 volunteers mobilized to serve around the world.

**What has been achieved so far:**

Since opening our first hospital in 1996:

- CURE hospitals have performed more than 175,000 procedures
- More than 102,000 children have been treated at CURE clubfoot partner clinics
- Surgeons trained by CURE have performed more than 8,000 procedures to treat hydrocephalus and spina bifida.
How has this been accomplished:

CURE has focused on meeting the immediate needs of children with correctable disabilities while addressing long-term needs by creating sustainable programmes to train local medical professionals in country. All of this is done in an environment where our patients, many of whom have been rejected by family and friends, are treated with love and dignity, often for the first time.

CURE Hospitals:

CURE’s paediatric teaching hospitals bring specialised medical care to low- and middle-income countries. They’re also training centres the next generation of doctors, nurses, anaesthetists etc.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 IMPACT:
- 259,423 outpatient visits
- 16,655 life-changing procedures performed
- 236 mobile clinics were carried out to bring hope and healing to isolated patients
- 585 volunteers mobilized

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THE POOREST THIRD OF HUMANITY RECEIVE ONLY 3.5% OF ALL SURGICAL PROCEDURES. WE’RE OUT TO CHANGE THAT.
CURE Clubfoot:

Clubfoot is one of the most common musculoskeletal birth defects in the world, and it often goes untreated. For only a few hundred pounds, a child with clubfoot can receive corrective treatment using the Ponseti method and be free of the disability for the rest of their life.

CURE Clubfoot works with local governments and other NGOs to promote awareness and provide training, equipment, and support to a network of partner clubfoot clinics in 18 countries where the need is great.

90% of children born with clubfoot each year are born in countries where there is limited or no access to clubfoot treatment.

Since 2006 more than 102,000 children have been treated at CURE partner clubfoot clinics.

**FISCAL YEAR 2017 IMPACT:**

- 17,835 children newly enrolled in treatment
- 182,425 clinic visits by enrolled children
- 9,018 tenotomies performed
- 12,728 children achieved correction and received their first brace
CURE Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida:

Hydrocephalus is one of the most common abnormalities affecting the nervous system of infants around the globe. Untreated Hydrocephalus can lead to significant brain damage, severe developmental delay, blindness, and ultimately death.

Since 2011, surgeons trained by CURE have performed more than 8,000 procedures to treat hydrocephalus and spina bifida.

**FISCAL YEAR 2017 IMPACT:**
- 2,533 procedures at partner treatment locations
- 835 procedures at the training center at CURE Uganda
- 5 surgeons trained in the comprehensive treatment of Hydrocephalus & Spina Bifida
- 15 partner treatment locations in 12 countries

CURE Updates:

- **India:** CURE Clubfoot now has partner clinics in ALL 29 states.
- **Uganda:** Opened new outpatient department building, alleviating a significant bottleneck in evaluating cases and managing medical records.
- **Zambia:** Celebrated 10 years of impact!
- **Malawi:** Government of Malawi has invited CURE to train their medical personnel on how to provide pastoral care to patients in government hospitals.
- **Clubfoot:** In July 2017, CURE announced that over 100,000 children have been enrolled in our clubfoot programme. With numbers like these, we see the real potential to end clubfoot as a disability around the world in our lifetime.
- **Niger:** Partnered with CBM International to reach people in 6 United Nations Refugee Camps.
- **Tanzania:** Passed 2,000 total procedures at the CURE Hydrocephalus & Spina Bifida partner treatment location in Dar Es Salaam.
The CURE hospitals and programmes currently operate in 29 countries around the world, providing life-changing and life-saving medical care to patients regardless of gender, ethnic background or religious affiliation.
Meet Habib –

“His father wants nothing to do with him,” Habib’s mother told CURE. Since he was five, Habib’s legs have splayed out. Habib has not only faced rejection in his family; he’s been beaten by men in his community, and other children have been forbidden to play with him for fear that they will be “infected.”

A chance friendship between Habib’s uncle and a CURE Niger employee brought Habib to us. Now, he has had one operation to straighten his right leg and he is currently awaiting his second procedure. Although the journey to healing will be long, we’re grateful for the opportunity to help him stand straight and tall!

Around the world, children with disabilities face rejection, abuse, and an uncertain future.

**YOU can change that.**

£300 provides complete treatment for an infant with clubfoot.

£800 funds a life-changing surgery for a child with a correctable disability.

A donation of any amount brings care that restores dignity and hope to the lives of the children that we serve.

Give hope and healing to a child today at:

[uk.cure.org/donate](http://uk.cure.org/donate)

Thank you for helping to change a young life.