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Vehicle for project implementation and outreach services in Banteay Meanchey Province, Kampong Chhnang Province, Kandal Province and Ratanakiri Province, Cambodia.

Date grant accepted: 25.11.19

Grant amount: GBP 39,795

Conversion rate: 1 GBP = 1.28 USD (1/11/19)

Total number of beneficiaries: 7,819 men, women and children (breakdown below)

Expenditure: GBP 39,900 Overspend: GBP 105

Background

The goal of this project was to reduce the incidence of needless disability and disease among the poorest people in underserved rural communities in Banteay Meanchey Province, Kampong Chhnang Province and Kandal Province in Cambodia through the provision of a more robust and reliable project vehicle.

Purchase of the vehicle has enabled the IMPACT Cambodia team to implement their regular programme activities such as 1,000 Days project activities, transport staff to target communities, provide transport for patients to health facilities and deliver medical supplies and equipment to health facilities throughout their target communities across four Districts in Cambodia. In addition the project has expanded in to the new project area of Ratanakiri thanks to the provision of the vehicle. Since purchasing the vehicle, the following activities have been achieved across the programme:



2019-20 Activities	Achievement
People screened and treated for ENT issues in health centres	6,676
Children screened and treated for ENT issues in primary schools	738
Ear operations at Preah Angdoun and Chey Chumneas hospitals	159
Women and their babies participating in the 1,000 Days safer motherhood and nutrition project	205
Healthcare workers receiving training	41
Hospitals and Health Centres upgraded with new facilities and equipment	3

Project Highlights

The IMPACT Cambodia team ran a training session on “Preventing Postpartum Hemorrhage and Resuscitation” for midwives and nurses at Ratanikiri District Referral Hospital. The training course took place over three days, with 15 nurses and midwives participating from 15 different Health Centres of Banlung District. The training session was extremely well received, with great engagement from participants and plenty of focused group discussions. Many of the participants had expressed the need for educational sessions and were grateful for the opportunity to update their knowledge.



“It is always good to have clear explanations and methods. Most of us here have learned the strategies and methods before but not as clear as now. This is an important reminder for all of us nurses in order to perform at our health centers. Some of us here, like I myself, have totally missed out the education I have learned regarding preventing postpartum hemorrhage, because it has been more than 6 years now since I last heard about it. All I have been doing so far was delivering babies. I am glad we are able to recollect it back.” – Mol, Nurse

Early Identification

The team, led by Dr. SREY Vanthan, conducted an ENT Screening and Treatment camp at Ratanakiri Referral District Hospital. Over the course of two days, the team screened and treated 303 patients. Research revealed that the majority of the patients who came to receive treatment had never experienced any health screening program in this province before. The Referral Hospital announced the screening camp through local radio stations and local health volunteers spread the news far and wide, encouraging people to make the journey and receive the treatment they need.



Patients from different villages and communes waiting for registration before receiving screening and treatment (below)

“If only there was screening and treatment on spot like this long ago, people from remote areas would have had the chance to know why is that health is important. The minorities people after hearing the information from their village health volunteers and head of the village about the IC Screening and Treatment camp, without any hesitation, they gather up in tractor and came as a group of at least five.” – Ta Veng, village health volunteer



Coronavirus Outbreak

Thanks to the generous support from Fondation Eagle, our partners in Cambodia were able to respond in an effective and timely manner to the needs of communities in our programme areas during the first wave of the Coronavirus pandemic. Having a reliable means of transport enabled the IMPACT Cambodia team to deliver the medical supplies including PPE, hand sanitiser, surgical masks, thermometers and gloves to health facilities who were desperately in need of items to protect staff and patients from the threat of the virus.

This included quarantine centres set up in hotels and schools in Banteay Meanchey as well as Health Centres and hospitals including Chey Chumneas Hospital in Kandal Province.



The team worked tirelessly to ensure the medical supplies were transported to where they were needed the most

1,000 Day Program

Since January 2020, 205 women have taken part in the 1,000 Day programme and the team have delivered 110 water filters for families to have access to a safe source of water for drinking and cooking. The government enforced restrictions hampered some activities, such as home visits or mass health education sessions but the programme is still being run from various Health Centres across our target communities. Thanks to training provided to midwives and nurses the 1,000 Day programme activities such as regular antenatal checks and nutritional support is making a huge impact on the women participating in the programme.



Reon gave birth to healthy baby boy at Ta Veng Health Centre, 55km from Banlung in Ratanakiri

“It was never easy for me to travel long distance road trip, especially from my home. The road is a disaster for every pregnant woman. There were some cases from my village too that women had to give birth by traditional birth attendants, due to the bumpy road and distance. Fortunately, I have been strictly reminded to always be aware of the due date and reserve transport a day or two ahead. I gave birth last night and my baby is safe and healthy.” – Trat, Kanchaun Commune

Project Development

Sonita Pong, IMPACT Cambodia 1,000 Day Programme Officer, recently told us about some of the challenges the team face, and how provision of the vehicle has enabled her team to reach new areas.

“Thanks to the new vehicle, we are able to reach more remote target areas. Recently we have traveled to Preah Vihear Province situated 347km from Phnom Penh. We had managed to meet with government partner, the whole team of the Provincial Health Department to get more information on the needs of the Preah Vihear Province. We had the possibility to meet directly with beneficiaries, which is very important in order to appropriately respond to their need and that of their community.

During a visit to Ratanakiri to facilitate the nurses and midwives training, the team paid a visit to two of the far-off Health Centres, Veun Sai and Seda and a Referral Hospital, Bor Keo of Banlung District. The road to Veun Sai took up to one hour and a half to reach due to the slippery condition. The visit to the health center was during rainy season, so we had to manage to travel when it is dry and assuring to return to Banlung before 2PM or else it would be very hard and dangerous in the forest. One midwife from Veun Sai Health Centre came to attend the training travelled by motorbike at 4AM in order to arrive on time for the training, which starts at 8am at Banlung. On the last day of the training, the midwife proposed to finish early (lunchtime) so she can return to the Health Centre before it gets too dark to travel. We are all very grateful to have this comfortable and reliable vehicle now, it means that we are more efficient in our work and can reach more people who need our help.”

“It is such a relief that class ended early. Class has to start at 8am but we choose to start half an hour earlier, because we know that there are health centres that are very far from here and it would be a disaster for our health centre staffs to go back if class finishes at 5pm like planned.”
– Phat Borey, Training Assistant



Road conditions are extremely treacherous – the team travelled 40km from Banlung to visit Veun Sai Health Centre

Expenditure

	Budget	Expenditure
Item	£ GBP	
Capital Costs		
Purchase of Vehicle – Toyota Hiace	35,500	35,500
Tax	200	200
Subtotal	35,700	35,700
Running Costs		
Gas for 1 year	2,000	2,000
Maintenance for 1 year	200	200
Subtotal	2,200	2,200
Project management @ 5%	1,895	2,000
Total expenditure	39,795	39,900

Challenges - Flooding - October 2020

Several of IMPACT Cambodia's programme areas have been badly affected by the recent spate of flooding, which began in early October 2020. According to local reports, seasonal rains had been exacerbated by a tropical storm, which caused flash floods in several provinces in the first week of October. The IMPACT Cambodia team has been able to continue programme activities and support health facilities such as Rohat Teuk, thanks entirely to the provision of the vehicle. Having use of a reliable mode of transport is paramount to the work of the team and has already had a positive impact in the effectiveness of activities across the whole programme. The team are able to reach remote communities, enabling them to bring healthcare and education and other activities to reduce needless disability. The vehicle has proven to be invaluable throughout the coronavirus pandemic, allowing them to mobilise medical supplies quickly and support patients and communities however necessary. Currently they are able to respond to the needs of the communities coping with flooding and heavy rains.

Thank you

The vehicle will undoubtedly continue to be of great use to the team for many years to come, and on behalf of our partners and the many people who will benefit, we would like to thank Fondation Eagle.

