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# Reflection and Direction for the 24-Year Medical Volunteer Program for Regional Health Promotion at S Hospital

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# 1. Background and objective

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## 2. Methods/intervention

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From 2000 to 2023, S Hospital's volunteer teams provided monthly medical services at underserved locations. Volunteers signed up voluntarily and facilitated registration, examinations, consultations, prescriptions, and medication dispensation. Personalized support ensured smooth access to services, significantly benefiting vulnerable populations.



S University Hospital's CEO Seo Kyo-il is participating in medical volunteer work and consulting with patients.

### 3. Results

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Soonchunhyang Medical Staff Provides Medical Services for the Homeless

## 4. Conclusions/lessons learned

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This report highlights the role of equitable medical volunteer activities in enhancing regional healthcare and promoting the health of vulnerable populations. Over 24 years, S Hospital's consistent efforts have facilitated societal change by providing medical services to those in need, often excluded from formal healthcare systems. The genuine sacrifice and unconditional love of the medical volunteers made this possible. While government policies aim to assist vulnerable groups, direct benefits and medical services often fall short.



Cambodian foreign workers smile brightly after volunteering at Soonchunhyang Medical Center

## 4. Others – (1)

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Relevance to health promoting hospitals and health services

Collaboration between the government and healthcare institutions is crucial to develop tailored medical services for vulnerable populations, ensuring sustained health improvements.



Subject(s)

Monitoring, implementation and evaluation





Thank you

