

Case study 2

Name: **Yeay Vong Sem**

Programme: Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital/CBM

Location: Takeo province, Cambodia



Ms. Yeay Vong Sem is 52 year old, living in Kbal thnal village, Rokakrav commune, Dunkeo district, Takeo Province. She is the widow and living with a daughter and son since her passed away 17 years ago.

Her both eyes have blurred vision gradually since 2011 and completed blind in the last year; the limitation of moving to other places and housework is to make her life gets a full stress because she could help her children to do the faming and needed an assistance to move sometime. Unfortunately, she hesitated to access eye care service because she felt afraid of eye operation even there have the explanation from neighborhoods that got eye operation from the Caritas Takeo eye hospital (CTEH).

On April 10, 2013, she was explained by CTEH staff about advantages of eye operation and subsidy services to support poor patients to access eye care services at CTEH clearly; she decided to visit CTEH at the same time. After eye examination, the ophthalmologist prescribed she has nucleus sclerosis cataract in both eyes and needs to be operated. She was right eye operated on April 11, 2013 under subsidy service that is supported by the donor. In the morning of the following day, the ophthalmic nurse had educated how to open the eye before eye pad was removed out slowly. She was really surprising for everything around her is clearly seen with greeting smile and said thank you very much for all staffs and other donors to help poor patients to access eye care services. She can do anything as normal such housework and moving independently to visit other neighbors in her village. Finally, she dedicates to have her left eye operation through the ophthalmologist's recommendation after her right eye is well healed.

