

Report of the World Sight Day 2014

Involving to the global blindness prevention and advocacy in giving voice to our collective commitment to universal eye health, Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital (CTEH) hosted the **World Sight Day** was on October 13, 2014 at the hospital supported by corporative partners to highlight the attention to avoidable blindness and rehabilitation where are available services locally. This year 2014, the called to action for the World Sight Day is “**No more avoidable Blindness**”, that is the main significant task of CTEH in playing through various activities to prevent and eliminate blindness in Takeo Province and whole country. The purpose of the event is to promote for poor people especially vulnerable and people with disabilities to access free comprehensive eye care services and advocate partners and communities to involve in preventing and eliminating blindness in Cambodia.

Many patients came to register in early morning and receive eye health education before starting the opening talks of Te Serey Bonn, Program Director of CTEH, about the project profile and the purpose of the World Sight Day, Mr. Lay Sambath, deputy director of Caritas Cambodia, presented on Caritas Cambodia’s mission in health sectors, person with disability is Mr. Mao Molika with bilateral blindness tragically, represented the of people with disabilities, he expressed his felling and experiences related with his eyes that caused to blindness, and his life changed after he had some supported from the disability organization.

Mr. Bun Borin, director of Provincial of Social Affairs, Veteran and Youth Rehabilitation in Takeo Province, presented the responsibility for disabilities in Takeo

province, Ms. Yem Pheary, deputy director of Women Affair, presented about woman situation in eye health, and Dr. Nhar Sithan, deputy director of Provincial Health Department (PHD) Takeo, expressed on utmost eye health and health situation in Takeo province and opening ceremony accordingly.

Eye health promotion and awareness about specific eye diseases in leaflets were distributed to all patients with a clear explanation by small team during their



waiting for registration and eye consultation. This initial idea to make patients is deeply aware the different eye diseases and intervention when they or families have any eye problem and continue to disseminate eye health information to their communities.



The systematic patient flow was technically managed to deal with messy patients came from different locations to attend this special event and receive free comprehensive eye care services. However, everything was organized and responded all cases without complications, so there were **432** patients had the eye consultation (139 males and 295 females and 71.5% patients who live at Takeo province, 22.9% patients from provinces close to

Takeo such as Kampot, Kandal, Kampong Spoeu and 5.6% patients from others provinces and Phnom Penh) and **207** patients need eye surgery, so during the event day we did **54** patients with eye operation and **153** patients will be operated on the following days.

With promoting and participating to reduce avoidable blindness in Cambodia, we really appreciate and thank you for all corporative partners who supported and sponsored to organize this special event as listed below:

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