

Our Story

At the request of the Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF), a number of leading specialists at Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) joined a special CNCF 'mission' to Vietnam in 2004.

Their goal – to begin upskilling and mentoring paediatric doctors and nurses at Children's Hospital 2 Ho Chi Minh City and conduct a number of complex paediatric surgeries.

Since then, over 100 senior-level OCL volunteer-consultants have travelled to Vietnam and Tanzania for one and two-week missions with Operation Childlife.

Both countries struggle with poverty, meager healthcare budgets and limited expertise in key disciplines, e.g., paediatric cardiology, oncology, orthopedics, intensive care; anesthesia; interventional radiology; urology; plastic surgery, ear nose and throat surgery, nursing care.

