



# VIC Update

April –December 2010

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

➔ VIC participated in the National Ceremony of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The ceremony was attended by approximately 3,000 individuals and was presided over by Her Excellency Men Samon, Deputy Prime Minister.



VIC exhibit at the International Day for PWDs

➔ VIC centers received US\$20,000 contribution from MOSVY/POSVY to be used for patient food, patient transportation and other operating expenses.

## VIC Rehabilitation Centers assist over 5,011 as of Sept.

Between January and Sept 2010, VIC's three rehabilitation centers, located in Kien Khleang, Prey Veng and Kratie provided services to 5,011 patients; 22% were new patients. Additionally, the majority of the patients, 37%, were between the ages of 0-5 and 23% were between the ages of 30-49.

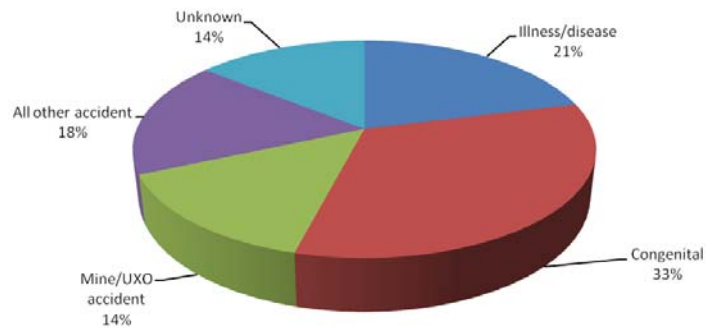
Of all the individuals provided with services, 26% were amputees, 16% had cerebral palsy and 15% had clubfoot. In addition, 33% of patients' disabilities were congenital, 18% were caused by an accident other than a

Mine/UXO and 14% were caused by Mine/UXO accidents.

Additionally, the centers distributed a total of 214 wheelchairs, 71% were received by adults. An additional 35 tricycles were also distributed. In addition,

1,002 walking aids were distributed including elbow crutches, auxiliary crutches, canes and walking frames. 556 were fitted with prostheses while 864 received orthoses. In addition, 19,409 patients received physiotherapy treatment.

Patients Distributed by Cause of Disability  
As of September 2010



## VIC continues to Support Student's Education

Over the past several months, Veterans International Cambodia continued to work with children with disabilities and provided them with the opportunity to receive an education.

This past October, VIC's center in Prey Veng worked to integrate students into their respective high schools and universities. Twelve of them are currently enrolled in college. Additionally, VIC has integrated 164 new students and monitored 427 students by assisting them through various kinds of school support including

providing school supplies.

Additionally, VIC has made a continued effort to make schools accessible to students with disabilities. Samon has been working with a school principal in the Saang district to build a wheelchair ramp as well as a principal in Ksachkandal district to help make the facilities more accessible.

## VIC Conducts National Training Program

On July 19<sup>th</sup> Veterans International Cambodia facilitated a National Training Program for the Physical Rehabilitation Committee on the Management of Stroke and Cerebral Palsy. There were 45 physical therapists, technicians and prosthesis and orthotic technicians in attendance.

The opening ceremony on July 19<sup>th</sup> was presided over by Secretary of State of MOSVY, His Excellency Sem Sokha. The closing ceremony on July 23<sup>rd</sup> was presided over by General Director of the General Directorate, His Excellency Prak Chanthoem.

The training sessions were

divided into two components, theoretical and practical. The theory training was conducted at the Technical School for Medical Care and the practical sessions were at the Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Center. During the practical portion participants had the opportunity to assess and fabricate three trolleys for three children. Presentations included lectures by Dr. Jane Wu, consultant physician in rehabilitation medicine. Dr. Wu presented on subjects including subtype of stroke, pathophysiology of stroke recovery, stroke risk factors and epidemiology. The practical session took place on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Center. Participants were divided into three groups and were instructed to assess three children with cerebral

palsy and then establish a plan of treatment. The three groups also had the opportunity to fabricate custom seating systems.

Participants expressed that the 5-day training session was extremely effective and thought highly of the training. The lectures allowed the participants to better understand concepts and the practical sections allowed them to put these concepts into practice.



## VIC Centers hold Photography Workshops; 1,527 attendees at informal education classes in 2010

Prey Veng, Kratie and Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Centers held Photography workshops this past May as part of their education workshops. Workshops were held from May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup> for two days at each center. There were 13, 12 and 15 attendees in Prey Veng, Kratie and Kien Khleang respectively.

The first photography workshops were taught by Ryan Ansin and Bonie Levy with assistance from center staff. The Photography Workshops at the VIC centers were held as an ongoing fund raising strategy with plans for future US exhibitions in Boston.

Participants had the opportunity to learn how to utilize a digital

camera and how photography could be used as a form of expression. Each student received a certificate of achievement at the end of the class.

Follow-up classes were held at the Kratie and Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Center in August. More than twenty children with disabilities attended the workshops.

Over the past six months, the Community Rehabilitation Centers of Veterans International Cambodia's conducted various informal education classes that had over 1,500 attendees. Attendees included people with disabilities as well as their families. Individually,

Prey Veng had over 800 attendees and Kien Khleang and Kratie each had over 200 participants.



*Photographic Workshop facilitated by Ryan and Borie*