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O'Dangkor Clinic – Constructing and equipping a new clinic building; establishing a leprosy control programme; and refresher training for staff in maternal health and nutrition

Date grant accepted: 14th June 2019 (GBP 29,857)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

O'Dangkor Health Post was established back in 2007 with a very limited construction budget. It was roughly built with leftover wood and a zinc roof donated from the neighboring villages. It was never fully equipped. This wooden Health Post is responsible for 5,000 lives, which includes more than 900 children under five. The health care service provision (vaccination, prenatal checkup, consultation) is lacking in so many aspects. It is not easy for villagers to reach other hospitals or health centres. The road conditions are very poor and people travel by motorbikes, which is very hard during the rainy season and if they are sick.



O'Dangkor Health Post condition since first constructed in 2007



Road in O Dangkor during the rainy season. Villagers said that it is often worse when it rains more than two days straight in the rainy season

THE REFURBISHMENT

Right after we received the approval from our generous donor, health post staff (including the Head of O'Dangkor Health Post, the Head of the Operational District, and some families who live nearby) came for a meeting and agreed to help out with moving the existing building. It was decided against demolishing it (as first planned) because the former building can still be useful. It will be kept in a corner of the land for now and can be used for storage and a patient relatives waiting or rest room. We have been so surprised that the head of the Banteay Meanchey Provincial Health Department Mr. Keo Sopheakra (Director) has personally volunteered so hands on and participated in all the weekend activities to help. On the 8th September 2019 everyone happily helped each other, put in hard effort and were very dedicated to move the Health Post and medical equipment in preparation for the construction of the new Clinic.



Mr. Keo Sopheaktra with the Health Center Staff, Head of Operational District, and Head of O Dangkor Health Post (second from left)



Teamwork! Moving the former Health Post aside in order to free the space for the upcoming building with the help of many people who live near the post, health center staffs, and head of operational district

'I am happy that IMPACT-Cambodia is unfailingly kind and considerate towards us. This Health Post needs a lot of support in order to get things working out well for people in the village and the neighboring area. It is hard for villagers to travel far for primary health care and they are not able to afford the fees. They have to travel very far. Moreover, I, myself also want to cooperate with IMPACT-Cambodia doing this kind of wonderful work along. Thank you for also be kind. It's a great honor to have been working with you.'

Mr. Keo Sopheaktra, Provincial Health Department Director



Mr. Kep Sopheakra during an inspection visit once the construction began

Yu Bun (25) a young man of two sons from the neighboring village came to help on the Health Post moving day:
'I bring my children for vaccination at this Health Post. However, from day to day the building gets older and we would be very happy if this post can re-build. I am afraid that it will not stand for another year. The roof and the wall are very old. If this Health Post is broken down and not replaced, I cannot afford my fuel fees to the other places. The distance is also the main problem for people in our village'

CONSTRUCTION STAGES

STAGE I – COMMENCED IN LATE SEPTEMBER 2018

First stage of the construction that has made the building up to 40% complete



STAGE II



Second stage of the construction that has made the building up to 75% complete

STAGE III



Third stage of the construction that has made up to 90% completion.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

As always, our generous donor never forgets to help us by providing the high quality of medical equipment for primary health service to the target areas and health centers. The medical equipment has been purchased and awaits the building to be complete.

When the building is complete the IMPACT Cambodia team will deliver and install the equipment and also attend the Ante and Postnatal Training for the Health Post staff, which will commence on 25th December 2019 at Mongkul Borey Operational District.



Medical equipment set, oxygen machine, and patient bed has been purchased and is being stored in the IMPACT Cambodia offices until the new building is ready



LEPROSY TRAINING

As soon as we had news of your grant, it was organised for Mr. Chhun Bunda (Leprosy National Government Staff) to conduct training in implementing a leprosy control programme as one of IMPACT-Cambodia's new activities. Mr. Bunda is very dedicated of his work and is someone who has never hesitated to go to places that most are not willing to go, according to long distances, difficulty roads and the hard situations that leprosy patient's are in. Mr Bunda has trained the Health Post staff to support patients who carry the disease not to hide themselves away and avoid medical treatment. This is because most have given up their job, because they get really so ashamed at the way they look with the disease and people from the village avoid them. The Health Post staff have also been learning to challenge stigma from the community people and, and too in how to care for existing leprosy patients with nerve damage. For example, caring for wounds to avoid infections and preventing accidents. Mr. Bunda will continue to visit regularly, and when there are new cases. He will assist the staff to conduct treatment on spot whenever he visits.



Some cases found in the village, screened by Mr. Bunda and helped by the Health Post team



Houn Voeun (54) has carried the leprosy disease for 20 years. Voeun lives in Rohat Teuk Commnue, O Dangkor Village. He used to sell fish for daily income. Sadly, he got discriminated for carrying the disease and people were disgusted with him for the things he sold. He refused to go out to meet people in the village for almost 10 years. He only plant vegetables at home and do some harvesting for his family. The whole family as a whole got discriminated and hardly go out even to buy food and school.

'I used to sell fish and pork at the market in the village. I did not know that I have the disease until one day, a group of people came from house to house checking if any of the house involve in leprosy disease. I was afraid to let them know. I was thinking of escaping. I have been biased by people's narrowmindedness for decades.' The patient shed tears and continued, *'I am glad that there are still good and kind people who come and rescue me. Medical treatment is one thing, but I am feeling better now that the studies show and explain about the discrimination with the patient. Our neighbors who have not spoken a single word with our family for so long, has now come and getting friendlier and friendlier. I am glad they understand now. I feel a lot better, really.'* – Voeun ended the story of his and said he feel lighter now.



Thank you for allowing us to start this project, so many people will benefit and we hope the clinic will be completed construction by end of December or early next year. We will keep you informed!

Expenditure statement

Item	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE
Construction of Clinic		
Preparatory work	68	68
Concrete and iron work for foundations	3,576	3,576
Brick and cement work	3,823	3,823
Windows/doors and associated iron and paintwork	3,112	3,112
Electrical and plumbing installation	2,330	2,330
Floor tiles (50x50cm)	1,541	1,541
Roof (clay tiles)	3,452	3,452
Internal ceiling material (smartboard)	518	518
Toilets and shower room fittings	476	476
Site clearance	618	618
Labour	3,895	3,895
Subtotal	23,409	23,409
Equipment		
Oxygen machine	675	675
Ear thermometer	29	29
Blood pressure machine	38	38
Glucometer	52	52
Hospital bed	761	761
Fetal doppler	138	138
Subtotal	1,693	1,693
Leprosy prevention & treatment programme		
7 outreach missions per month over two years. Budget includes staff training; health education materials; transport and expenses; per diem for staff.		
Subtotal	2,382	1,191
Refresher training in maternal health		
5 day intensive refresher course		
Subtotal	951	0
SUBTOTAL	28,435	26,293
Project management @ 5%	1,422	711
TOTAL	29,857	27,004

Exchange rate based on 1 GBP = 1.3 USD (07.02.2019)

