Children’s Pavilions

In an effort to provide a comprehensive health care system in the countries where we work, United Surgeons for Children (USFC) provides children with immediate surgical care at state-of-the-art facilities, and we also take great effort in post-operative care to guide them on their journey to a full recovery.

A significant number of our patients around the world come from rural areas, far from hospitals and modern medical facilities. Without the financial resources for medical expenses, transportation and accommodation in the area, families often resolve to forego treatment. To overcome these financial and geographical barriers, USFC builds Children’s Pavilions near local hospitals to welcome patients and their families prior to surgery and through recovery.

Each Children’s Pavilion follows a 5 step process:

Identification – On a yearly basis, our partner medical facilities identify and shortlist the most urgent cases.

Transfer – Children are welcomed to the Pavilion by a full-time social worker. Educational and recreational activities are also organized for the children.

Treatment – Children are admitted to a nearby hospital for surgery and short-term post-operative care.

Recovery – Children recover at the Pavilion with the support of family, medical professionals and social workers. Transportation is organized regularly to the hospital for ongoing medical checkups.

Return – Children return home, where local doctors and pediatricians will monitor their medical progress and needs.
Each pavilion includes a nurse’s office, social worker’s office, kitchen, communal activity space, bathrooms, laundry facilities and several bedrooms. The operating costs of a Children’s Pavilion are nearly six times lower than that of a hospital – making it a cost-effective additional service to support families with minimal resources.

**Phnom Penh, Cambodia**
Near Calmette Public Hospital / est. 2003
Capacity: 28 beds
More than 3,000 children have received consultations and 79 children have received operations in 2018

**Kabul, Afghanistan**
Near FMIC / est. 2008
Capacity: 45 beds
More than 1,000 children have received surgical treatment and care in 2018

**Maputo, Mozambique**
Near Maputo Heart Hospital / est. 2015
Capacity: 5 beds
More than 300 children receive surgical care and accommodations with their relatives each year.

**Dakar, Senegal**
Near Cuomo Center for Pediatric Cardiology / est. 2017
Capacity: 18 beds
Up to 85 children can receive treatment and care each year

**Hò Chí Minh City, Vietnam**
Near Tâm Đúc Hospital / est. 2018
Capacity: 60 beds
More than 40 children receive surgical care each year.

**Upcoming Project: Bamako, Mali**
Near Andre Festoc Pediatric Cardiac Center
Since its opening in 2018, the Andre Festoc Pediatric Cardiac Center has provided operations for 150 patients per year. In an effort to lessen the financial and logistical burden for families, USFC has decided to build a Children’s Pavilion and cover the expenses for children needing cardiac care.

Studies show that children recover more quickly when surrounded by a supportive environment and our Children’s Pavilions offer the ideal setting to do exactly that.

“USFC’s Children’s Pavilions do more than answer a medical problem. They allow these families to find hope.”
Prof. Alain Deloche
Founder