ANNUAL REPORT
2018
Welcome to the 2018 CURE International UK Annual Report, and what a year it has been! I am so pleased to share CURE’s fantastic achievements, supported by our faithful supporters and donors.

We are especially proud of this year’s projects to increase CURE’s future capabilities to serve even more children:

• We built a new guesthouse in Niger, increasing our capacity to treat patients needing long-term care.
• In Zambia, a new training centre will facilitate continuing education programmes for our staff and medical programmes all over the country.
• We have several projects underway in Ethiopia, Kenya and the Philippines, expanding hospital infrastructure and services, in order to treat more patients.

We are so proud to be part of the CURE network; bringing hope and healing to thousands of children around the globe each year. I’d like to thank our donors and supporters who have helped us to provide this life changing work.

Please join us in celebrating our achievements, as you too, are a part of these success stories coming out of our hospitals and medical programmes each and every day. - Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Flora Gibbons
ABOUT CURE UK

CURE works in developing countries to transform the lives of children with correctable disabilities through surgery and compassionate care.

CURE provides hope and healing to the places that need it the most. The countries where we work consistently rank among the lowest in the world on the United Nations Human Development Index, where we estimate that there are 49.9 million children, who are suffering needlessly from correctable disabilities.

The children we serve have conditions like clubfoot, bowed legs, cleft lips, untreated burns, and hydrocephalus. Without treatment, they will have little hope for a future. Many will die from their condition.

That’s why CURE exists. CURE International is a Christian non-profit organization that operates charitable hospitals and programmes where patients receive surgical treatment regardless of gender, religion, or ethnicity. We say healing changes everything not only because it brings an end to physical pain but because it means restoration of dignity, protection from abuse, and inclusion in family, school and culture.

CURE UK is an independent UK charity, providing fundraising support to its sister charity, CURE International; the leading provider of specialist paediatric surgical care in the developing world.

Every business day in 2018, the CURE network witnessed an average of:

- **62 procedures performed** in our hospitals
- **66 children enrolled** in clubfoot treatment
- **19 procedures performed by surgeons trained by CURE** to heal children suffering from hydrocephalus and spina bifida
- **2 volunteers mobilised** to serve around the world

Data used is for: Financial Year 2018; 1st July 2017-30th June 2018
Meet Elizabeth
A 14-year old girl from Malawi

"OH, THE CRIPPLE! GO THROW HER INTO THE BUSH!"

That’s what Elizabeth heard when she ventured into the village. Her bowed legs made walking difficult and painful, so much so that she often missed school. Then there was the emotional pain she endured from people staring at her, talking about her, ridiculing her.

Fortunately, her loving family found out about CURE Malawi via one of our mobile clinics, who then brought her to our hospital for treatment.

Now, Elizabeth can walk to school free from pain and shame.

“I’m happy because I’m walking well, and I will get to school without struggling. People were gossiping and laughing at me, saying that I was crippled. But now that they have operated on me, I can walk far. I will start school next week, and I want to be a nurse so I can also help my friends who have disabilities.”
Our nine hospitals and 411 partner treatment locations gave us the opportunity to serve in 27 countries in 2018.
Where we work cont...

**364 learners**

**ETHIOPIA**

Throughout 2018, the hospital hosted 364 medical students, fellows, and residents, training the next generation of Ethiopian doctors.

**6 suction machines**

**MALAWI**

Donated by Toyota of Malawi, this essential equipment helps to clear out wounds during operations.

**2 guest houses**

**NIGER**

A second guest house was completed at our Niamey hospital, allowing us to host more patients who need long-term treatment.

**4 exam rooms**

**KENYA**

The new outpatient department in Kenya has larger, better-equipped exam rooms that help us see more patients.

**1,323 procedures**

**UGANDA**

The 1,323 surgical procedures performed in 2018 set a new record for the hospital.

**469 admissions**

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

We admitted 169 tiny patients to the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at Oasis Hospital in 2018. The NICU provides care for newborns who need specialised treatment because they were born prematurely or experienced complications during birth.

**3 floors**

**THE PHILIPPINES**

The Tebow Cure Hospital began work on the unfinished 3rd floor, which will increase our capacity for patient care.

**13 clinics**

**GHANA**

Cure clubfoot clinics in hospitals throughout Ghana provide treatment for clubfoot, one of the most common musculoskeletal birth defects.

**10 years**

**BANGLADESH**

This year, Cure Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida celebrated 10 years of healing in Bangladesh!
How we do it:

HOSPITALS

CURE hospitals bring specialised paediatric orthopaedic and neurosurgical care to 9 countries around the globe. CURE offers charitable surgery and healthcare to children who would otherwise have no access to treatment. All of this is done in an environment where patients are treated with care and dignity, often for the first time.

CURE hospitals focus 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. Surgical residents get hands-on training. Nurses, technicians, and other medical professionals stay on top of the latest standards in care. And local pastors learn how to transform a culture that dismisses those with disabilities.

Our hospitals are also launching pads for medical outreach: From our hospitals, we send teams out to remote locations to build community partnerships, identify new patients for surgery, follow-up with existing patients, and provide support from our spiritual team.

90% OF THE POOREST THIRD OF HUMANITY LACK ACCESS TO BASIC SURGICAL CARE. WE’RE OUT TO CHANGE THAT

CURE HAS PERFORMED MORE THAN 196,000 PROCEDURES SINCE 1998

Meet Janet

CURE Malawi’s first physiotherapist

With 15 years of experience at CURE Malawi, Janet has seen firsthand the importance of training.

“When you look at CURE, we work more as a team than other hospitals. We talk to the doctors and to the Spiritual Team; everyone takes a part. I’ve worked with different people from different professions, and all of them have had an impact on my life because I was able to learn from them. Coming here has challenged me. It has helped me to say ‘I can’t stay on this level; I need to learn more.’ That’s what’s kept me going back to school. It has helped me to grow academically. It inspired me to look ahead.”

Discover more of Janet’s story at uk.cure.org/janet
How we do it: CURE Hydrocephalus & Spina Bifida

Children with hydrocephalus are at great risk. Left untreated, many will not live to see their second birthday. Though hydrocephalus has a variety of causes, the condition often accompanies spina bifida, a birth defect that also presents great risk. Sadly, there are too few, if any, neurosurgeons in many countries that have the highest prevalence of these devastating conditions. Access to care isn't the only problem. The international medical community's primary choice for treatment uses dated technology that has a high rate of failure, a problem only made worse by the lack of access to neurosurgical care in the developing world.

Our CURE Hydrocephalus & Spina Bifida (CHSB) program tackles this problem head on. Neurosurgeons from around the world are trained at CURE Uganda in the most advanced procedures to treat these conditions, including the innovative ETV/CPC procedure, which was pioneered by our surgeons. When successful, ETV/CPC significantly reduces both the rate and severity of failure.

Along with training surgeons, we help establish partner treatment locations (PTLs) at their hospitals. These PTLs offer counseling services for patients and their families, long-term follow-up, and clinical support.

CHSB 2018

3,589 PROCEDURES AT PARTNER TREATMENT LOCATIONS
2 SURGEONS TRAINED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT OF HYDROCEPHALUS & SPINA BIFIDA
16 PARTNER TREATMENT LOCATIONS IN 12 COUNTRIES

SINCE 2011, SURGEONS TRAINED BY CURE HAVE PERFORMED MORE THAN 12,000 PROCEDURES TO TREAT HYDROCEPHALUS AND SPINA BIFIDA

NEUROSURGEONS IN THE US: 1 FOR EVERY 88,000 PEOPLE

NEUROSURGEONS IN EAST AFRICA: 1 FOR EVERY 10,000,000 PEOPLE
How we do it:

CURE Clubfoot

CLUBFOOT IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON BIRTH DEFECTS in the world. Our hospitals regularly see children born with clubfoot who have never received treatment. By the time they’re brought to a CURE hospital, the best solution is usually surgery — effective, but painful and costly. They could have avoided surgery by going through an inexpensive casting and bracing process soon after birth, giving them straight feet by the time they were ready to walk!

Correcting clubfoot early is the idea behind CURE Clubfoot, a program we launched in 2006. In the past 12 years, CURE Clubfoot has grown to be one of the largest providers of clubfoot treatment programs worldwide. In 2018, we operated the program in 17 countries, working toward an ambitious goal: eradicating clubfoot as a lifetime disability by correcting the condition early. We also provide important follow-up care, ensuring that clubfoot does not become a permanent disability or require complex surgery in the future.

OF THE 200,000 CHILDREN BORN WITH CLUBFOOT EVERY YEAR, 4 OUT OF 5 — A TOTAL OF 160,000 — ARE ON TRACK TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY DISABLED, DESPITE THE EXISTENCE OF INEXPENSIVE TREATMENT THAT CAN CORRECT THE CONDITION FOR LIFE. WE’RE WORKING HARD TO CHANGE THIS SAD STATISTIC.

CURE CLUBFOOT 2018

17,363 CHILDREN NEWLY ENROLLED IN TREATMENT
215,265 CLINIC VISITS BY ENROLLED CHILDREN
14,840 CHILDREN ACHIEVED CORRECTION AND RECEIVED THEIR FIRST BRACE

SINCE 2006, MORE THAN 119,000 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TREATED AT OUR PARTNER CLUBFOOT CLINICS

Introducing...

HOPE WALKS
Advancing the fight to eliminate clubfoot as a lifelong disability

Hope Walks is the new name for CURE Clubfoot! The program will become its own independent non-profit organisation in 2019. The current leadership, partnerships, and worldwide co-workers within the clubfoot program will remain in place, continuing their leading role in the global clubfoot effort.

Learn more at hopewalks.org
CURE UK is a Christian organisation and incorporates its Christian values and practices in a culturally sensitive way. We are there for all people, regardless of ability to pay, ethnic background or religious affiliation.

Our aim is to enable the healing of children from their physically disabling conditions and to set them free from a life of indignity and poverty. In the developing world, the stigmatisation of disability often means that people are shunned by their communities. Through the work of CURE International’s Spiritual Care teams, children and their families come to understand the medical reasons for their physical condition. They have the opportunity to learn that they are loved and accepted unconditionally.

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

**YOU can change that**

Just **£800** covers the complete funding need to provide a child with an orthopaedic or neurosurgical operation at a CURE Hospital; including diagnostics, after care, food, electricity, counselling and nursing.

Give hope and healing to a child today.
Visit: [uk.cure.org/donate](http://uk.cure.org/donate)