

Case study 2

Name: Sok Kann

Programme: Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital, CBM

Location: Takeo province, Cambodia



The Boy Sok Kann is 5 year old under taking care by young farmer parents are living in Kok Po Village, Kok Po Commune, Boreychalsar District of Takeo Province, around 30 kms far from Caritas Takeo eye hospital (CTEH). He is second child with Left eye blindness for last 2 years. Parents had never known or noticed their child had left problem since birth because they had no knowledge on eye health and always busy with finding income to support family. Once day, they have noticed that there had a small spot on left eye of the child, they suspected the child's eye would be problem while they closed right eye the child could not see what they showed objects to him. After that they have searched to find out available service to help the child accordingly. His parents fully known well about eye care of CTEH, but the limitation to access eye care services or public service provisions is the existing poverty issue.

On June 11, 2013 Caritas Takeo eye hospital (CTEH) conducted the eye screening at Kok Po Heath Centre, where is their homeland, to help poor people who eye problem to have an eye check up. Sok Kann was brought to have an eye checked up and referred to CTEH for further examination. The ophthalmologist prescribed that their child had cataract on left eye and need to be operated to restore new vision as soon as possible because he is too young and needs to be educated earlier. Parents did not hesitate to allow their child to get eye operation after received clear explanation on eye health and instructed the process of eye operation by counselor. Thus, the process of left eye operated on June 14, 2013 under subsidy service that supported by CBM to help poor people to access eye care services of CTEH. Next morning after eye operated, the comparison of pretest and posttest of visual acuity (VA) are really improved positively and child can see clearly by looking around his body within interested to play. So parents expressed their felling happily and hopefully on future of the child would be good, they never forgot to thank you very much to all staffs and supportive donors to help poor people as them.

