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## Utility Vehicles To Fight Leprosy

Dear donor,  
Today, leprosy is 100% curable with a medical treatment. But even when they are healed, those who were affected often continue to suffer severe disabilities. Together with their families, they are excluded from society, lose their jobs and houses, are rejected by hospitals, or are unable to send their children to school. These multiple forms of exclusion represent serious violations of their fundamental rights.

CIOMAL works not only to eliminate leprosy from the world but also to put an end to the discrimination against those that were affected and their families. It is crucial that people carrying the marks of leprosy be perceived as “disabled persons” and not as “lepers” anymore.

Your generous support helps them regain dignity and find their place in society. We thank you most sincerely for supporting us in our fight against this often neglected disease.

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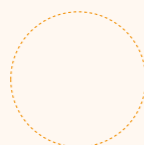
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*All year round, CIOMAL's teams travel the provinces of Cambodia to fight leprosy and help those affected and their families live decent lives. Robust sturdy vehicles are indispensable to their mission.*

For over 25 years, CIOMAL's teams have criss-crossed Cambodia to be as close as possible to those affected by leprosy and their families, who often live in remote areas hard to reach. They have been rejected by their communities or chosen to leave out of shame and settled in inhospitable places outside of villages, living in extreme poverty.



To reach some of these families, CIOMAL vehicles have to drive on tracks running through forests or rice fields for hours, usually on rough dirt roads. Cambodian roads are often ridden with potholes, meaning that they are extremely hard to drive on and vehicles have to be remarkably resilient. In the rainy season, cars can get stuck in the mud whereas in the dry season, they have to contend with crater-sized holes on the roads.



Then, CIOMAL's social workers have to walk under the scorching sun in the dry season or



through muddy fields in the rainy season. Reaching these families is crucial to establish a correct assessment of their living standard and therefore determine the right support to provide them with. Sometimes, it is also the only way for CIOMAL's social workers to get in touch with some people with leprosy that have been ostracized by society.

CIOMAL's teams also carry out early detection campaigns throughout the country. These campaigns, which have contributed to the elimination of leprosy in Cambodia, involve visiting every person that was formerly affected by leprosy and inspecting those close to them – whether relatives or neighbors – in a radius of 200m around their home. Any new case that is discovered during these inspections receives treatment (rifampicin) right away, which immediately puts a stop to contagion risks.

**Such crucial work could not be done without quality utility vehicles.**



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