



MEDICAL SURGICAL OUTREACHES

[formally CAMPS]

Since 1993, INF's medical and surgical outreach programme has been sending healing and hope to the furthest corners of Nepal. Groups of specialist doctors from different countries come at their own cost to run medical and surgical camps in some of the most remote and inaccessible regions of Nepal.

This outreach programme not only provides services to poor and marginalised people but also provides an opportunity for the doctors to transfer their skills to Nepali doctors.

Seven-year old Shanti Sunar has seen her life transformed at one such surgical camp.

Shanti had been born with a condition which left her always wet with urine. When she started school, other children did not want her near them because she was wet and smelly. This made her sad and withdrawn.

Shanti's condition is prevalent amongst developing countries in Asia and Africa but fortunately it is also treatable with a relatively simple surgical procedure. In rural villages such as hers, the facilities and expertise were simply not available, nor would average villagers be able to afford the fees.

Through our MedicalSurgical Outreaches INF is sending hope and healing to the furthest corners of Nepal.

Clients often walk for days and then sleep in a queue overnight for the chance of a consultation.



INF realises the great need in this area and with our focus on the poor and marginalised, the facilities and expertise are brought to remote places via these medical and surgical camps. At no, or very little cost, people like Shanti have the opportunity to reclaim their lives.

Shanti's grandfather heard about the INF fistula camp and he was invited to bring her along. With the thought of having to have an operation, Shanti was a very frightened little girl.

Shanti was given a huge teddy bear. Everything that was to happen to her was first demonstrated on teddy. The careful and gentle explanation from the doctors helped relieve Shanti's fears. She eventually had the operation which turned out to be a success.

She is now completely cured and excited at the prospect of going to school and making new friends.

INF's Medical and Surgical Outreach programme works in various locations throughout the Western, Mid-Western and Far-Western Development Regions.

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- 1993 – When INF began medical and surgical camps
- 4 – Number of camps run in 2013-14
- 4449 – Number of Nepali people treated at camps in 2013-14
- 510 – Number of surgeries conducted at camps in 2013-14