

CDA Cambodia

Cambodian's Development and Justice Watch (CDA) is a non-governmental and not-for-profit organization established in 1996. Its mission is to reduce rural poverty and improve the living standards of the poor in Cambodia. CDA tries to encourage projects that are sustainable, with low initial costs and high potential benefits. Their activities cross a wide spectrum of rural Cambodia's needs, including AIDS awareness, prevention & education programs, a Rice Bank project, nutrition education, population control and an agricultural program. CDA also seeks to improve the oral health care of Cambodia's poor communities:

CDA's Oral Health Goals:

- To provide dental health related education
- To provide dental health screening, scaling and filling
- To provide basic dental care, tooth extractions and treatment of caries and infections.
- To serve as a referral to other clinics for treatment outside the scope of the practice.

Target population

CDA seeks to aid the rural poor of Banteay Meanchey Province. The region has been destroyed by floods and the daily income of the population is just US\$0.5. With Dentaid's help, CDA hopes to run a dental clinic and oral health programme in this area.

Oral Health Care

At CDA'S sub-office in Phnom Penh, dental care is provided free-of-charge to anyone under the age of 15. Adults are treated on a sliding scale designed to recover material costs. In the countryside, free dental care is provided every three months via a mobile clinic. However, restricted by limited equipment, CDA is not currently able to fulfil the needs of all of their patients. With Dentaid's help, CDA will increase the number of patients they see, increase the number of treatments they offer and provide better quality oral health care to the poor community.

Outreach programme

In recent years, CDA's dentists have implemented a curative and education outreach programme in the surrounding provinces. During these outreach programmes, the CDA dentists repeatedly encountered high incidences of acute pulpitis, root stumps, periapical abscesses, enamo-dental caries and gingivitis. While they were able to provide several successful treatments and referrals, a lack of dental equipment severely restricted the number and variety of treatments there were able to offer.

Oral Health Education

CDA's Oral Health Education Programme was introduced in 2005. Since then, 124 patients have been screened and treated and have received oral health awareness education. The programme focuses on preventative care and includes advice on maintaining health diets, instructions on how to correctly use a toothbrush and encouraging regular brushing. Children at the village primary school currently receive an oral health education session every Friday, and are often provided with free toothbrushes. Since the project was introduced, there has been a decrease in the number of children who are badly affected by dental problems. The children now eat less sugar, more rice and are generally healthier, resulting in more regular attendance at school. Dentaid's support will allow CDA to launch their oral health education programme at the dental clinic and expand into more schools in the area.

Dentaid will provide CDA with two complete dental surgeries to enable them continue their work improving the oral health of the rural poor of Cambodia. Please help us.

Dentaid is desperately seeking an individual, group or community to sponsor the Cambodian CDA project. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Dentaid at info@dentaid.org. Thank you.

Refurbishment of two full surgeries: £6000
Crating and shipping to Cambodia: £1250
Total: £7250