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Medical equipment for maternity deliveries and the construction of a delivery room at Phnom Dei Health Centre, Phnom Shrok District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia

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BACKGROUND

A grant from Eagle Foundation is supporting Phnom Dei Health Centre to ease overcrowding and make improvements the standard of care offered to vulnerable women in its catchment. The Health Centre was constructed in 1997 and there have been few improvements since. When IMPACT Cambodia first surveyed the Health Centre last year, they found lack of space to be the main challenging factor, with just one small room used for deliveries and post-partum care. Overcrowding and the pressures of space also mean that there is frequently no room for women to rest and undergo health checks after delivery. And lack of basic delivery equipment creates challenges for medical staff and heightens the risk of injury or even death when there is a complicated delivery. *'Things have been hazardous for years whenever the delivery happens two women at the same time. One mother has to stay and wait, even though there is no proper waiting space, or else be transferred quickly to a health centre in another village community, which is not ideal. This was seen by the villagers and it became known that Phnom Dei is not a safe place where they can come for delivery service'* – IMPACT Cambodia.

PROJECT UPDATE

On receipt of your grant, IMPACT Cambodia began work with Phnom Dei's Medical Director, Dr Tep Kannara, to identify a local contractor to build a new maternity unit in the hospital grounds. The design brief was to erect a small, two roomed building to be used for deliveries and post-partum care. The old space will continue to be used for some post-natal services and birth-spacing education. Building work commenced on 24th August 2018. It has taken a little longer to complete the project due to the very heavy rains in September but the building is now on course to be completed and opened by the end of November.



A traditional Buddhist ceremony was held by Dr Tep Kannara and the staff to bless the land on which the birthing unit would be built and pray for good fortune for the mothers and babies who will be delivered there.

'The staff feel very blessed to receive your support. It has been very difficult for us in the past. Women had to transfer from place to place just because we did not have enough space to help them, or the correct equipment. Now, they will be safe in delivery and enjoy comfort of the new building, which will no longer be hectic and overcrowded. Thank you so much for seeing the need in this area and for transforming our Health Centre into a place where people feel comfortable to come to during their hard times.' - **Dr Tep Kannara**

RIGHT - Dr Kannara with Sambo Tey (Director, IMPACT Cambodia)



BELOW – photographs showing the phases of construction



NEXT STEPS

As this report is being prepared, the building is in the very final stages of internal decoration and will be ready to accept patients by the end of November 2018. **The maternity equipment**, which formed part of this proposal, has been purchased and some of the smaller items are already in use in the old building, such as the infant weighing scales and delivery instruments. As soon as the new building is completed the rest of the equipment will be formally installed. We look forward to sending you an update soon



ABOVE: Baby Sokha was one of the first to be weighed on the new infant weighing scales. Her mother has recently returned to the area after working in a garment factory in Thailand. *'I am glad that Phnom Dei finally have new delivery equipment. The scale is very modern, I have never seen that before. People in the village used to complain about the lack of equipment issue in the Health Centre. In the future, if I have to delivery, I will definitely come back again because it is so near and the new building is almost finished as well.'*



LEFT: Some of the equipment ready to be installed in the new delivery room - *'As the midwife here, I am very happy to receive every single instrument. It really is an amazing gift for us. Women in our area will surely feel happy they have a proper place to come now. It is so good that pregnant women will not have to be discharged from the Health Centre as quickly as before.'*



LEFT: Han Theary delivered her baby at the Health Centre towards the end of September. She told IMPACT Cambodia that she was very happy to see the new building being constructed because when she had tried to deliver her first child, there had been no space and she had had to travel very far to the District Hospital.



ABOVE: a baby arriving for vaccination. Local people are already feeling more positive about the Health Centre and it is hoped that the new building and equipment will inspire more women to seek health services.

Thank you

IMPACT Cambodia and the women in this community are so grateful for your generous grant. Very soon they will be benefitting from the new delivery suite and accompanying equipment. Our expectation is that this will increase trust and confidence in the Health Centre and encourage more women to attend antenatal appointments and seek skilled assistance during delivery. Dr Kanarra told IMPACT Cambodia; *'We want to be not just a Health Centre, with a name on the gate plate but a place where women can put all their trust in – thank you to the donor for your helping hand and putting us on the right track'*.

We very much look forward to updating you on progress made.

Expenditure statement

Maternity equipment	Budget	Expenditure
Episiotomy scissors x2	21	21
Mayo dissecting scissors x2	21	21
Allis tissue forceps x2	21	21
Vaginal speculum x 2 (100 x 35mm)	17	17
Vaginal speculum x 2 (50 x 35mm)	17	17
Vaginal speculum x 2 (115 x 35mm)	17	17
Hemostatic forceps x2	21	21
Long hemostatic forceps x2	21	21
Tissue forceps x 2	21	21
Artery forceps x 2	21	21
Dressing scissors x 2	75	75
Dressing forceps x 2	75	75
Scalpel handle x 2	21	21
Kidney basin x 2	9	9
Needle holder x 2	21	21
Urinary catheters x 2	30	30
Bowl, aprons & dressing cart x 2	140	140
Portable aspirator x 2	75	75
Tray instruments x 2	21	21
Sterile instruments box x 5	23	23
Compress box	20	20
Foetal doppler	93	93
Infant scales & measuring mat	79	79
Autoclave	114	114
Delivery chairs x 2	264	264
Delivery bed x 2	580	580
Plastic protective floor covering	7	7
Sphygmomanometer (blood pressure monitor) x 2	18	18
Stethoscope x 2	11	11
Digital thermometers x 5	36	36
Glucose blood tests	51	51
Sub-total	1,961	1,961
Construction costs of delivery room		
Small building extension to create delivery suite. Including: labour; brick & cement work; door & window fittings; internal & external painting; electrical installation & fans; floor tiles; and site clearance.	7,468	7,468
Sub-total	9,429	9,429
Project management @ 5%	472	236
TOTAL	9,901	9,665

Exchange rate based on 1GBP = 1.4 USD (05.02.18)

