

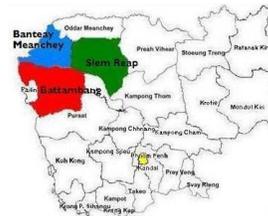
Seva Cambodia Sight Program

Restoring Sight, Restoring Opportunities



The Need is Clear: Cambodia's medical infrastructure was destroyed by the country's painful years of genocide and civil war. Today, there are **only seventeen fully-trained ophthalmologists in the country of 14 million**, and **Seva has trained four of them.**

More than 80% of the blindness in Cambodia is either preventable or curable, but the vast majority of Cambodians do not have access to quality, affordable eye care. Seva works in three northwestern provinces to bring essential eye care services to Cambodia's most vulnerable populations, including **rural communities, women, and children.** All aspects of Seva's programs serve to build the local capacity to deliver high quality, sustainable eye care.



A New Model: In 2007, Seva and local partners established the Battambang Ophthalmic Care Center (BOCC). Within five years, BOCC became self-financing through the collection of patient fees.



Seva currently supports one quarter of all eye exams and surgeries in Cambodia.

Sustainable Solutions: By equipping our partners with the tools they need to provide quality, efficient care, Seva builds locally-run eye care programs that are self-sustaining. Seva promotes public-private partnerships by collaborating with the government. Together, we are responsible for a tenfold increase in the total number of eye surgeries performed every year.

Bridging the Gap: Seva employs fieldworkers who go door to door to bridge the gap between remote villages and eye care providers. The important community outreach that these fieldworkers do has increased demand for services: more patients are getting eye surgery.

Opportunities for a Brighter Future: Seva and the government eye clinics are committed to providing equitable patient care with a **special focus on outreach to women and girls.** Seva and local partner Angkor Hospital for Children initiated a comprehensive pediatric eye care program. Children in rural communities receive eye health education and, when necessary, eyeglasses and surgical treatment to prevent blindness and restore sight. By providing quality eye care, Seva is helping to secure opportunities for education and meaningful work for children and their caretakers.

Seva's Sight Program enables people who otherwise would remain blind to go to school, return to work, and care for their families. **Together, Seva and partners are building a brighter, healthier future for Cambodia.**

Local Partners: Cambodian Ministry of Health, National Program for Eye Health, Battambang Eye Unit, Banteay Meanchey Eye Unit, Siem Reap Eye Unit, Angkor Hospital for Children



The Problem:

- 43,800 blind in Cambodia
- 32,718 blind from cataract
- 2 out of 3 blind are female

The Solution:

Sight-restoring cataract surgery can be performed in 15 minutes and costs just \$50

Seva's Goal: To build the capacity of Cambodian eye care personnel to prevent blindness and provide over 4,000 sight-restoring surgeries annually.

Seva Cambodia provides:

- Comprehensive eye care services for underserved communities
- Medical and management training
- Surgical equipment and medical supplies
- Community outreach
- Clinical and public health research
- Clinic operational support

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