

ASSOCIATION PROJECT NEW EYES INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SIGHT

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IRIS trustees are delighted with outcomes of the 2008 eye care programs supported in Sri Lanka, Cambodia, and Nepal.

Across the three countries a total of 29,379 people received eye examinations; 5,531 had their sight restored through cataract surgery and 925 surgeries were undertaken for other blinding conditions. In Sri Lanka, 9,530 people who attended IRIS refraction clinics received glasses free-of-charge.

On behalf of IRIS, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who made the above possible, our donors, the doctors and nurses and all the volunteers who assisted with eye screening, refraction and surgery programs.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Michele Claudel
Trustee & Founder

IRIS CAMBODIA



EYE CLINIC SURGERY PROGRAMS

In 2008, the six eye clinics IRIS supports in the provinces of Kampong Cham (2), Siem Reap, Battambang, Pursat and Kompong Som, performed a total of 9,809 consultations and 2,987 blindness prevention surgeries, 2,078 of which were to remove cataracts. Training in primary eye care was provided to 25 health workers, village health volunteers and staff of the Cambodian Children's Advocacy Foundation who are now able to conduct eye screening sessions and refer people to local eye clinics for treatments. The 6 eye clinics also received new instruments and equipment worth \$23,839.

CYCLO CENTRE, PHNOM PENH

In addition to providing a grant of \$6,000 to support the operational costs of the Centre - that offers advice and support to Phnom Penh's 2,000 cyclo drivers - IRIS also organised an eye screening, refraction and surgery programme that led to 430 drivers being examined, 258 being given free spectacles to improve distance vision and 81 drivers having surgery, 41 to remove cataracts.



EYE CAMPS IN REMOTE, RURAL AREAS

Eye camps were staged in the 3 provinces (Preah Vihear, Odar Meanchey and Kampong Som) that have no permanent eye clinic. A total of 1,491 people were examined, 679 received on-the-spot treatment and 399 surgeries were performed, 240 to remove cataracts. IRIS funded the cost of medical supplies, equipment, transport, accommodation and provided a per diem to doctors and nurses.

IRIS NEPAL



OUTREACH EYE CAMP PROGRAM

In July 2008, IRIS provided a grant of \$7,900 to IRIS Nepal, a local voluntary organisation established in 1998 by group of doctors, to support 15 outreach eye camps being staged in remote western and eastern areas of the country by July 2009.

Eye camps have since been staged in Sindhuli District, Damak, Dhnkuta, Sunsary, Solukhumbu, Barpak, Magydi and Gorka. A total of 6,570 consultations were performed and 511 surgeries were carried out - 495 cataract and 16 other surgeries.



Ophthalmologists from IRIS were supported by doctors from the AMDA-Nepal (Association of Medical Doctors of Asia-Nepal), Himalayan Eye Hospital and the Red Cross Society,



TILGANGA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

IRIS has supported the core programme and activities programme of the Centre since its inception in 2000. In 2008, with \$8,000 given by IRIS, medical staff at the Tilganga Centre provided consultation services to 634 members of the local Duela Community of the Dalit caste of 'Untouchables'.

Primary health care was provided by volunteer doctors who did general health check-ups of new patients, ran immunizations programmes for children under 5 and offered counselling on family planning.

The Centre also provided livelihood training in tailoring and sewing for 8 women in anticipation of their gaining employment with local tailors or starting their own small business.

IRIS SRI LANKA



The Ministry of Health's National Programme for Prevention of Avoidable Blindness 2007-2012 targets development in three main areas:

1. Infrastructure & Technology - strengthening, rehabilitation, development in priority areas.
2. Disease Control - targeting as priorities cataract, refractive error and low vision, glaucoma, childhood blindness and diabetic retinopathy.
3. Human Resource Development - ophthalmologists, mid-level workers, ophthalmic technicians, primary health care workers.

IRIS-supported programmes in 2008 complimented key objectives of the new plan by focusing on:

Eye screening, refraction and cataract surgery for poor people:

In partnership with local Rotary, Inner Wheel & Zonta Clubs, Welfare Officers in local villages and tea plantation companies, IRIS supported the staging of 22 eye screening, refraction and surgery programs attended by over 13,000 people. Spectacles to correct visual impairment were provided free-of-charge to 9,530 people and 2,958 people underwent blindness prevention surgery to remove cataracts at eye clinics IRIS resourced with all the required medical consumables.



Equipping new eye clinics and supporting existing units:

Through a 50/50 funding partnership with the Rotary Club of Kandy a new eye clinic was equipped in Balapitiya (South West) where the Ophthalmologist will now perform 1,500 surgeries annually. IRIS also funded 11 pieces of essential equipment, and a number of cataract sets for four existing eye clinics and provided 1,165 low vision devices for children who education is threatened by deteriorating sight.

Cataract Surgeries: Vavuniya

In response to a request from the Ministry of Health, IRIS provided all medical consumables needed to support a programme of monthly outreach cataract surgical eye camps being staged in Vavuniya, an area to the north east of Colombo with a population that includes 200,000 people displaced due to the ongoing conflict. 157 people underwent surgery between September and December 2008.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT: INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2008
IRIS COUNTRY PROGRAMS IN CAMBODIA, SRI LANKA & NEPAL**

2008 FUND RECEIPTS	US\$ ACTUAL	COUNTRY PROGRAM
IRIS FOUNDATION (SWITZERLAND)	185,532	CAMBODIA, NEPAL & SRI LANKA
DARK & LIGHT BLIND CARE (THE NETHERLANDS)	135,900	CAMBODIA - EYE CLINICS
KADOORIE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (HONG KONG)	19,791	CAMBODIA - EYE CAMPS
PRO VICTIMIS FOUNDATION (SWITZERLAND)	61,570	SRI LANKA
FRÈRES DE NOS FRÈRES	26,557	SRI LANKA
THE PARTHENON TRUST	12,500	SRI LANKA
INDIVIDUAL DONORS	45,000	SRI LANKA
Total	486,850	



2008 DISBURSEMENTS	CAMBODIA	SRI LANKA	NEPAL
CLINIC PROGRAMS	119,771	90,343	8,000
EYE CAMP/SCREENING PROGRAMS	16,751	83,945	7,900
NATIONAL COMMITTEE	3,120	4,552	
MONITORING & EVALUATION	20,588	9,408	
ADMINISTRATION	22,798	5,281	
PRIMARY EYE CARE TRAINING		1,673	
STAFF SALARIES	37,845	38,550	
EXCEPTIONAL PAYMENTS		16,278	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	220,873	250,030	15,900

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