
Name: Neang Channy

Programme: Takeo Eye Hospital (TEH)

Location: Takeo, Cambodia

As part of the ABI training program, ophthalmic eye nurse Mrs. Pring Kimmy was sent to ARAVIND Eye Hospital, India to attend six months training for Orthoptics in Paediatric Ophthalmology and adult strabismus from July to December 2011.

After having returned from her training Mrs Kimmy took over responsibility for the implementation of a new department for Orthoptics at TEH.

One of her first patients was Neang Channy, 13 years old, from Samrong commune, Takeo province. She studies at Pryar Primary School in the 2nd grade. She was identified and referred by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), through their Disability Inclusive Education service. Channy was one of 17 children referred to TEH by CRS.



Prior to the initial external examination, Channy squinted, had uncorrected myopia and she could not read the board or read books properly. Most often she kept to herself and she would not play with other children. In the classroom she preferred to sit at the back so that she would not be asked questions by the teacher.

Channy's eyes were properly tested by Mrs Kimmy and she was prescribed myopic correction. Her vision improved from approximately 25% to 66% on the better eye. She now wears her eyeglasses regularly and feels more confident in school. She can read books, write on the blackboard and plays happily with the other children. As a result of the intervention she is now able to fully participate in school and daily life. She feels more included and is able to socialise more with her classmates.

