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Vehicle for project implementation and outreach services in Cambodia

Date grant accepted: 25th November 2019

Amount of grant: GBP 39,795

Total number of beneficiaries: 11,000 (since 2019)

Expenditure: GBP £39,900

Overspend: GBP 105

### Background

Provision of this reliable vehicle in 2019, 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.

Since purchasing the vehicle IMPACT Cambodia has extended its reach into two new and highly impoverished provinces; Ratanakiri and Preah Vihear, whilst continuing to operate in Banteay Meanchey and Kendal province. These are underserved areas with majority indigenous ethnic populations and are among the least developed in the country with poor infrastructure and worrying health indicators. For example, the life expectancy of men in Ratanakiri is just 39 years while women can expect to live for just 43 years. It is a sparsely populated area where people live in small villages of 20-60 households and most eke out a living as subsistence farmers or sell their produce at the local market.

The local conditions create enormous challenges to delivering health care so IMPACT Cambodia works through schools and health posts to screen and treat people for ENT conditions, although this work has been seriously hindered by the Covid-19 pandemic. IMPACT Cambodia is also working to improve access to safe water, providing health education and supporting the local population of people with leprosy through treatment and work to de-stigmatise the condition. Leprosy remains hidden and shrouded in myth in rural Cambodia, with affected people discriminated against and often refused treatment by scared health workers. Caused by a bacteria (and curable with medication) if left untreated leprosy results in a host of needlessly disabling conditions from visual impairment to nerve damage.



Provision of the vehicle ensures that IMPACT Cambodia medical staff and health centre staff are able to go into areas where there are high concentrations of affected people, to identify them, provide treatment and educate the community and health workers about the condition. At the same time water filters are transported to patients. This removes the need to boil water on open fires which is far more dangerous for people with nerve damage and the consequent inability to feel pain, and often results in burns or scalds and fused limbs.



**CAMBODIA  
2020/21**  
2,956 people benefited from leprosy awareness raising and health education. 24 people identified with the disease received treatment and support

Activities	2019-2020	2020-2021
People screened and treated for ENT issues in health centres	6,676	842
Ear operations at Preah Angdoug and Chey Chumneas hospitals	159	159
Healthcare workers receiving training	41	112
Hospitals and Health Centres upgraded with new facilities and equipment	3	1
Community members benefiting from leprosy awareness raising (Banteay Meanchey and Battambang provinces)	N/A	2,956
People with leprosy identified and receiving treatment and support	N/A	24
Water filters provided to people with leprosy	N/A	27

Thanks to the generous support of Fondation Eagle throughout 2021 the following achievements have been made. All of which would not have been possible without the provision of the reliable vehicle.

- Constructed and equipped a delivery room at Rohat Teuk Medical Centre in Banteay Meanchey province, to provide a safe environment for pregnant women to give birth. The operation of the new delivery room was hampered first by the flash flooding and then by Covid-19 lockdown which limited the number of deliveries and meant mothers were referred to bigger hospitals to delivery.

- Provided essential medical equipment to upgrade the maternity facilities at Banlung Referral Hospital in Ratanakiri province and training for health workers and midwives, in preventing post-partum haemorrhage, resuscitation and infant CPR. Both the equipment and training will make services safer for mothers and babies.
- Provided essential medical equipment to upgrade maternity facilities in Ou Chum Health Centre, which was particularly under-resourced; it had no delivery chair and the two delivery beds were more than 20 years old.
- In response to the pandemic and local lockdowns in Ratanakiri, IMPACT Cambodia ensured that food supplies reached many hundreds of vulnerable families. Rice mills and water mills have been distributed, ensuring safe water and food security for many vulnerable families living in Ou Chum Commune.

***Thanks to the generous funding from Fondation Eagle, the IC team were able to provide food parcels to vulnerable families in Ou Chum. Many items were purchased in Phnom Penn and transported to the remote region of Ratanakiri using the vehicle, either items were stored in community centres or the health center or they were delivered directly to the families home.***



## Expenditure

The funds were spent in their entirety in year one as outlined in the Year 1 progress report.

## Thank you

In 2019, the vehicle proved to be invaluable in how IMPACT Cambodia were able to respond to the needs of the communities coping with flooding and heavy rains. In 2020 and 2021, the vehicle proved to be hugely beneficial in mobilising medical supplies and distributing food parcels to extremely families in remote communities. We look forward to reporting on how the vehicle has enabled IMPACT Cambodia to carry out their activities to reduce needless disability in 2022.

Thank you.