

Operation Childlife At A Glance

Bringing lifesaving and transforming surgeries to children in the developing world, upskilling local professionals and enhancing healthcare systems and expertise.

MISSION

To provide healthcare to children in LMICs, to train local teams & to encourage altruism at UG & PG levels

VISION

We believe that all children deserve compassionate & expert healthcare which should be delivered in their own

VALUES

ALTRUISM

RESPECT

WORLD-CLASS
STANDARDS

01

On-Site Activities



Providing access to healthcare where the child is

Clinical visits to low and middle income countries to conduct complex surgeries and bridge gaps in medical expertise

02

Education,
Mentoring &
Support



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Working in partnership to build expertise

Working with the local healthcare professionals to train and upskill on an ongoing and mutually beneficial basis and enhancing the capacity of the whole health system

03

Global Collaborations



Global Health Issues / Global Health Solutions

We work in partnership with a number of organisations to bring varied and aligned expertise and support to our work

04

Scholarships & Research



Informing the area of medical altruism and global health

We want to encourage altruism in our future doctors and to add to the research body in the area of global health

05

Low-Cost, High Impact



Transparent Funding

Low levels of funding fully invested in missions. April 2022, half-time administrator hired. Monetary funding hugely subsidised by volunteer time and expertise, pro bono.



OCL Impact – Site Visits

2004

Initial approach by Christina
Noble Children's Foundation
(CNCF)
Complex Surgeries
Upskilling
Children's Hospital No.2, Ho

Chi Minh City

Vietnam

New Programmes

- Open Heart Surgery
- First Interventional Radiology
- First cardiac catherisation, cardiac intervention & paediatric cardiac ICU
- 3 Cardiac Surgeons trained
- OCL programme regarded as a model of care intervention

2010/2011

Site Visits Continue

OCL incorporated in Ireland

2020

Pandemic
Impetus to reflect
Formal Structures
Strategy Development
Partnerships
New Services

Mongolia

NEED

- 19th largest country in the world
- 30% of the population live in poverty
- Congenital heart surgery not currently available
- Need for upskilling and training in cardiac, and oncology
- Establish policies and Codes of Practice
- To help mature the existing oncology programme

Tanzania

- Paediatric Consultant visit 1-4 time p.a. in last 15 years
- · Paediatric Surgery
- Paediatric Surgery Oncology
- Paediatric Radiology
- Paediatric Infectious Disease
- Upskilling in hepatectomy, radical nephrectomy amongst others
- Survival rates improved from 20% to 65%

2007

Their Lives Matter First visit to Mumbilli Hospital, Dar es Salaam Tanzania

By 2014/2015

Formal programmes introduced

Training and Upskilling in Ireland (Irish Aid Grant of € 189K)

2022

Mission, Vision & Values
Refresh
Visits resumed
Jordan and Mongolia
Added
Online Consultation Service

Jordan

NEED

- Notably the huge numbers in refugee camps
- Collaboration with the Jordanian Red Crescent
- Broader range of needs general practice etc.