



**EVERY HEART
DESERVES TO BEAT**

**LITTLE HEARTS
IMPACT REPORT
MISSION NO. 34 & 35**

**EGYPT-KENYA
OCT-DEC
2021**

CHALLENGES. OPPORTUNITIES. YOU.

Assalam O Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu,

This has been an incredibly challenging year, but at the same time, I am proud to say that it has also been one of the busiest for our Little Hearts team.

This year, we carried out four missions in three different countries treating over 150 children for various congenital heart defects.

Working with children is always immensely rewarding. They represent hope. But, it is also very challenging to see them suffer from ailments, which can severely impact their life.

During these deployments, I witnessed the damaging impact these otherwise treatable conditions have on children and their families. But, I also saw how medical missions like our Little Hearts help children overcome this crippling disease.

“ Millions of children need treatment for CHD. Most of them lack access to care because they are born in certain countries, and their families lack financial resources for their treatment. ”

In Kenya, the average CHD intervention costs around \$8000. Most of the children that benefited from our latest deployment come from families that earn less than \$10 per day. There was a serious possibility that these children would have never received treatment if our medical mission had not travelled to Mombasa.

It is a fact that the scope of our programme to reach these children each year is dependent on the donations we receive. So, thank you so much for making these missions possible.

Please keep supporting our Little Hearts programme and help us save more children.



NAIF SHEIKH
MUNTADA AID

MISSION NO. 34 CAIRO

312 INTERVENTIONS & OPERATIONS IN EGYPT

Our team concluded its latest Little Hearts mission at Ain Shams University Hospital Cairo in October. A total of 41 children and adults ranging from 05 months to 30 years were treated during this mission.

Our team arrived in Cairo on 16th October and started treating children on Sunday 17th. The team was to conclude their deployment on the 22nd but decided to extend their stay until 25th October.

We have so far treated 312 children for various congenital heart defects during our eight deployments to Egypt.

“It was one of the most challenging missions so far as our medical dealt with a series of complex interventions, but we are delighted with the overall impact the mission was able to accomplish.”

Kabir Miah
Programmes Manager
Muntada Aid

MISSION NO. 35 KENYA

The mission started on the 13th and continued until 17th December at Coast General hospital Mombasa.

This was our second deployment to the country this year, and we were able to provide 27 interventions and 20 diagnostic investigative procedures for children with CHD.

During our first deployment in Kenya, our team carried out 35 interventions earlier in July 2021.

“During our first mission, we found that there is a greater need for such deployments in Kenya. Mombasa is home to over a million people with no paediatric interventional care available to children. Our long-term objective is to build human resources capacity in Kenya so that local doctors can carry out these interventions.”

Kabir Miah
Programmes Manager
Muntada Aid



LITTLE HEARTS CAIRO

October 2021

41 Life-Saving
Operations

LITTLE HEARTS IN EGYPT

312 Life-Saving
Operations

08 Missions

LITTLE HEARTS MOMBASA

December 2021

27 Life-Saving
Operations

LITTLE HEARTS IN KENYA

62 Life-Saving
Operations

02 Missions

FOR MUSA, IT'S ALWAYS THE REDS

The Liverpool Football club holds a special place in Musa Hamad's heart. But his 9-year-old heart suffers from a congenital condition known as Pulmonary Stenosis.

"His three sisters love him to bits. He is an obliging child. A great help when it comes to household chores," said his mother during her conversation with Kabir Miah, programmes manager, Muntada Aid at Coast General hospital Mombasa where our team was deployed on their second mission to Kenya in December 2021.

Our internationally renowned paediatric cardiac surgeons treated Musa on the third day of their mission. His procedure went well, and hopefully, in the future, he will be scoring goals for his local team and one day for Liverpool FC.

ALI'S STORY

Ali Ramadan had a difficult start to life. As a nursing baby, his mother found out that he had difficulty drinking milk during feeds; he was later diagnosed with the condition known as Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA).

Ali is 5-years-old now. He lives with his mother - a single parent of three children. She works as a street vendor selling bottled soda and water to drivers in Mombasa. She is the sole bread earner of her family. His other siblings are 13 and 6 years of age. The family has no access to medical insurance, and Ali has been waiting for his treatment since birth.

After arriving in Mombasa on their second deployment in December, Ali was one of the first patients treated by our team of internationally renowned paediatric cardiac specialists.

Before our teams arrive in a country, we do a needs assessment and priorities children from economically and socially marginalised families.

Our missions are free from the point of contact and are funded by donations made to our charity by people from various parts of the world.





SHANEL THE RIVER OF POSITIVITY

Just like the meaning of her name, Shanel knows the art of connecting people with positivity and energy. Even when this 9-year-old bundle of joy was going for Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) intervention, she was all chipper and bubbly.

She was first diagnosed with PDA when she was just 3-months old. Doctors felt that her situation would improve with age and may not require an intervention. Unfortunately, her condition did not improve. During our latest deployment to Kenya, our team treated Shanel for her PDA in December. She now has an opportunity to live a healthy and normal life.

We are only able to share these stories with you because of the support our Little Hearts Programme has received from thousands of people over the years. Without your donations and sponsorships, we won't be able to carry out these deployments. Thank you so much.



MEET LOVELY AGNES

Agnes is just 6-month-old. She has Down's syndrome, and about two months ago, she was diagnosed with Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) - a persistent opening between the two major blood vessels leading from the heart.

According to Lucy, her mother, Agnes, is the darling of her two older siblings.

"They both love Agnes so much," said Lucy in a conversation with our Kabir Miah, Programmes Manager Muntada Aid.

Our team was able to perform the necessary intervention during their deployment at Cost General Hospital Mombasa in December.

Thank you for helping us reach Agnes.

WHY LITTLE **HEARTS** MATTER

Each year an estimated 1.5 million children are born with Congenital Heart Defects.

10% of babies born with CHD out of 1.5 million do not survive their first year of life.



ABOUT LITTLE **HEARTS** PROGRAMME

Our Little Hearts project provides free life-saving heart surgery to babies and children with Congenital Heart Defects from underprivileged families irrespective of gender, race or religion.

In poor underdeveloped countries, the lack of specialized medical infrastructure means babies born with congenital heart defects have little or no access to necessary treatment.

Muntada Aid believes ignoring this deadly condition is tantamount to a death sentence for the many children born with this disease.

Most of these conditions can be fixed, but children suffer due to a lack of resources, infrastructure, and specialist medical staff.

We are committed to children with CHD and provide them with an opportunity for a healthy life.

Our missions are free from the point of contact and are powered by your donations.

IMPACT

Since 2012, the Little Heart team has travelled to 10 different countries carrying out over 22,00 operations and interventions on children. The mission to Kenya was our 35th deployment.





LITTLE HEARTS

PROGRAMME IMPACT



11

COUNTRIES



35

MISSIONS



2329

TOTAL NUMBERS OF OPERATIONS

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