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Narangerel* after her successful surgery to repair her burn injuries.

Narangerel's Story

Narangerel's story is one of hope and dedication.

Despite living with pain and restricted movement, 27-year-old Narangerel has chosen to dedicate her life to helping others. She has trained as a nurse in Khuvsugul aimag, the northernmost province in Mongolia.

Narangerel was badly burnt as a two-year-old when her synthetic clothing melted to her skin following exposure to a hot oven. She has lived with pain and scars reaching from her abdomen down to her thighs. Sadly, her injuries also restricted her day-to-day movement, and left her unable to have children.

"Everyone said I was hopeless. When I was in school, I didn't go to physical education classes."

But Narangerel did not let her challenges stop her from training as a nurse and providing care to others who were sick, injured or in pain.

Thanks to her experience in the local hospital, Narangerel was aware of Interplast.

Her role reversed when the health professional became the patient, and she underwent her life-changing surgery.

After she had recovered, Narangerel had tears in her eyes as she described her life before her surgery, and her new life afterwards. Following a four-month recovery from the surgery and an even longer wait for the skin on her thighs to fully heal, Narangerel no longer suffers from her childhood injuries.

"The Interplast doctors have given me a new life and hope. My abdomen is now healed and (I am) without any problems with childbirth. I tell people with burns about this program," she said.

"The people at the Interplast program were really great doctors and nurses. They explained the whole process to me. That's why I've come from such a far, remote soum to give this interview. I'm so grateful to the Interplast."



Narangerel during her interview with Interplast volunteers.

In addition to providing surgeries, Interplast is working with partners in Mongolia to reduce the incidence of preventable injuries like the burns Narangerel suffered.

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*Patient's name has been changed.