

Name: Mr. You Khan

Programme: Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital,

Location: Takeo province, Cambodia



The farmer, Mr. You Khan is 63 years old and lives with his wife, four sons and a daughter in Krosang Pol Village, Taou Commune, Kirivong District, Takeo Province, around 76km from Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital (CTEH). Previously, he was an active farmer and made other small business for income generation to support his family, but he was inactive periodically due to the presence of blindness that disturbed his vision for the last 3 years. Even he had a problem with vision and could not see anything as usual, but he

has kept trying to do a routine work as normal but most activities were limited such as motorbike driving and field work in the farm..etc. He was known to have no available eye care service, but he definitely hesitated to get it because he was not confident with it and had no time to visit CTEH. However, he kept searching for eye information to make sure his eyes are able to be secured or help it because he did not believe in current existing traditional treatment that some people have believed in. He came to visit a mobile eye screening of CTEH that held in his commune on March 20, 2017 for his eye checkup. In that time, he had been told that he probably has cataracts before he was referred to CTEH for further eye examination for the next day. He firstly visited CTEH on that date with strong confidence in what he has and strong expectation to be secured his both eyes according to the primary result in the eye screening at his community. He was seriously checked up his both eyes by the ophthalmologist and prescribed that his both eyes had cataracts. The ophthalmologist strongly recommended that his both must be operated to remove cataracts out, so his vision could be restored somehow. He agreed and accepted operation procedures after having received a clear explanation by the counselors. The process of his left eye operation started on the same day and stayed overnight after post-operation. In the next morning after the operation, his eye pad was removed and to keep his left eye slightly opened for visual acuity (VA) testing to ensure that his vision was restored and able to see. After tested completely, he was allowed to look around and he said that he can see clearly as usual to what he had expected previously. He is so happy with the result of the operation done and thanked the CTEH staff and donors that helped to make his life better. Right now he can do field work in the farm and drive a motorbike to other places easily. He is also happy to return for his next eye operation by appointment of CTEH.

