

Shadrack KAWALYA, from Uganda

Date of birth 23.02.2021.



Shadrack was born with a complex congenital heart defect. After suffering from constant fatigue, rapid breathing, excessive crying and a blue tinge to the skin and lips, he was inspected by doctors at the Uganda Heart Institute - Mulago, and was diagnosed with Situs Solitus, Levocardia. Initially, the child was under the supervision of the Uganda Heart Institute – Mulago. Unfortunately, the defect did not naturally cease and an open-heart surgery was suggested as the only way to save the life of Shadrack. It was not possible to perform such an operation in Uganda due to lack of medical equipment and surgeons who could perform the heart operation. It was recommended that the operation should be performed elsewhere outside Uganda where facilities allow such surgeries to be performed. The family of the child lives in a remote village in Mubende District in Central Uganda and could not afford the costs of the life-saving operation. The family and the Mubende Kids Alive Ministry identified a clinic in India where such surgery could be performed.

Children's Hearts charity (UK), jointly with the family and Mubende Kids Alive Ministry supported the child to have a life-saving operation in India and Shadrack with his mother went to India for this open-heart surgery for the boy.

The operation was successfully performed at the Fortis clinic, Shalimarbagh, New Delhi, India by Dr.Dinesh Kumar Mittal in May 2023 (planned surgery for VSD closure + PDA ligation).

The operation was successful, the pre-discharge echo investigation was done on 16.5.23 and the child was discharged in a stable condition. The recovery went well and Shadrack is now back home in Uganda together with his family.

Children's Hearts charity (UK) was happy to support the life-saving CHD procedure for the child and contribute to the life-saving operation for Shadrack Kawalya.

Shadrack is now is back in Uganda with his family and this was the family's dream come true! We wish Shadrack all the best and a happy life!

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