

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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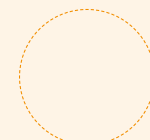
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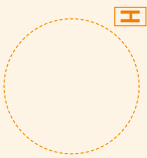
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Persons affected by leprosy in front of the CIOMAL center



The Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Center in Phnom Penh

For the 66th World Leprosy Day, the CIOMAL Foundation organised an open house morning in Phnom Penh on 30th January.

Two hundred visitors joined the event, including university students and professors, representatives of national and international organisations, as well as about one hundred people affected by leprosy.

Opened in 2000 on the island situated across from the Cambodian capital's historic heart, the Kien Khleang Leprosy Rehabilitation Center was particularly busy on that day.

At the start of the morning, CIOMAL members and patients put together a funny performance to communicate one of the most important messages about leprosy: the disease can be cured and nothing justifies the stigmatisation of those affected. By way of demonstration, Miss Cambodia and her runners-up paraded in the middle of the audience before having long exchanges with persons affected by leprosy.

Today, leprosy affects over 3 million people (sick or recovering) around the world. The neglected tropical disease mostly hits the poorest areas. More than **240,000 new cases** are detected every year, 5% of which are children under the age of 15.

Because it leaves marks on the skin, leprosy also results in **social exclusion**, particularly in schools, workplaces and health centers.

A **key player** for over 60 years, the **CIOMAL Foundation** is active in Cambodia on several fronts: prevention and awareness-raising, early detection of the disease, medical and surgical treatments, socio-economic rehabilitation, local capacity-building.

In 2018, the Kien Khleang center opened a **new orthopedic department**. The CIOMAL teams also supported the creation of the **first Cambodian association of persons with leprosy-related disabilities**, a way to make their voices heard in Cambodia as well as at the international level.

In the same year, the Kien Khleang center provided 5,611 people (including 1,373 children) with **free dermatological consultations**. More than 758 persons affected by leprosy were treated, including 166 patients who received surgery. Its rehabilitation programmes helped 38 families secure **microcredit**, as well as 32 school children and 6 students receive **scholarships**. In addition, **awareness-raising activities** reached 56,610 garment workers in 12 factories.



Early detection campaign, Cambodia



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