

Pauline Kembabazi

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Uganda



Since birth, Pauline Kembabazi, a 6 month old baby, has suffered from constant fatigue and excessive crying. As a result, she was inspected by doctors, and was diagnosed with Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) and Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD).

The child initially was under the supervision of the Uganda Heart Institute in the Mulago district, north-central Kampala, the capital city of Uganda.

Unfortunately, the defects did not cease naturally and open heart surgery was suggested as the only way to save the life of the child.

It was not possible to perform such operation in Uganda due to lack of medical equipment and surgeons who could perform such open heart operation.

The family of the child lives in a remote area in the Ibanda District in Western Uganda and couldn't afford the life-saving operation. The family searched hard and found a cardiac centre in Bangalore, India, where this heart operation could be performed. The family approached several charities and, collectively, the funds were accumulated to enable an operation for Pauline.

Children's Hearts, jointly with the Mubende Kids Alive Ministry (Uganda) charity, was happy to support the child to have the life-saving operation in India.

The operation was successfully done on the 6th of August 2018 and the child's recovery is now well underway. The operation was performed by Dr M.R. Sayeed and Dr A. Wahab in The Heart Centre, Bangalore in India. According to Dr.M.R. Sayeed, the necessary intra cardiac repair was performed successfully and post operational recovery was successful.

Baby Pauline is now back in Uganda with her family. The progress of her full recovery is now followed and monitored by local the hospital in Uganda.

We wish Pauline all the best and happy life!

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