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Gladi in the waiting room before her surgery.

Gladi's Story

When these photos were taken, Gladi was just 7 years old. She and her family live in a remote village in Laos. Her village is so remote that even in the hospital in Vientiane, no-one spoke the family's local dialect.

In the first photo, Gladi is sitting in the waiting room at the hospital where the Interplast team was visiting.

Gladi had a very large growth across her left rib cage, which was so big it prevented her from having full use of her left arm. She couldn't hold her arm in its natural position. Her day-to-day life would have been difficult, to say the least.

Fortunately, the tumor was benign, and the Interplast team was able to remove it completely.

Sadly, benign tumors in children and adults are often the reason for Interplast surgeries in developing nations.

In the second photo, Gladi is pictured with her family and two members of her Interplast surgical team, after her successful operation. The tumor was over 23cm in length. What a difference!

Now Gladi is free from the difficulty and discomfort of the tumor, and can live her life free from stigma and ostracism. Instead, both Gladi and her family will have the opportunity to participate fully in their village community.



Gladi with her family and Interplast volunteer team after her successful operation.