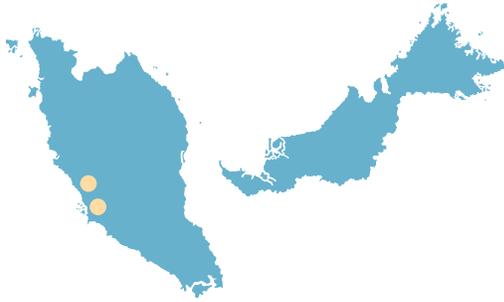


# Malaysia



With a population of 31 million, Malaysia is the smallest country where Children's HeartLink works. The Government of Malaysia guarantees coverage of pediatric cardiac care to children with heart disease at the national hospital and one private hospital, Institut Jantung Negara, a Children's HeartLink Center of Excellence. Despite the protection from financial burden, children are dying while waiting for care. Children's HeartLink is committed to working with local providers to strengthen diagnostic and treatment capacity, and increase access to pediatric cardiac care across Malaysia. In 2018, Serdang Hospital in Sepang established a partnership with Children's HeartLink.

## Partner Hospitals

### Institut Jantung Negara

Children's HeartLink Center of Excellence  
Kuala Lumpur  
Partner since 2007  
Children Served\* (2018): 11,400

### Serdang Hospital

Sepang  
Partner since 2018  
Children Served\* (2018): not listed

### Volunteer training partner

- Birmingham Children's Hospital

\*based on clinic visits



## The Need

- 1 out of 100 babies is born with congenital heart disease
- 5,000 babies are born with congenital heart disease each year, two-thirds of whom will require surgery in the first year of life
- 400 children under the age of 5 died from congenital heart disease in 2016, representing 34,000 years of life lost
- Only three facilities provide pediatric cardiac care for all Malaysian children
- Over 25,000 youth are living with congenital heart disease

## Our Vision

Our vision is a world in which all children have access to the cardiac care they need. In Malaysia, our goal is to develop two Children's HeartLink Centers of Excellence by 2030. To achieve this, we are establishing long-lasting partnerships with local stakeholders — including providers, clinic administrators and government officials — to increase awareness of the need for pediatric cardiac care. Our focus is on building clinical and organizational skills, and increasing support for the inclusion of universal access to pediatric cardiac care into Malaysia's health care system.



## Congenital Heart Disease

Every year around the world, 1 in 100 children is born with a birth defect within the structure of their heart. This condition is called congenital heart disease. By 2030, it is estimated that congenital anomalies will be among the top five causes of child death. Cardiac anomalies are the most common of all birth defects, and 70% of them are surgically correctable. These children can live full, productive lives if they get skilled care. Unfortunately, 90% of children with heart disease live in regions of the world without access to pediatric cardiac care; far too many of them will die preventable deaths.

## Children's HeartLink

Since 1969 Children's HeartLink has been dedicated to caring for children with heart disease. We invest in long-term, multi-phase partnerships to build centers of excellence in pediatric cardiac care. Last year over 135,000 children were served at our partner hospitals around the world, and 1,900 medical professionals received training. Our goal is to develop 50 Children's HeartLink Centers of Excellence by 2030.

**We can't change the incidence of congenital heart disease. But with your help, we can reach more children who need lifesaving care.**



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## Children's HeartLink Partner Hospitals in Malaysia

### Institut Jantung Negara

Institut Jantung Negara (IJN) is located in the national capital of Kuala Lumpur and is widely recognized as a regional leader in pediatric cardiac care. IJN served over 11,000 children last year. The program is committed to patient-centered care and to ensuring access throughout Malaysia and across the region. IJN supports professional development and training programs in Malaysia and abroad, in countries such as Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar and Vietnam. With Children's HeartLink support, IJN offers fellowships in pediatric cardiac services for medical professionals from low- and middle-income countries.



### Serdang Hospital

Our newest partner in Malaysia, Serdang Hospital is a government-funded hospital in the western state of Selangor. It serves roughly 570,000 citizens throughout the region and includes the city of Putrajaya, the federal administrative center of Malaysia. The hospital is designated as a center that provides affordable, quality treatment for heart patients.

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