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Essential medical supplies and equipment in response to the Coronavirus outbreak in Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia

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BACKGROUND

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. As a grassroots organisation, IMPACT Cambodia was in constant communication with management and staff at all levels of hospitals, health centres and health posts, many of which have been supported by Fondation Eagle in the past, and were able to distribute medical supplies and equipment to where it was needed the most. With your generous grant, we ensured that doctors, nurses and health workers on the frontline were adequately protected and equipped for the perilous job they faced.

Coronavirus in Cambodia: Timeline

- On 12 January 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed that a novel coronavirus was the cause of a respiratory illness in a cluster of people in Wuhan City, Hubei province, China
- IMPACT Cambodia's activities were able to continue as normal throughout February but when the team returned from distributing water filters in Banteay Meanchey Province on 10th March, the Ministry of Health announced Coronavirus cases in the Province
- Three Coronavirus cases were announced at Chey Chumneas Referral Hospital in Kandal province on 13th February and the patients were placed put in isolation
- All schools closed in February
- WHO officially declares the Coronavirus outbreak a pandemic on March 11th
- Following the announcement, 24,000 workers returned from Thailand through the Poipet border in Banteay Meanchey, rapid testing and quarantining by the authorities helped to suppress an outbreak
- The country was placed in to a State of Emergency on 10th April, causing widespread panic and mass movement of workers returning from cities to rural areas

Banteay Meanchey Province

In April, medical equipment funded by Fondation Eagle was delivered directly to the Banteay Meanchey Provincial Health Department and distributed to two newly established quarantine centres. One quarantine centre was established in a school and one in a hotel. Using the vehicle recently funded by Fondation Eagle, The IMPACT Cambodia (IC) team delivered the medical supplies including: PPE, hand sanitiser, surgical masks, thermometers and gloves. The IC team supervised the delivery of larger medical equipment such as hospital beds, oxygen concentrators, and suction machines, which were subsequently delivered to the quarantine centres in Banteay Meanchey.

Furthermore, equipment was distributed amongst three IMPACT supported hospitals in Banteay Meanchey Province; Phreah Net Phreah Hospital, Svay Chek Referral Hospital and O' Chrov Referral Hospital. This included the delivery of ICU beds, suction machines, patient monitors, cleaning materials and PPE for medical staff and health care workers.

Kandal Province

During this first wave of the virus, there was a great concern for the inhabitants of Kandal Province. Following mass testing and screening of a huge influx of Cambodian workers returning from Thailand, 79 people tested positive for the virus and were promptly quarantined at Chey Chumneas Hospital. You may recall that a generous grant from Fondation Eagle established audiology services at the hospital in Phnom Penh in 2013. The quarantine unit was lacking in essential equipment to support the number of patients, and hospital management requested the support of IMPACT Cambodia as a matter of urgency. Thanks to the generous and timely support of the Fondation Eagle, funds were mobilised quickly and the necessary equipment was delivered to the hospital quickly. The hospital received hospital beds, suction machines, patient monitors and all staff were equipped with PPE.

EXPENDITURE

Item	Cost	Unit	Total
Medical supplies			
Digital Thermometers (resusable)	40	40	1,600
Masks	1000	0.3	300
Gloves	4,000 (pairs)	0.1	400
Protective uniforms	100	10	1,000
Sub Total			3,300
Medical equipment			
Hospital Beds	200	30	6,000
Intensive Care Unit Beds	1100	12	13,200
Oxygen Machine 10 L	1150	3	3,450
Oxygen machine 5 L	600	1	600
Suction Unit	145	5	725
Patient Monitor	800	2	1,600
Sub Total			25,575
5% Project Management (including transportation)			1,443
Grand Total			£30,318



Medical supplies delivered to the provincial Health Department of Banteay Meanchey for distribution



Doctors wearing full PPE whilst taking samples of patients in Banteay Meanchey



Emergency beds were delivered promptly to the quarantine units in Banteay Meanchey and Kandal



Hospital beds were all installed in Preah Chan Hotel, Banteay Meanchey, which was established as one of the first quarantine units



Samples were taken immediately from the workers returning from Thailand



Emergency beds and oxygen concentrators were distributed throughout April 2020 to three hospitals, selected by Banteay Meanchey Provincial Department

Thankyou.

The support of The Fondation Eagle has enabled our partners to respond in an effective and timely manner to the needs of the disadvantaged communities in which they work. By providing medical supplies and equipment for quarantine centres and hospitals in both the Banteay Meanchey and Kandal Provinces, health workers and medical professional have been able to continue to provide healthcare and support those recovering from the virus safely and effectively. The medical equipment that has been delivered will be used in IMPACT supported health centres and hospitals, benefitting the communities for many years ahead.