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Improving maternal and new-born health services at Rohat Teuk Health Centre, Banteay Meanchey Province Cambodia.

Date grant accepted: 26.03.2020 Funds received: 14.04.20

Amount of grant: GBP 12,999

Conversion rate: 1 GBP = 1.3 USD (18.02.20)

Total number of beneficiaries: 686 women accessing maternity healthcare and 192 babies delivered

Expenditure: GBP 13,049

Overspend: GBP 50

This generous grant from Fondation Eagle has enabled our partners in Cambodia to undertake this project aimed at improving maternal and new born health services in Rohat Teuk Health Centre located in Banteay Meanchey Province. The grant has been spent in its entirety and has been used to construct a building extension, which has created an accommodating, clean delivery suite. Vital medical equipment and supplies have been delivered, safeguarding the lives of women and their babies during pregnancy, birth and beyond.

Rohat Teuk



Timeline of action:

July 2020

Thanks to your support, our partner on the ground was able to oversee the construction of the delivery room in Rohat Teuk Health Centre. Construction began in July 2020 as detailed in the interim report.

September 2020

The equipment including delivery beds and an autoclave was delivered to the Health Centre, supervised by IMPACT Cambodia.



The new building was constructed next to the Health Centre, using the existing buildings structure for support.

October 2020

Several of IMPACT Cambodia's programme areas were badly affected by the unprecedented spate of flooding, which began in early October 2020. According to reports, 800,000 people across 19 provinces were affected by the flooding, with almost half of those, 388,000 requiring direct assistance. At least 42 people died and 161,552 homes were damaged or destroyed. When news of the imminent flooding reached Rohat Teuk Health Centre, patients were promptly moved to the nearest Referral Hospital and medical equipment was moved to



a safe area. The situation has presented many challenges for the community in accessing the Health Centre and mobile camps were set up in higher ground to reach those in need.

November 2020

It took quite some time to repair the Health Centre following the water damage caused by the flood. Staff and local residents worked tirelessly to remove the water itself and then to repair damaged floor tiles and to clean the entire Health Centre. Supplies and equipment were spared any damage thanks to staff taking the initiative to move everything to a safe place before the floods hit.

Dan Tha, health worker at Rohat Tuek Health Centre said he was extremely grateful to receive assistance from local people in clearing up after the flood. *"I was taken back a little when I arranged the rooms and put all the equipment back in. I have always wished that it should have been like this from long time ago. Each room should have the materials, because it will make our work better. Patients can strongly rely on us."*

December 2020

Medical equipment was moved back in to the Health Centre and patients from surrounding villages began to return to the Health Centre to receive treatment.

January 2021

Signs that a third wave might be imminent meant that the Banteay Meanchey Provincial Health Department informed people not to form any gatherings and stay in, which resulted in a decrease in patients attending the Health Centre. Staff reported that many local people believed that they would become affected if they were to go to the health facility. The Banteay Meanchey Provincial Health Department instructed the Health Centre to allow up to 10 deliveries a month and to refer all other deliveries to take place at the Provincial Referral Hospital.



April 21

The Cambodian government announced a strict lockdown on April 14th following a spike in COVID-19 cases. The latest figures take the country's overall number of cases to 9,359. Cambodia until recently had one of the world's lowest numbers of infections. It has reported 71 deaths, all in the past two months. (*Reuters - April 21*) Travel is no longer permitted between provinces.

Beneficiaries

Throughout this project 686 women have accessed pre and postnatal care at Rohat Teuk Health Centre. A total of 192 deliveries have taken place in the Health Centre, many of which have been conducted in the new maternity building. 1,507 people have accessed primary healthcare services throughout the project timeframe.

Case study



Keat Dary, pictured here with family members, having just given birth to a healthy baby boy in Rohat Teuk Health Centre. The baby weighed 3kg.



Sophy was the midwife in charge of the night shift, who delivered the baby boy.

Dary, who is 24, returned from Thailand, where she worked in a garment factory, one day before the border closed and returned to her family home in Rohat Teuk. She returned to her home, where her son, mother and grandmother live. During the floods in October the house was destroyed, along with many other houses in the neighborhood. When the floods finally abated, Dary and her family received help from people in her village. Her neighbours built Dary's family a new house made from different types of wood and thatch so that it would withstand the weather.

Dary came to receive prenatal check-ups regularly at Rohat Teuk Health Center. The centre was not too far from where she lives and her neighbours strongly recommended she attend due to the cleanliness and up to date equipment. She delivered a healthy second baby boy at Rohat Teuk Health Center. She was very happy and so was her mother. Her mother said: *"This time, my grandson has got to be born in a better place. My first grandson was born in the very difficult place, where delivery room and bed were all old and looked like it was going to break. This time, we are lucky to have found out that this center is providing a better health care service, because it will be such a gift for pregnant women in this commune as a whole".*

Expenditure

Equipment	Budget £	Final Expenditure £
Delivery materials: Episiotomy & Mayo dissecting scissors x2; Allis tissue forceps; Vaginal speculum (different sizes); Forceps (Long haemostatic, tissue, artery and dressing x 2); Dressing scissors x2 ;scalpel handle x 2, Kidney basin x 2; Needle holder x 2; Urinary catheters x 2; Portable aspirator x 2; Tray instruments x 2; Sterile instrument boxes x 2; Compress box; Feotal Doppler x2	1,294	1,294
Delivery chairs x2	270	270
Measuring mat for infant x1	30	30
Infant scale x1	71	71
Delivery beds x2	800	800
Portable aspirator x1	250	250
Autoclave x1	716	716
Sub Total	3,431	3,431
Construction		
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	8,950	9,000
Sub Total	12,381	12,431
Project management @5%	618	618
Grand Total	12,999	13,049

Thank you

Support from Fondation Eagle has improved maternal and new born health services in Rohat Teuk Health Centre. Construction of the delivery suite and provision of medical equipment has increased capacity of the Health Centre and enhanced safe medical practices during childbirth. As the situation improves in Banteay Meanchey we expect the numbers of women accessing maternity care at Rohat Teuk Health Centre to increase.