

ACTIVITY REPORT

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Since its creation in 1958, the CIOMAL Foundation has lived with its time. It has enjoyed special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 2018 and actively supports the following initiatives :



OBJECTIVES OF THE CIOMAL FOUNDATION

To fight leprosy and all related forms of exclusion and disability throughout the world.

For centuries, the Order of Malta has faced leprosy and its medical and socio-economic consequences and never stopped fighting the stigma-filled disease. To pave the way towards its elimination, the Order created CIOMAL in 1958, which became a Swiss not-for-profit foundation in 1999 and took the name of Order of Malta's CIOMAL Foundation (Order of Malta's International Campaign Against Leprosy).

Today, the CIOMAL Foundation focuses on two main approaches:

- **treating the disease (medical and surgical interventions); and**
- **rehabilitating the persons affected.**

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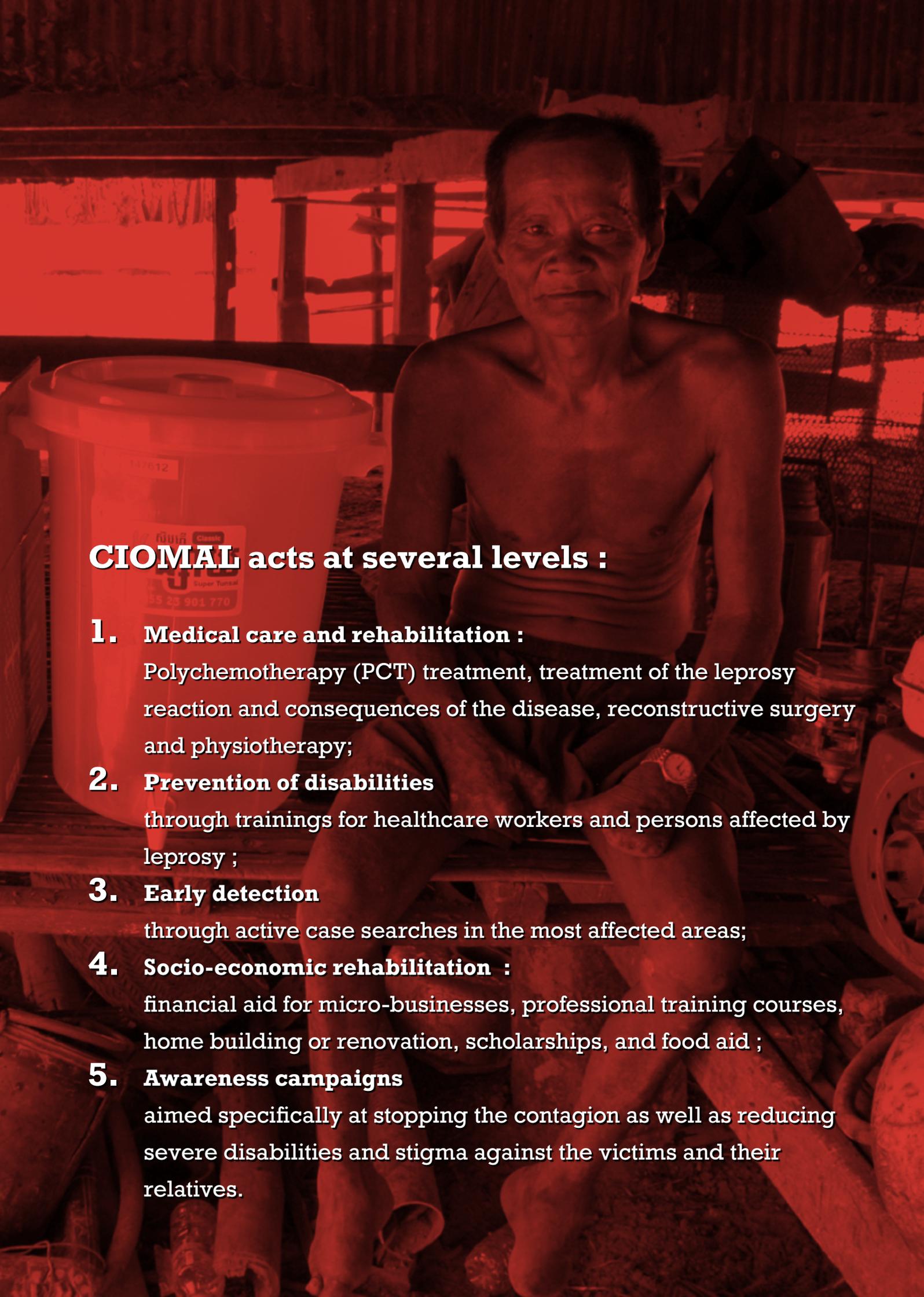


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Absent : Mr. Gilles de Weck, member of the Management Committee.



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CIOMAL acts at several levels :

1. Medical care and rehabilitation :

Polychemotherapy (PCT) treatment, treatment of the leprosy reaction and consequences of the disease, reconstructive surgery and physiotherapy;

2. Prevention of disabilities

through trainings for healthcare workers and persons affected by leprosy ;

3. Early detection

through active case searches in the most affected areas;

4. Socio-economic rehabilitation :

financial aid for micro-businesses, professional training courses, home building or renovation, scholarships, and food aid ;

5. Awareness campaigns

aimed specifically at stopping the contagion as well as reducing severe disabilities and stigma against the victims and their relatives.

A Swiss not-for-profit foundation, CIOMAL (International Campaign of the Order of Malta Against Leprosy) is based in Geneva. Its main objective is to fight leprosy and all related forms of exclusion or disability.



ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA

For over 25 years CIOMAL has been fighting leprosy in Cambodia. In partnership with the National Leprosy Elimination Program established by the Cambodian Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, as well as other partners, CIOMAL opened in 2000 a rehabilitation and training centre for those affected by leprosy in Phnom Penh. In accordance with the development strategy determined by the Foundation Board, and thanks to a remarkable effort of transfer of competencies made to benefit patients as well as various national services and units working on leprosy, the Kien Khleang rehabilitation centre was closed at the end of 2020 and remaining leprosy patients were transferred to government-run healthcare centres. To this end, a clinic was established in Phnom Penh by the Ministry of Health. Patients may also receive treatment at two hospitals in Battambang or Kompong Cham, where leprosy units will continue to see them. It is also at those two hospitals that patients may receive surgical care where necessary.

Despite a general slowing down due to the COVID crisis, **all planned activities were implemented**. In 2021, the CIOMAL Foundation will continue its numerous activities in Cambodia, including screening, awareness-raising, capacity-building, and socio-economic rehabilitation.

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Contamination, contagion, infection.

For over a year, these words have become part of our daily vocabulary. Prior to that, they already belonged to the lexicon of those affected by leprosy.

Exclusion, isolation, rejection.

Quarantine.

Confinement.

We had to learn to keep at a distance from others, sometimes even be wary of them. Many of us have felt fear or anxiety during this pandemic that has turned our lives upside down. Just like the victims of leprosy.

Stigma. Deprivation. Precarity sometimes.

These concepts have materialised in our daily lives. The consequences of this new way of life that has been imposed upon us help us better understand what those affected by leprosy may feel, whether today or in the past.

You might have read *Contagions* by brilliant physicist Paolo Giordano. The essay written in March 2020 reminded me of the similarities between those sick with the coronavirus and those affected by leprosy. "Nobody enjoys being excluded. And knowing that our separation from the world is only transitory is not enough to erase our suffering. We feel a desperate need to be with others, among others, less than a metre away from those who matter to us. It is a constant demand that is akin to breathing."

2020 was a year like no other for everybody and it required for the CIOMAL Foundation teams to work with renewed energy. On the field, our brave experts have carried on their commitment to defend the most fundamental values, those that the Order of Malta made its own over 900 years ago. Continuing and intensifying their quality work with the poor and the sick, they carried out five early detection campaigns in remote areas of Cambodia, while our doctors performed about 100 surgical procedures. In addition, some thirty new leprosy cases were diagnosed and treated.

Because in part of the good results we have garnered in Cambodia for the last 20 years, the prevalence of leprosy has declined sharply, so much so that the hospital we managed turned out to be ill-suited to the current needs. All throughout the year and together with government officials, we have prepared the closing of the hospital, the transfer of competencies to local staff, and the transfer of patients. CIOMAL is maintaining all of its non-hospital activities in Cambodia, especially in early detection (in order to disrupt the chain of transmission and avoid cases of infirmity) but also in its actions in support of those recovering (medical healing would be pointless if the patient did not also receive socio-economic rehabilitation and regain their place in society).

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Paolo Giordano

I am glad and proud to assure you that we have left no one stranded and despite the many constraints (particularly sanitary ones) we have had to deal with, the spirit of charity that pervades our mission was maintained, including in this transition phase.

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The special consultative status granted to the CIOMAL Foundation allowed us to make a statement before the Human Rights Council during its 44th session and insist on the promotion of policies supporting the autonomy of those affected by leprosy as a priority action to aid their re-inclusion in the social fabric. This fundamental aspect was also highlighted by the Special Rapporteur on leprosy, whose mandate extension was endorsed by CIOMAL.

Thanks to the creativity of its teams, the CIOMAL Foundation organised in the spring the sale of sets of a **CIOMAL 2020 Cuvée**, which was remarkably successful. In the fall, we held the first online **solidarity raffle** to be approved by the State of Geneva, which made 120 happy winners of prizes valued at a total of over 22,000 francs. The financial success of these two endeavours, combined with the enthusiasm generated in the public, has encouraged us to renew them and I hope you will be reading these words with a glass of **CIOMAL 2021 Cuvée!**

The board of Directors has continued to ponder the new horizons calling on us and was able to finalise by the end of the year a promising partnership in Brazil, in the State of Mato Grosso, which records too many leprosy cases every year, particularly among children. The Alliance Against Leprosy Institute will allow us to be pro-active in the modern diagnosis of leprosy thanks to tele-medicine, but also to provide mobile or remote orthopedic and prosthetic care.

At the institutional level, the board of Directors welcomed Manfredo Radicati di Primeglio, who agreed to put his immense experience, wisdom and kindness in the service of our cause. He also agreed to take over the vital role of treasurer from Simon von Oppenheim, who retired from the Board after serving CIOMAL with exemplary dedication for over six years. Attorney at law Charles-Louis Noffer also joined the board, bringing with him his enthusiasm, intelligence and valuable legal expertise.

Despite all the sustained efforts made by CIOMAL together with several other specialised organisations, leprosy still infects over 200,000 people every

year. This no longer qualifies it as a "public health problem" according to the World Health Organization but it can be cured and the CIOMAL Foundation was created with the mission to contribute to a world without leprosy over 60 years ago. The ambitious but also realistic objective remains dependent on the generous financial support that CIOMAL's private and institutional donors loyally renewed in 2020. Their material assistance is seen as a blessing by the beneficiaries that our brave teams have been able to help..

The board of Directors hereby expresses its deepest gratitude to our generous donors.



Thierry ZEN RUFFINEN
Chairman

THE HANSEN DISEASE

In 1873, Norwegian doctor Gerhard Armauer Hansen discovered the mycobacteria responsible for leprosy, thereby charting the way for science to help fight the disease. The scourge had wreaked havoc in the whole world for thousands of years, including in Europe.

Leprosy has been in a slow but steady decline and is now mainly confined to the Southern Hemisphere (Brazil, India, Bangladesh and Indonesia), where 184,000 new cases were detected in 2020 according to WHO. In the same year, less than 100 leprosy cases were diagnosed in Cambodia.

The fight against leprosy has now entered its final phase and requires yet again a sustained effort as well as new strategies. In the past, when leprosy still represented a major public health issue, the diagnosis and treatment of those affected was carried out in specialised centres and hospitals, such as the CIOMAL centre in Phnom Penh.

Thanks to the improvement of primary healthcare services on the periphery, leprosy has been increasingly integrated into the varied array of neglected tropical diseases (parasitoses, malaria, tuberculosis, leishmaniasis, etc). This strategy also meets people's needs and has proven to be more effective.

The transfer of services and competencies to peripheral healthcare centres still requires training and coordination efforts to maintain expertise on this very complex disease. In addition, a fraction of those affected by leprosy experience lifelong disabilities, through the loss of nervous functions (vision, motor functions, sensitivity) or through mutilations and wounds. These people need long-term specialised care for their physical and socio-economic rehabilitation.

In Cambodia, CIOMAL will also strive to maintain its services and programmes for those disabled by leprosy. Leprosy is now integrated to primary healthcare services and has thus become a disease like others. We now have at our disposal a free and effective polychemotherapy to eliminate the mycobacteria. We can also use tried and tested screening methods and we can offer one-dose rifampicin prophylaxis to those who had contact with infected persons. Finally, a vaccine against leprosy is currently undergoing clinical tests.

However, medical treatment of leprosy is not enough. The disease has been associated for centuries with erroneous beliefs of heredity, curses and contagiousness, which have led to the rejection of and discrimination against those affected. They suffer not only in their flesh but also at psychological and social levels. The ancestral discrimination remains unfortunately embedded in the legislation of some twenty countries. The first victims of this exclusion and stigma are usually women and children, especially in patriarchal societies.

More than ever, this aspect of leprosy demands efforts and awareness campaigns through all available media tools, not only to encourage early diagnosis of the disease but also to remove leprosy's ghastly and stigmatising image.

It is precisely with this goal that the term leprosy has been replaced in many Latin and English speaking countries with the neutral and less frightening name of "Hansen disease." CIOMAL will also continue its awareness and information activities.



Dr Henri Perroud, dermatologist
Member of the board of Directors

NEW HORIZONS

After 25 years of fighting leprosy in Cambodia, the CIOMAL Foundation transferred its hospital to local healthcare authorities at the end of the year after noting the drastic reduction of the incidence rate (92 new cases in 2019 according to WHO).

This move is directly in line with the Sustainable Development Objectives that encourage the transfer of competencies when the maturity of the host country's healthcare infrastructure has made it possible.

The Foundation will retain Cambodia as a strong base for its operations in the Asia-Pacific region, as illustrated by its participation to a training on early detection techniques in Micronesia and Marshall Islands in 2020.

CIOMAL's new geographical horizons will be determined on the basis of two main criteria: the quality of local partners and the response to specific needs. It may include interventions in countries with high incidence rates or in specific situations affecting forgotten populations with a lower prevalence rate.

For instance, a project is being tested in Brazil with a local partner, the Alliance Against Leprosy was founded and is directed by a leprologist, Dr. Laila de Laguiche. Priority action is being considered in the State of Mato Grosso, which sees a high number of new leprosy cases every year. In order to reach the greatest number of persons affected by leprosy in this vast region, priority will be given to intervention tools with a multiplier effect, such as telemedicine or mobile orthopedic training.

In Africa, remote populations living far from the coasts and ignored in the fight against leprosy will be at the centre of our interventions, which will also be in partnership with well-established local associations, through early detection campaigns, awareness-raising, trainings, and socio-economic rehabilitation projects.

In this way, the CIOMAL Foundation, which used to be active on all continents, will renew with its original mission.



Hervé Arot
Member of the Executive Committee

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE SERVICES

CONSULTATIONS AND TREATMENT

In 2000, CIOMAL opened in Phnom Penh the largest leprosy treatment centre in Cambodia by offering in-patient and out-patient consultation services. In addition to leprosy treatment, the Kien Khleang Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre (KKLRC) provides dermatology consultations. All services are free.

KKLRC has a capacity of 37 beds but if necessary, it can accommodate up to 47 patients. In 2020, 4,373 persons have benefited from its consultation services, which allowed for the detection of 15 new leprosy cases. Over the last year, 52 different orthopedic shoes were made for leprosy patients.



Patients examined at KKLRC.

SURGICAL SERVICES

In January 2020, an evaluation mission was carried out in various provinces in order to select candidates for surgery and complete post-surgery evaluations for past surgical operations. Over the year, 31 persons affected by leprosy were able to receive important surgeries, including three children.

50 persons who were receiving treatment at KKLRC as in-patients or out-patients at the time of their visit to the ear clinic were tested for potential auditory disorders. They received treatment and were equipped with hearing aids where necessary. These specific services were provided by the organisation All Ears Cambodia, which CIOMAL has collaborated with for many years.

CLOSING OF KKLRC

Thanks to a remarkable effort of transfer of competencies made to benefit patients and various national services and units working on leprosy, the Kien Khleang rehabilitation centre was closed in December and remaining leprosy patients were transferred to government-run healthcare centres. Medical consultations and surgical care for persons affected by leprosy are now provided at a government-run clinic that was equipped by CIOMAL in Phnom Penh or at two hospitals in Battambang or Kompong Cham, where leprosy units will continue to see them.

CAPACITY BUILDING

TRAININGS FOR VARIOUS TARGET GROUPS AT KKLRC

In collaboration with the University of Health Sciences, the International University and the Technical School of Healthcare, trainings on clinical techniques and practical activities were integrated into the medical curriculum. All fifth-year medical students must attend the leprosy training at KKLRC for 20 days, physiotherapy students for at least 10 days, and dermatology interns for at least 60 days.

Due to the temporary closing of schools because of the COVID pandemic, only fifth-year medical students and dermatology interns were allowed in-person at KKLRC from January to September.

TRAININGS AT THE ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFECTED BY LEPROSY

This association was created in 2018, during the first Congress of Persons With Disabilities Affected by Leprosy. Its goal is to support their autonomy and integration in the national programmes for persons with disabilities.

In order to share information and knowledge, but also to support the running of the association, a CIOMAL team carried out a monthly training for all association members. 11 training sessions were held over the year and attended by 176 members. They tackled various issues such as management and relationships, leadership skills, specific management skills, the mindset of successful people and key specific management work, national and international disability policies, domestic regulation, responsibilities and development of human resources, and advocacy skills.



Training for persons affected by leprosy.

TRAININGS FOR CIOMAL STAFF

We took advantage of the economic slowdown to strengthen our teams' capacities, both in Switzerland and abroad. Several CIOMAL staff members joined workshops, meetings or trainings in various fields, such as digital marketing, COVID prevention, partnerships with the Order of Malta France and ministries, or English classes.

PATIENTS' ACTIVITIES AT KKLRC

With the encouragement of social workers, in-patients develop their self-confidence and general knowledge during their stay at KKLRC thanks to the various activities organised for them. Daily life activities like cooking or cleaning living spaces, Khmer literacy, trips to the markets, shopping malls or cultural sites, recreational activities (make-up, karaoke, board games) are some of the patients' main activities. Each year, they also participate to various social events organised by the government, such as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the competition for the best singer with disabilities, and other happenings for persons with disabilities.



In 2020, CIOMAL continued to support already established objectives :

- **42 students were sponsored ;**
- **82 persons affected by leprosy received food or economic aid;**
- **12 bicycles were provided to students and persons affected by leprosy ;**
- **20 latrines were built for persons with leprosy living in 8 provinces ;**
- **9 new homes were built or renovated to support persons affected by leprosy ;**
- **86 persons affected by leprosy received trainings on self-administered care.**

ACTIVE DETECTION OF LEPROSY CASES

The search for leprosy cases has of course continued, particularly in the Cambodian provinces of Kandal, Pursat, Kompong Chhnang, Kampot and Takeo. It was led jointly by the teams of CIOMAL and the National Leprosy Elimination Program (NLEP). In total, 13 male adults affected by leprosy were discovered during five campaigns from January to September. The low rate of detection of new cases can be explained by three factors :

1. Since early 2020 and following the WHO recommendation, NLEP decided to combine contact tracing and Leprosy Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) into a single activity. This new arrangement provides less time to detect other affected persons among "contact cases," especially since the number of neighbours to be examined has also decreased on the basis of the definitions in this new strategy ;
2. Economic migrations have continued and expanded, not only to foreign countries but also from remote regions to urban areas, especially Phnom Penh ;
3. Community leprosy awareness efforts have been fruitful, as was the prescription through the LPEP programme of a prophylactic drug to those who have close ties with leprosy patients.

The team examined 275 former leprosy patients, 652 family members and 3,498 close relations.

Next year, the team is committed to do its utmost to detect more new cases in all areas by collaborating with all stakeholders, with the technical support of WHO and NLEP, in order to meet the national objective of the full eradication of leprosy in Cambodia.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC REHABILITATION

Since 2002, CIOMAL has carried out a Socio-Economic Rehabilitation (SER) project in the wider context of its fight against the consequences of leprosy in Cambodia. The project was created to emphasize the reintegration of persons with leprosy who have been isolated within their communities. In its holistic approach to leprosy, CIOMAL addresses not only the preventive and curative aspects of the disease, but also makes sure that all former patients receive follow-up and support at the psycho-social and economic levels.

The SER project meets the social and economic needs of persons affected by leprosy by encouraging and supporting their reintegration into society and providing them if necessary with shelter, financial aid to start a small business, or educational sponsorships.

Scholarships are intended for youth who have leprosy or live in a family with a member affected by leprosy. CIOMAL seeks to support students until the end of their studies and close follow-up is therefore crucial. The team visits beneficiaries regularly and remains in constant contact with them, their families and teachers. Scholarships are granted to students for study materials, accommodation and food.

LEPROSY AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Leprosy awareness campaigns are crucial to eliminate leprosy and its consequences, to put an end to the stigmatisation of those affected by leprosy and their families, but also to disseminate knowledge about the disease in rural and urban areas.

The awareness campaigns help people learn how to recognise the first signs and symptoms of leprosy, find information on the complications and treatment of the disease, minimise the transmission of leprosy, reduce the disabilities caused by leprosy, learn about the services offered by CIOMAL, decrease the stigma within communities, and increase knowledge about leprosy.



Awareness campaigns in garment factories.



And on the ground.



Information campaign.

Awareness campaigns in garment factories

Awareness-raising activities were again carried out in 6 garment factories in the weeks leading to the Khmer New Year holiday in April, as well as 6 other factories before the Pchum Ben holiday in October, just before the factories closed and workers returned to their native villages. At each factory, workers received leaflets and posters that described the signs and symptoms of leprosy, including with photographs of skin lesions. Once they were back in their communities, they were tasked with encouraging persons showing signs and symptoms of leprosy to go to a healthcare centre.

During these awareness activities, the CIOMAL team was accompanied by staff from the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation as well as the National Leprosy Elimination Programme and they remained available to answer the questions of thousands of garment workers.

12 garment factories were selected and visited in accordance with the planned calendar and 23,275 workers received information.

250 garment workers were informed as follows :

- **95% of them read the leaflet distributed during the campaign ;**
- **97 % realised that leprosy was contagious ;**
- **98 % recognised the basic signs and symptoms of leprosy ;**
- **99,6 % knew where to go to receive leprosy treatment ;**
- **94 % realised that leprosy treatment was free and**
- **91 % brought the leaflet back home.**

50 community people who had relatives working in garment factories were asked about their understanding of leprosy: 62% of them received the leaflet from their relative, 90% realised leprosy was contagious, 88% recognized the basic signs and symptoms of leprosy, 98% knew where to go to receive leprosy treatment, and 74% remembered that leprosy treatment was free.



67TH WORLD LEPROSY DAY

On Tuesday 28 January 2020, the CIOMAL Foundation welcomed over 100 people to a World Leprosy Day event. At the Cercle de la Terrasse in Geneva, the gathered guests had a chance to follow the evolution of the situation in Cambodia thanks to a speech by Mr. Thierry Zen Ruffinen, Chairman of the board of Directors.

On 31 January in Cambodia, an “open day” was organised at KKLRC to present CIOMAL’s activities and share information on leprosy. Various activities were highlighted, including a summary on the context of leprosy, the achievements of KKLRC, testimonies by several persons affected by leprosy to describe their daily lives, a short performance on the improvements to legislation, and the encouragement of Miss Cambodia to reduce discrimination. This special day was attended by 63 representatives of various domestic and international organisations as well as students from various universities.



Address delivered by
Mr. Thierry Zen Ruffinen, Chairman.

PRESENTATION ON OUR ACTIVITIES AT THE GENEVA PALAIS WILSON ROTARY CLUB

In the context of its mission to fight leprosy, Mr. Thierry Zen Ruffinen was invited on Tuesday 9 March 2020 by the “Geneva Palais Wilson” Rotary Club to present the activities of the CIOMAL Foundation. The invitation from Chairman Dr. Gilbert Zulian provided the opportunity for an interesting discussion and a chance to present the Foundation’s mission to an enthusiastic and kind audience



Presentation by Mr. Thierry Zen Ruffinen, Chairman, at the Geneva Palais Wilson Rotary Club.

CIOMAL 2020 CUVÉE



Based on the idea that “good wine cannot cure leprosy but it can help...” and in order to maintain a connection with its many supporters, the Foundation created the CIOMAL 2020 Cuvée, comprised of three Geneva wine bottles produced by the Leyvraz family at the Domaine des Bossons, in Peissy.

The customised packaging and the home delivery by members of the Executive Committee were very well-received, at both the personal and financial levels.

SOLIDARITY RAFFLE

2020 also saw the first edition of the Solidarity Raffle organised by the CIOMAL Foundation. Designed for pandemic times, it was held on social media in November. It was met with success since the 121 prizes were won for a total value of more than CHF 22,000.

44TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

On 4 July 2020, Mr. Hervé Arot, member of the Executive Committee of the CIOMAL Foundation, delivered a noted speech aimed specifically at “insisting on the autonomisation that would allow persons affected by leprosy to self-advocate for their fundamental rights.” The speech was made possible through the assistance of H.E. Marie-Thérèse Pictet-Althann, Ambassador of the Order of Malta with the United Nations.

CAROLE VANN, THE SEASONED ADVENTURER

In his book *126 Heartbeats for International Geneva*, published in November 2020, Zahi Haddad celebrates 126 personalities bringing international flair to Geneva. Among them is Ms. Carole Vann, CIOMAL's operational manager. She spoke of her daily life on the field but also shared stories about her roots and events that have shaped her.

Quote :

But on the verge of adolescence, Carole experienced her "greatest heartbreak." Shortly before the Khmer Rouge arrived, the Vann family fled the war for Morat. "A tourist town with good infrastructure," a far cry from the ancient stones and vestiges of Angkor, where Carole used to go on holiday. In Switzerland, her mother's homeland, Carole continued her studies, still rebellious, with a touch of dissent. But she found kinship in her classmates fueled by the defiant spirit of "May 68." At university, to feel even closer to Algerian friends, Carole studied Arabic and the history of religions, before studying further in Alexandria. "I wanted to open myself to the world because I thought I would never be able to return to Cambodia."

All of CIOMAL's team, both in Geneva and Cambodia, feel immensely proud that our colleague is being publicly acknowledged for her qualities and exemplary commitment. We send her our warmest congratulations.

HADDAD Zahi, *126 Heartbeats for International Geneva*, Geneva, Slatkine, 2020.



Carole Vann

WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU

Your daily support is indispensable to us and we are immensely indebted to you.

We would like to hereby thank all our donors, both private and institutional, without whose support none of our activities would be possible.

The persons affected by leprosy and their families are our *raison d'être*.

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The Compounding Partnership Fund

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The Grand Master of the Sovereign Order of Malta

The Order of Malta France

Solidarity raffle for the CIOMAL Foundation's beneficiaries

We express our warm gratitude to the partners who have made generous contributions to our solidarity raffle for those affected by leprosy. Thanks to their assistance, as well as that of several kind anonymous donors, we were able to collect 121 prizes of a total value of more than CHF 22,000. Our deepest thanks go to our loyal partners, anonymous donors and participants.

As for the lucky winners and less fortunate participants, please don't hesitate to support them and thank them for their generosity.



Olivia de Villaine
photographe



Robert Genillard



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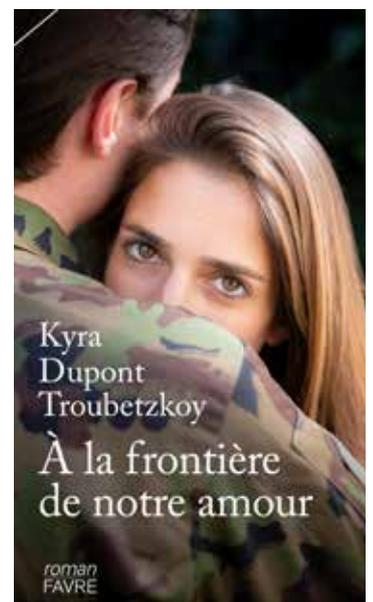
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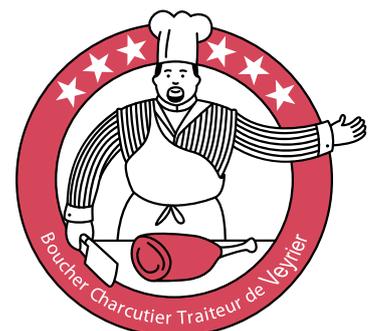
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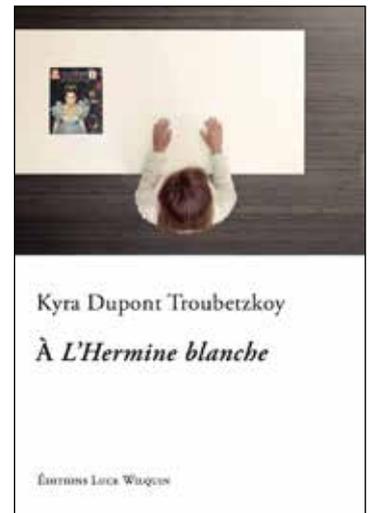
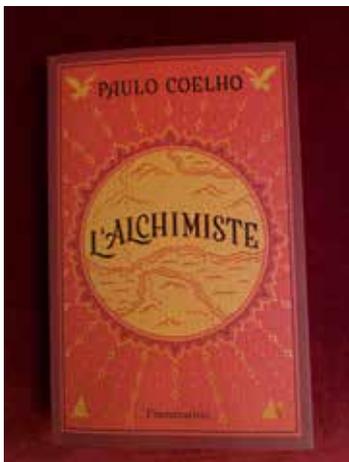


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