Expanding Access to Universal Eye Care Across Five Provinces in Cambodia

Impact made by the project
The cataract surgical rate in the project’s five provinces increased from 1,747 to 2,286*.

Sustainability
The project’s focused its sustainability efforts on training personnel from the community-level to the hospital, including 2 ophthalmologists, 1 refraction nurse, and 780 teachers.

Local Standard Chartered engagement
Volunteers from Standard Chartered Bank in Phnom Penh participated in two eye camps, where they observed surgeries and talked to beneficiaries.

Main objectives for the project:
• Increase community eye health awareness in 5 provinces
• Increase eye care services provided by partner hospitals and clinics
• Increase access to eye care in rural isolated areas
• Increase local capacity to screen and provide eye care
• Reduce gender inequities in accessing eye care in all partner sites

Increasing Awareness & Utilization of Eye Care Services

SiB contributed towards... | Leading to... | Therefore impacting...
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Developing IEC materials | 95,130 leaflets distributed to 25,390 people across 5 provinces | Improved community-level knowledge and awareness of eye health and services
Eye Screening | 112,050 people screened by community field workers | Improved eye health in remote communities by identifying and referring to eye unit for care
Supporting hospital based services | 91,257 exams, medical interventions, and surgeries provided by partner eye units | Increased utilization of government eye units
School screening activities | 98,851 students and 292 teachers screened across 391 schools | Identified and provided spectacles for students and teachers with refractive error
Arranging eye screening camps | 9,081 people screened across 17 eye camps | Increased access to eye health services in remote communities

*Countrywide data from 2018
### Increasing local capacity to screen and provide eye care

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#### Key service delivery increase

![Graph showing increase in eye surgeries and medical intervention](image)

- **Total eye surgeries increased by 29% compared to the beginning total targets.**
- **Total medical intervention increased by 48% compared to the beginning total targets.**

#### SiB Project

- **Implementing partner:** Seva Cambodia
- **Total budget:** $624,762
- **Total SiB contribution:** $500,000
- **Project Duration:** 1 July 2016 - 30 June 2019

#### Situation analysis

- **Target Population:** 3,635,856
- **Blindness Prevalence:** 0.38%
- **Leading causes:** Cataract

#### Mrs. Mao Nhorch

- **Name:** Mrs. Mao Norch
- **Age:** 71
- **Location:** Kampot

Mrs. Mao Nhorch, 71 years old who experienced for blurred vision on her both eyes for almost 3 years and her vision was deteriorated for last 6 months. Seva Field Worker screened and referred her to Kampot eye unit for further examination and cataract surgery. At Eye Unit, she was diagnosed bilateral cataract and was provided cataract surgery on her right eye on June 11, 2019. After having sight restoration, she said “I felt like I am reborn and I am confident that I can live normal life from now. I would like to say thank you very much to Seeing is Believing (SiB) and Seva Foundation for generous support to restoration of my eye sight.”