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## WHO WE ARE

CSC aims to improve the quality of life for disabled poor people in Cambodia by providing surgery for hearing, visual and orthopedic disabilities. Integral to this mission is a program of training local surgeons and health workers, focusing on the development of sustainable surgical services for Cambodians. CSC has become a mentoring organization for healthcare providers throughout Cambodia, training surgeons, nurses, and other health workers to care for Cambodians. Eighty percent of Cambodia is still rural, with truly impoverished people and little access to healthcare. We offer the option of our CSC staff to transfer their talents to other settings and organizations to accelerate the level of healthcare provided in the country.

### Meet Doeun

Doeun is a 13-year-old 6<sup>th</sup> grade student who loves his math class. His parents are vegetable farmers. In the future he wants to be a police officer.

Doeun was in a motor vehicle accident in May that caused an open wound on his right heel. After the accident, his family took Doeun to a clinic where they closed and dressed the wound. Two days later, the wound became infected, and the bone was exposed. He needed a debridement procedure, but his family could not afford one. When his family learned about Children's Surgical Centre, they traveled for two hours seeking treatment. Surgeons performed a skin graft procedure to help him. Before surgery, Doeun could not walk, attend school, or play games with his friends. His surgery will give him the opportunity to return to his life as a student and engage in activities with his friends and family. He looks forward to riding his bike to school again and not having any pain or infection.



### OUR ASK

Whatever you can give, please know we are grateful to receive it! Please consider signing up to give us a monthly gift, it makes a huge difference to our community. Even just a donation of \$10 goes a long way! Thank you for your continued support and helping us through what has become a challenging year. Please visit

[donate-to-csc](#)

## CHALLENGES-SUCCESSSES

**CHALLENGES:** The COVID-19 pandemic hit Cambodia hard in February 2021. CSC activity was reduced by two-thirds in March and April, averaging 31 operations and 92 consultations per month.

Donations are still below pre-pandemic; many large donors have ceased support. Patients from rural settings have been unable to travel to Phnom Penh due to a month-long lockdown. As of mid-June, Cambodia had over 37,000 COVID-19 cases and 311 deaths. Our international surgeons and clinicians are unable to travel due to strict quarantine requirements. Conferences are now held via videoconference, but we look forward to returning international surgeons as soon as it is safe to travel again.

**SUCCESSSES:** 100% of CSC staff have received COVID vaccines; and five of our staff have been trained to administer pre-operative COVID tests in preparation for surgery. Although the pandemic has slowed activity, our donors and donations have remained a lifeline for CSC activity. Medical students and volunteers are anxious to return to CSC to support our mission, and anxiously await the ability to travel. The staff remains in contact with current and future donors, however small or large they may be.

***Our mission** is to directly connect people through technology to access life-changing surgery. We are guided by the needs of our patients and strive to help them achieve health and meaningful change in their lives. CSC aims to improve the quality of life for disabled poor people by providing rehabilitation surgery.*

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## CHILDREN'S SURGICAL CENTRE

### New Equipment Arrives for Eye Surgery May 2021

In May, **Charity Vision International** donated an Ultrasound Scanner to the Eye Surgery Department. The Ultrasound is a portable method for imaging the eye from the cornea to the lens, producing high quality images of ocular structures. It allows measurement of all eye types, including when dense cataracts are present. The built-in patient and user database provide unlimited access to information.



*Dr. Dira from Eye Surgery said "This machine will be of great service to all our patients in need of eye care. It has excellent image sharpness and contrast, and it is convenient to use."*



### Staff Receives Training for COVID Pre-op Testing

*Ms. Kong Chanthy, Ms. Sun Yannak, Ms. Nuch Channy, Mr. Tha Chandara and Mr. Prum Rith have received training for COVID-19 pre-op testing.*

*On the frontlines of the crisis, our staff volunteered to increase CSC's capacity to respond rapidly and efficiently to the threat of COVID-19, while also learning how to protect the health of other patients and their own health.*



CONTACT US! [info@csc.org](mailto:info@csc.org), or visit our website <https://csc.org/donate-to-csc/>

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*International  
Nurses Week  
May 12, 2021,  
recognized  
several of our  
nursing staff*



**Thank you to ALL of the nursing staff at CSC for  
your dedication and excellence.**

**Pictured:**

Bee Soknngin (top left)– Eye Surgery

Pring Rina – (top right) Reconstructive Surgery

Soeurn Srey Muoy – (bottom left) Ear, Nose and Throat

Kim Yinna – (middle left) Nurse Administration

Ut Daro - (bottom left) Nurse Anesthesia

