

Dentaid was recently approached by an organisation in Cambodia requesting the provision of twenty – four basic sets of dental equipment and instruments and portable chairs for graduating dental nurses from the regional training school, Kampong Cham. The aim is to help the newly qualified dental nurses set up mobile dental health clinics within regional health centres.



As you can see from the above photos the need for a proper dental chair is vital to the improvement of the provision of dental care in these rural communities. The portable chair will be an essential asset to newly qualified dental nurses, enabling them to carry out vital dental work anywhere in these needy communities.

The dental nurse was introduced to meet the needs of the rural population of Cambodia in particular, who have little access to medical or dental services. The nurses provide basic medical and dental care to these people who would otherwise be unlikely to receive treatment. They can also identify conditions such as oral cancer and refer them on for further treatment. The Cambodian Ministry of Health supports the continued training of dental nurses as they are considered a very appropriate and worthwhile asset for these rural areas where dentists are almost non – existent.

The nurses are trained to provide extractions, scaling, anaesthetic and simple ART (Atraumatic Restorative Treatment). This is basic oral health care that can be administered without highly technical equipment outside of a traditional dental surgery. ART is perfectly suited for taking into health centres in more rural communities who may not have electricity or running water.



Dentaid has received generous funding of £14,400 for this important project from Dr Neil Sikka of Barbican Dental Care. It is hoped that this will be the start of a long standing relationship with the training school as there will be nurses graduating each year who require equipment to take out into the community.

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