

# August 2019 Newsletter

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## What's happening at Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital



### Greetings from Dr. Cornelia

2019 has been a tremendous year of growth so far. Each department has seen more patients than ever before. In particular, the Maternity Ward has had 590 deliveries through June 2019. This is a 240% increase over last year.

I want to sincerely thank you for all your support the past 7.5 years as SKMH grows to serve more and more Cambodians at a reduced rate or free of

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Volunteers  
update the  
SKMH website**

**SKMH website is  
updated and full of  
information for you.**

<https://skmh.org/>

The SKMH IT staff is growing to meet the ever growing demands of the

charge. Your volunteer service, in-kind donations and financial support has been invaluable.

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Cornelia Haener  
CEO

**Twin baby boys and their mom come to SKMH after delivery in a nearby field**



**Mrs. Yorba Sothea with her beautiful babies**

Ms. Yorba Sothea was blessed with twin baby boys, Ry Samnak and Ry Samnang. They were born while she was working in the factory in Kampot province, 2 months premature. Her husband is a driver for factory and they have very limited income. Early one morning, she felt a little pain but it wasn't too bad and the baby still 7 months so she didn't tell her husband. But at 8:00am after she took a bath, one baby came out and after 5 minutes to her surprise another baby boy came too. She was alone at the small factory with a few staff that helped delivery her babies. The staff called her husband for help and to bring them to

hospital. Under the direction of Veasna Nget, we are fortunate to have Josh van der Ley with Australian Volunteers Program as Technical Advisor in the IT Department. He has worked for several years in Australia with IT development and has a passion for all things IT. Josh chose SKMH to make a meaningful contribution in upgrading and maintaining the IT systems.

Josh along with Grason Humphrey, US HOPE *worldwide* volunteer, rebuilt and updated our website. If you are interested in current news, volunteering, working, donating, or fundraising with SKMH, the website is your go to source. Thank you Josh and Grason and Veasna!!

**SKMH  
ACTIVITY  
January  
to  
June**

8195 New patients served

228,187 Consultations  
since opening in 2012.

75% of these

## SKMH.

After they arrived at the hospital, she said she felt so comfortable and safe. Even though they have stable work, they are poor. They asked the doctor to discharge them after two days because they didn't have enough money to pay the hospital. Our doctor said the babies need to stay in the hospital at least 1 month because they weight only 1,1 Kg and 1,3kg. The doctors and nurses took very good care of them in the NICU, so they gained weight to 2,5kg and 2,2kg. Because SKMH cares for everyone regardless of their ability to pay, they received all care and treatment free of charge.

She is so happy for her babies that they got the treatment from our doctors and nurses in NICU. She said "At first I talk to the factory staff and told them not to bring us to SKMH because we don't have enough money to pay. This hospital is so beautiful. After we arrived, we got a very special care for our babies." Now she said she is thankful for all the staff and the donors to help her and her babies. They are very happy with her small family after they leave and she tells everyone this is the best hospital.

consultations were for women and children, meeting our core mission.

27,945 Patient consultations through June, compared to 38,092 total in 2018.

590 Baby were delivered, compared to 714 total baby deliveries in 2018.

The NICU has served 138 children, compared to 202 total in 2018.

The surgical team has performed over 192 surgeries, compared to 319 total in 2018.

13 Cambodian doctors have graduated from SKMH Post Graduate General Medicine Education Program.

Over 237 people are employed at SKMH.

321 units of blood donated, 244 units total during 2018.

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