

Name: Ms. El Yoeun

Programme: Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital,

Location: Takeo province, Cambodia



The window, Ms. El Yoeun is 58 years old under supported by her five married sons and unmarried daughter and lives in Tra Tieth Village, Champie Commune, Bati District, Takeo Province around 50km far from the Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital (CTEH). However, she is being supported by her kids, but they are all so poor to spend time in making income generation for their families and taking care her mother even guiding direction

and assisting her routine work; this is a main barrier for her that her kids invested much time to help her and has not enough time to do small business for their families; therefore, she felt so disappointed and depressed with her life that made her sons and daughter had a difficulty with her abnormal health. Actually, she could do nothing with her housework and moving from places to places unless there had an assistance other why she felt that her life so disturbed others. Because of living in an illiterate family, she had less motivation to search professional healthcare especially eye health service while strong resistant believe in her community advised her that this is an elderly disease is more likely to occur when getting old. She had lived with blind for nearly 5 years before she firstly had eyes check up by CTEH mobile eye screening at her community on June 7, 2017. Her both eyes were suspected as cataract diseases that could be attacked her vision somehow; she was referred to CTEH for further eye examination in the next day. She arrived at CTEH on that date and the ophthalmologist completed examination (the visual Acuity-VA of the right and left eyes were: Hand Movement, it meant that could be seen only 1meter) and prescribed that she had cataracts in both eyes with strongly recommended to be operated as soon as to remove cataracts out in order to restore vision again. She totally agreed and accepted all operation procedures after had been consulted by the counselor, so her cataract operation was smoothly done at the same day without complications. Next morning, eye pad was removed out to let her left eye slightly opened for VA testing before allowed her to look surrounding outside. Her VA is 6/15 (can see clearly) and also much better with pine hold 6/12 (can see more clearly then). This result illustrated that her vision completely restored that helped her to see everything clearly as usual. Right now she is able to performance routine job as usual without assisting from her kids, so her economic situation is now much better than previous time because she can help to look after her grandchildren and help herself accordingly. She feels so happy with her new life and thanked you to donors and CTEH for making her life better. She will come back on next appointment for her right eye operation.

