

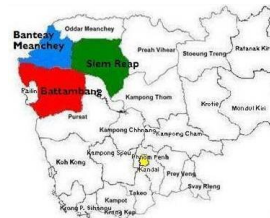
Seva Cambodia Sight Program

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 nine 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) in Battambang, one of Cambodia's poorest provinces. **In its first year of operation, BOCC provided more than 3,000 sight-restoring surgeries and over 25,000 eye examinations, outperforming every other eye clinic in the country.**



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 within 5-10 years of establishment. Seva's proven model of sustainable development is based on a simple formula: roughly one-third of patients subsidize the cost of the two-thirds who cannot afford eye care services. In its first year of operations alone, **BOCC collected over \$25,000 from patient fees and the sale of eyeglasses.**

Opportunities for a Brighter Future: Seva and BOCC are committed to providing equitable patient care with a **special focus on outreach to women and girls.** Seva, BOCC, 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 Sub-Committee for the Prevention of Blindness, Battambang Eye Unit, Banteay Meanchey Eye Unit, Siem Reap Eye Unit, Angkor Hospital for Children, Battambang Ophthalmic Care Center



The Problem:

- 145,000 blind in Cambodia
- 95,000 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 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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