

## File Form 738

### Reducing the risks of pregnancy, childbirth and the early days of life in Keh Chong Commune, Ratanakiri Province, Cambodia

Final report for the Eagle Foundation – December 2025

**Donor name:** Fondation Eagle

**Fondation Eagle reference:** FF 738

**Name of Charity:** IMPACT UK

**Introduction:** With generous support from Fondation Eagle, Keh Chong Health Centre, a rural and under-resourced facility in northeastern Cambodia, has been equipped with essential maternity medical equipment. This investment has significantly strengthened maternal healthcare, ensuring safer births and better outcomes for women and newborns in the community.

**Date of grant accepted:** 29/11/2024 (funds received by IMPACT UK 10/12/2024)

**Amount:** GBP 9,043

**Conversion rate, date & amount in local currency:** USD 11,575 - exchange rate based on 1 GBP = 1.28 USD (10/10/2024)

**Expenditure:** GBP 9,043

**Amount carried forward:** Nil

**Name and exact location of the project:** Keh Chong Health Centre, Keh Chong commune, Borkeo District, Ratanakiri Province, Cambodia

**Period of Project:** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025



*Keh Chong Health Centre, Ratanakiri Province*



### Project beneficiaries:

Keh Chong Health Centre serves 12 village communities, with a population of 10,189 people – 4,726 of whom are women. Since the delivery of maternity equipment in February 2025, there have been 667 antenatal consultations; 83 deliveries; 518 vaccinations against childhood diseases; and a total of 5,572 out-patient interventions.

### Project background:

Keh Chong Health Centre, situated in Keh Chong Commune, Borkeo District in Ratanakiri Province, approximately 12 kilometres from Borkeo Referral Hospital, first opened as a Health Post in 2006 and became a Health Centre in 2018 in response to increasing demand. It now provides care to 12 villages, serving a population of 10,189 people.

The challenges facing the community remain considerable. Life expectancy is low, with men reaching an average of 39 years and women 43. Maternal and child health indicators continue to reflect these difficulties. Early marriage is common, affecting around 30% of women before age 18, influenced by poverty, longstanding social norms and limited educational opportunities. Approximately 80% of residents are from ethnic minority groups, mainly the Jaray and Tumpuon communities. Most households depend on subsistence farming or work on rubber plantations, where daily income often does not exceed USD 5.

### Details of the project:

Keh Chong is one of the seven health centres in Ratanakiri Province with the highest number of maternity cases, and it is becoming busier by the day. All the equipment donated by Fondation Eagle is now in situ and is being used extensively to support the growing number of people seeking care at the health centre. The team onsite has spoken to IMPACT Cambodia about the positive impact of the delivery equipment, and they remain deeply grateful for this essential assistance.

As reported in the interim report, the equipment was delivered in February 2025. Thanks to these vital pieces of equipment, the Health Centre is now far better equipped to care for multiple patients at the same time, helping to ensure safer and more effective maternal care.



*Above: A mother holds her newborn outside Keh Chong Health Centre*

*Below: A family is provided with Birth Spacing counselling*



### **Healthcare service statistics at Keh Chong Health Centre: March October 2025**

	March to May	July to October	Total
Antenatal care	230	437	667
Deliveries	30	53	83
Birth Spacing	827	1,593	2,420
Vaccinations	137	381	518
Outpatient Dept. (OPD)	1,663	3,909	5,572

Photos showing the waiting area at Keh Chong; family health education; and the new monitoring equipment in use.



Mothers have been regularly attending antenatal care appointments at Keh Chong Health Centre, and staff have reported a noticeable increase in early check-ups since the equipment upgrade. During these visits, midwives take the opportunity to provide brief but valuable health education sessions, covering topics such as nutrition during pregnancy, recognising danger signs, the importance of skilled birth attendance and preparing for delivery.



These conversations are proving especially important for women from the remoter villages, many of whom face barriers to accessing reliable health information. By combining clinical checks with practical guidance, the midwives are helping expectant mothers feel more confident throughout pregnancy and better equipped to make informed decisions about their care.



*'All the equipment that has been donated to Keh Chong Health Center has completely replaced the old equipment. They are being earnestly used. The support was necessary not just for the health care workers to do their jobs better, but for the people in that area as a whole to feel pride in their local clinic. The staffs keep mentioning about the benefit of delivery beds especially, it makes their work so much easier and they are very grateful for that. And suddenly more parents are also bringing their babies to Keh Chong Health Centre for routine vaccinations. During these visits, it gives the health staff the chance to offer guidance on infant care and to check on development milestones.'* Sonita Pong, IMPACT Cambodia



*The new delivery beds are fully adjustable and easier for both staff to operate and patients to use in comfort.*

### **Individual IMPACT**

San Reth, aged 32, gave birth safely at Keh Chong Health Centre last month. Her home is around 15 km from the facility, yet she attended regular antenatal check-ups from the first month of her pregnancy. *"The staff here are very friendly and always look after me well. This is the only place in our area that we truly trust for healthcare. I feel safe and comfortable coming here. I also noticed the new delivery beds – they were much easier for me to use compared with my first delivery."* Reth shared.



*San Reth with her husband and new born baby*

### **Staff IMPACT**

*"As a midwife who has worked here for nearly ten years, I am truly delighted that the Health Centre has received this new delivery equipment, especially the delivery bed. It is something I had hoped for over many years. To be honest, I did not expect any donation at all. When visitors came and asked whether we needed equipment for the maternity unit, I assumed it might be similar to past experiences with other organisations, where we shared our needs but never heard anything more. I was genuinely surprised and very happy when the Provincial Health Department informed us that they had approved the IMPACT donation. I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to the donor for their generous support."* - Midwife Sophary



*Midwife Sophary provides a prenatal check-up using a fetal doppler and blood pressure monitor*

### **Conclusion**



Thanks to your generous support, Keh Chong Health Centre has been fully equipped with upgraded maternity equipment, which will ensure the safety and high quality of care for mothers in this underserved rural community. We cannot thank you enough.

## Expenditure statement:

KEH CHONG	Units	Unit cost	Budget GBP	Budget USD	Expenditure GBP	Expenditure USD
Delivery bed	2	1,328	2,656	3,400	2,656	3,400
Delivery chair	2	74	148	189	148	189
Set of delivery materials	4	459	1,836	2,350	1,836	2,350
Measuring mat and scale	2	117	234	300	234	300
Autoclave	1	152	152	195	152	195
Blood pressure monitor	2	47	94	120	94	120
Foetal doppler	2	94	188	241	188	241
HemoCue machine	1	820	820	1,050	820	1,050
Oxygen production machine	1	977	977	1,251	977	1,251
Suction unit	1	113	113	145	113	145
<b>Total equipment</b>			<b>7,218</b>	<b>9,239</b>	<b>7,218</b>	<b>9,239</b>
Project support for IC team over 3 visits including Accommodation, Food and Fuel from Phnom Penh	-	-	1,394	1,784	1,394	1,784
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>8,612</b>	<b>11,023</b>	<b>8,612</b>	<b>11,023</b>
Project Management 5%	-	-	431	552	431	552
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>9,043</b>	<b>11,575</b>	<b>9,043</b>	<b>11,575</b>

Exchange rate based on 1 GBP = 1.28 USD (10/10/2024)

## Letter of independent verification dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025:

<b>KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA NATION - RELIGION - KING</b>	
Ratanakiri Provincial Health Department N°: 04/.....	RNK, Date: October 01 <sup>st</sup> , 2025
<b><u>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN</u></b>	
<p>This is to certify that, IMPACT-Cambodia has been working in Ratanakiri Province since 2019. Lately, IMPACT-Cambodia has donated medical equipment for maternity unit at Keh Chong Health Center. This medical equipment will provide great benefit to all health care providers at Keh Chong health center.</p> <p>I wish IMPACT-Cambodia success in future endeavors.</p>	
 <b>Director of Ratanakiri Provincial Health Department</b>  <b>Mr. Chea Sanith</b>	

Signed by: Pascale Noel and Sarah Smith (IMPACT UK Co-CEOs) 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025