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SURGICAL IMPACT REPORT – PHILIPPINES

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MAYA'S HOPE



Overview

In 2025, Maya's Hope continued its commitment to ensuring that children living in extreme poverty in the Philippines have access to life-saving medical care. Many families we serve face overwhelming financial barriers that make even basic healthcare unattainable, leaving treatable congenital conditions to become life-threatening.

Through the generosity of our donors and partners, **Maya's Hope funded 25 critical surgeries** for children born with congenital malformations and complex medical conditions. These interventions not only saved lives but also gave children the opportunity to grow, develop, and participate more fully in everyday life.

Medical Conditions Addressed

The surgeries supported in 2025 treated a wide range of congenital and medically complex conditions, including:

- Spina bifida
- Hydrocephalus
- Congenital heart defects
- Cystic hygroma
- Glossectomy-related conditions
- Other congenital malformations requiring urgent surgical intervention

Many of these conditions require specialized surgical care shortly after diagnosis. Without treatment, children often face severe disability, chronic infection, developmental delays, or loss of life.

Total Children Helped in 2025: **25**

Impact on Children and Families

Each surgery represents more than a medical procedure — it represents renewed hope for an entire family.

Parents who once faced impossible choices between debt and their child’s survival were able to focus on recovery and caregiving instead of financial crisis. Many children who previously struggled with pain, mobility limitations, or life-threatening complications are now on paths toward healthier development.

The outcomes extend beyond immediate survival:

- Improved quality of life and physical functioning
- Increased chances for normal childhood development
- Reduced long-term medical complications
- Emotional and financial relief for families



Cydney's Story

Cydney was born with congenital hydrocephalus and sacral meningocele — conditions that caused a dangerous buildup of fluid in her brain and a protrusion in her lower spine, where the protective membranes surrounding her spinal cord pushed outward.

After exhausting available government assistance programs without success, Cydney's mother turned to Maya's Hope for help with her daughter's urgent and life-saving surgeries. Through the generosity of Maya's Hope's supporters, Cydney received life-saving surgery. Doctors successfully drained the excess fluid from her brain and repaired the opening in her spine.

Support from donors also covered essential medical needs beyond the operation itself, including MRI and CT scans, transportation to the hospital, and other critical expenses — ensuring that financial barriers did not stand in the way of her care.



Cydney's Story



Thank you so much po dahil isa ang anak ko sa mga natulungan niyo. Sana po marami pa po kayong matutulungan.

"Thank you so much because my child is one of those you have helped. I hope you will be able to help many more people."



Following surgery, Cydney recovered well and grew stronger each day. Her doctors were encouraged by her progress and continued to monitor her development closely. Her mother shared that Cydney was finally able to sleep peacefully — something she had not been able to do for months before the surgery.



Cydney's family expressed deep gratitude for the compassion shown during one of the most difficult moments of their lives. They shared that this support restored hope when they felt they had run out of options.

Because of this generosity, Cydney received more than medical treatment — she was given relief, comfort, and the opportunity for a healthier future.

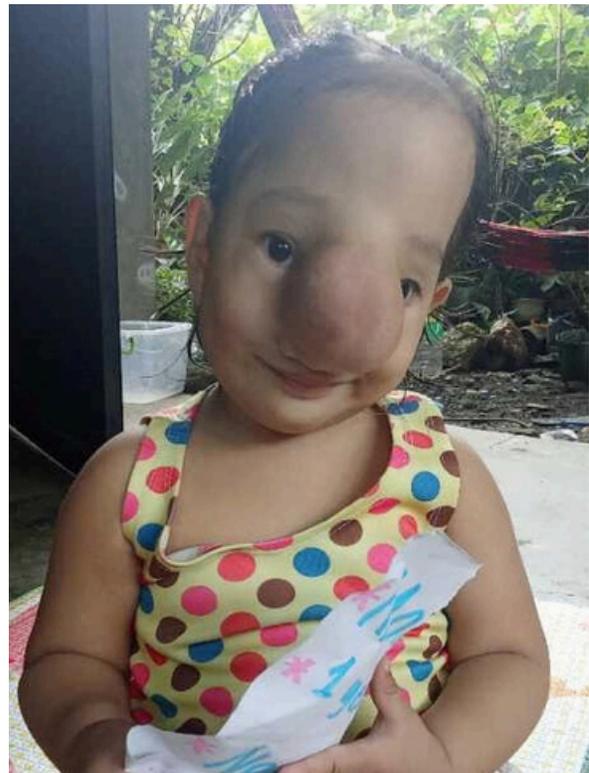
Monica's Story

Monica was just 11 months old when the Maya's Hope team met her. Yet in her short life, she had already endured more than most babies ever experience. She was born with a rare condition called nasoethmoidal meningoencephalocele — a type of encephalocele in which part of the brain protrudes through an opening in the skull. In Monica's case, this formed a visible mass between her eyes and nose.

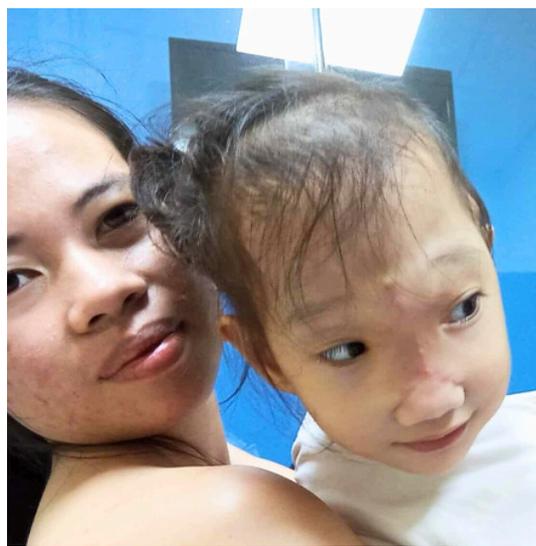
Before surgery, the condition affected far more than her appearance. The mass made it difficult for Monica to breathe, see clearly, and rest comfortably. Her mother described the situation simply: "It was hard for her to look. It was hard for her to breathe."

At the beginning of 2025, Monica underwent her first surgery through public assistance, offering her family a sense of hope. However, she still required a second, more complex operation.

At the time, the hospital was unable to provide the specialized materials and equipment needed for the procedure, leaving her mother searching for support.



Monica's Story



Through the generosity of Maya's Hope supporters, Monica received the surgery she urgently needed. Doctors performed a ventriculoperitoneal (VP) shunt placement followed by extracranial repair of the nasoethmoidal encephalocele, successfully addressing the critical complications caused by her condition.



Following surgery, Monica entered recovery, breathing more comfortably and resting more peacefully. Her family expressed deep relief and gratitude as they watched her regain strength. With continued care and monitoring, Monica was given the opportunity to grow and develop without the daily discomfort that had marked her early months.

This surgery provided Monica with more than medical treatment — it gave her comfort, healing, and a renewed chance at a healthy future.

A Collective Effort

These outcomes were made possible through the collective support of Maya's Hope donors, medical partners, and local coordinators who worked closely with families throughout the treatment process. Their collaboration ensured that children received not only surgery, but compassionate, continuous care.

Looking Ahead

The need for pediatric surgical support in the Philippines remains significant. Many children continue to wait for treatment that their families cannot afford. Maya's Hope remains committed to expanding access to life-saving medical care and ensuring that no child is denied treatment simply because of poverty.

In 2025, 25 children were given a second chance at life. With continued support, many more will follow.



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**Every Child Has Value.
You Can Transform A Child's Life Today!**

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