

Medical Optical, Dental, Surgical Mission to Philippines



NEW FEATURES OF MISSION:

Cataract operations were included. A Rotarian doctor from India gave lectures and workshop sessions at De La Salle University Hospital to doctors and interns on new cataract surgery methods lasting just minutes. In turn, these doctors and interns will carry out further surgeries using the methods and machines donated through the Matching Grant project.

Another new were visits to the House of Sarang with 28 orphans 6-18 years and the Tuloy sa Don Bosco Vocational School for 600 street children 9-19 years.

MANY ROTARY CLUBS INVOLVED

Included Rotary Club of Singapore, Rotary Club of Johor Bahru, Rotary Club of Ipoh, Rotary Club of Rizal West Manila and its sister clubs.

Funds were raised to provide hospitalization free for indigents, medical drugs, equipment and supplies and hospital, total costs

This year, Rotary Club of Singapore assembled a team of 39 including 16 doctors, to treat the very needy in Taguig Philippines, From 6-11 March 2010 the mission led by Club President Dr. Yap Lip Kee treated medical ailments, eye problems and dental conditions also this year we invited ophthalmic surgeons to conduct cataract surgeries.

THE MISSION:

Conducted clinics simultaneously in three different locations, the beneficiaries were:

- 327 Dental patients
- 600 Medical patients
- 55 Ophthalmic patients
- 4 Cleft lip/palate surgical patients and
- 18 Cataract surgical patients

1. Taguig Barangay School Location

A medical camp set up for three full days where the following services were offered:

- Medical screening and treatment.
- Eye examination and fitting of eye glasses.
- Dental extraction and treatment.

Participation by doctors and dentists from RC Singapore assisted by volunteers from our sister club Rotary Club of Rizal West in Manila. Dental and medical equipment was brought from Singapore, along with medical supplies not available in the Philippines.

2. Hospital for Cleft Lip and Palate surgery.

A team of two plastic surgeons, two volunteer doctors from U.K. and other doctors and nurses undertook repair of cleft lips and palates of afflicted children, all accomplished over four days.

3. Taguig General Hospital

About two years ago, RC Singapore set up the Rotary Eye Centre at Taguig General Hospital for use by indigent families in the area. We provided cataract extraction equipment to the Centre which has so far been utilized by local ophthalmologists. To maximize use of this RI matching grant project, we have a programme to conduct cataract surgeries on March 8-10, plus another three days of post surgery check-up work.

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DR LEA FROM RC RIZAL WEST ATTENDING TO AN OPHTHALMIC PATIENT. SINGAPORE TEAM, DRS KATHLEEN, OLIVER AND IMELDA, DOING EXTRACTION WORK.

A Gift Of Sight In Nepal

Free Intra Ocular Lens Implants for Nepal

In Til Ganga Eye Centre at Hetauda, Makawanpur Nepal, 294 Cataract patients received free intra ocular lens implants during 12-14 November 2009.

Thanks to a team of 18 Rotarians, spouses, and volunteers, from Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan and China. Amongst the team were Datuk Haji Mohammad Latip Sarugi DG3310 with first lady, PDG Dr. Wu with spouse, PP Mathew Young with spouse and IPP P H Chew and spouse. Following the success of this eye camp in Hetauda, it was decided by all partners to continue this project on an annual basis. From 1999 RC Garden City has supported RC Kathmandu Mid Town in the form of WCS.



A "Gift of Sight" as the name implies is the most wonderful gift you can give to the visually impaired. The need for avoidable blindness screening, care and treatment is so severe in the rural areas of Nepal.

Out of 3,286 patients screened, 297 were operated successfully. Most of the patients were senior citizens, an 87 year old man had his sight restored after 14 years of avoidable blindness. A six year old boy and a sixteen year old girl both of whom had suffered cataract since birth, also went through successful operations to restore their sight. Such cases have given the project such a meaningful significance and motivation to continue with the project annually.

This year's Gift of Sight eye camp was financially supported by RC Garden City Singapore, RI District 3310, RC Kelung Southeast, RI District 3490, RC Taipei Yuanshuan, RI District 3520, RC Tainan East, RI District 3470 and a personal contribution of Steven Chua Lee Meng.

The need for an eye hospital in Nepal became very apparent, because of the increasing numbers of patients each year, so Dr Ruit and RC Hetauda took the initiative and the foundation stone of Til Ganga Eye Centre was laid in December 2005. The Til Ganga Eye Centre is supported by RC Garden City Singapore, along with voluntary organisations in Australia and Hong Kong.

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PATIENT CHECKING HER EYESIGHT. PP PHCHEW & SPUSE WITH STUDENTS
DELEGATES GREETED BY ROTARY SCHOOL OF MANAHARI**

“OPERATION SMILE” for Cambodia

33 Cleft Lip And Palate Operations at Phnom Penh Cambodia

This project aimed to bring “Smiles” to less fortunate children in Cambodia, who were born with Cleft Lip and Palate deficiencies. In November 2009, our club, with support from Sabah State Health Department and close co-operation with Honorary Rotarians Dr Sergius Ajik, Anesthetic Dr Vondh and Soviet Friendship Hospital at Phnom Penh, also Project Smile Cambodia an International Group in Phnom Penh” and Rotary club of Phnom Penh. The 33 operations were completed in four days



PARTNERS IN PROJECT

1. Rotary Club of Likas Bay
2. Rotary Club of Lu Chou, Taiwan
3. Rotary Club of Phnom Penh
4. Soviet Friendship Hospital, Cambodia
5. “Project Smile” Cambodia

Through early contact with PE Lily of Rotary Club of Phnom Penh, a plan was coordinated for the project to be completed in December 2009. Also with help of “Project Smile Cambodia” we obtained agreement with the Soviet Friendship Hospital to use their facilities and close liaison for project implementation.

COMMITMENTS BY PARTNERS IN PROJECT SERVICE

1. Rotary Club of Likas Bay - Provided a Consultant Plastic Surgeon and a Paediatric Anesthesiologist from Sabah, Malaysia, also the expenses of surgery materials, pre-surgery medical checks including lab tests, transportation incurred by patients and for their hospital stay, food and medication
2. Rotary Club of Lu Chou, Taiwan - coordinated with the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh for sourcing of patients and contributed 50% of the total cost of surgery materials.
3. Rotary Club of Phnom Penh - coordinated with “Project Smile Cambodia” for sourcing of patients, also paid for some patients surgery materials.
4. Project Smile Cambodia - secured the services of Soviet Friendship Hospital and nursing staff, plus follow-up with patients after surgery and project publicity to inform the public especially in the rural areas.

SUMMARISING

33 patients received operations (of 43 patients screened, 10 were unsuitable). A total of USD15,000 was spent for the project. We achieved our objective of bringing back smiles to some unfortunate children in Cambodia, also by building bridges with our partners in service. At the same time we built the foundation for future projects, gained experience in organizing international projects and international understanding was further enhanced between the Partners in Project Service.

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PATIENT POST CLEFT LIP PALLATE SURGERY. ROTARIANS, DOCTORS AND FAMILY OF PATIENTS SHARING THE JOYS AFTER THE OPERATION.

“Mission Karawaci” for Indonesia

The group set up camp at Binong village, at Karawaci in Tangerang, West Jakarta and treated a total of 1000 medical and dental patients over 2 days. The dental team comprised of 4 dentists and several dental assistants and did mainly extractions and fillings, while the medical team of 3 Singapore doctors and 8 local doctors ran the women and general medicine clinics.



Our hosts in Karawaci did a splendid job with the organisation of the project, our thanks to the Lippo Ladies Group Karawaci and the Lurah's Office in Binong

Our group comprised of 34 persons from Singapore. This included volunteer doctors and dentists and lay volunteers plus nine Rotarians from our Club including President Dr. Yap Lip Kee, VP Dr Shahul Hameed, PDG Dr Philbert Chin, seven Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Singapore City, two Rotarians from other clubs, also family members of our Rotarians including Rotary Annes and Rotary Children,.



The group were also invited to a free cataract eye surgery centre in Central Jakarta. A charitable foundation runs this clinic, named Kasih Sayang Klinik, and have indicated that they are willing to accept patients from all over Indonesia and Jakarta and treat them at no charge.

sponsorship of these rural patients' transport to this Klinik for their cataract operations and follow up treatment.

We also took the opportunity to visit a local school in the Binong village, where school and stationery supplies were donated to the school children and we were briefed on the school and its objectives. Our Rotaractors have decided to "adopt" this school as their overseas project and are currently planning to do a follow up trip in December 2009.

Post project feedback have been very positive. The local village management has requested future visits from our club to do similar projects at other villages in the area. The villagers response were overwhelming. A coupon system was used whereby 2000 coupons were distributed prior to the project days and only those with coupons were allowed to seek treatment.

Potentially, our Club can look forward to future projects with better planning of the logistics and with the benefit of experience. Perhaps a more focused medical camp such as for women, skin, children's and dental clinics may be more suitable."

VP Dr. Shahul Hameed Mohan Vaswani, thanks for kindly arranging and facilitating this visit

T TO B MEMBERS WITH MISSION VOLUNTEERS

PDG DR. PHILBERT CHIN BEING CONSULTED BY A PATIENT

PP DR. OLIVER HENNEDIGE AND VP DR. SHAHUL HAMEED AT WORK

RIGHT DENTAL & MEDICAL BUSY AT WORK

The group inspected and toured the Klinik's facilities and were duly impressed by the professional setup. A list of 8 suitable patients' particulars from the Karawaci area were then presented to the Klinik's management and an in-principle approval was obtained for their treatment at this Klinik. Perhaps our Rotary Club can look into possible

2 days to attend to 1000 medical and dental patients in Binong Village

Rotary Brings Health To Banda Aceh, Indonesia

When the Tsunami hit Aceh Nanggroesalam Province in North Sumatera, Indonesia, on 26 December 2004, the Rotary Club of Kuching Central responded immediately with the set up of a committee entrusted to provide assistance to the Tsunami victims and raise funds.

Sustaining support to Tsunami Victims at Banda Aceh

Within 9 (nine) days after the Tsunami occurred, the Rotary Club of Kuching Central responded by airlifting a total of 7 tons of medical items on 4th & 6th of January 2005. Some of the medical items comprised of the followings: IV drips, syringes (of various sizes), pain killers, bandages, Chloroquine, Dyna Lomodium, Medazole, Amoxycillin, Copastin tablets, Nicol eye drops, Asthma Tablets, Vemycin Cream, Chlorhexidine, Triangular Bandage, Sodium Chloride Solution, Face Mask etc.



By 22 November 2009, one unit of ULTRA SCAN machine was delivered successfully to RIHCBA ready for the handover in the presence of RI President John Kenny who officiated the inauguration ceremony of RIHCBA on 23 November 2009.

These medical items were airlifted courtesy of MAS free-of-charge from Kuching to Medan. Upon reaching Medan, they were distributed by a local NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) by the name of Aceh Sepakat who have a few thousand members on the field providing relief works working together with the Rotary Club of Langkat in Medan.

Meanwhile, the club also took the initiatives to publicize this humanitarian works in the local news media which resulted in many organizations and individuals calling to donate money and medical items.

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THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DORMITORY AS OF NOVEMBER 2009

THE RI HEALTH CENTER BANDA ACEH MAIN ENTRANCE (KLINIK KESEHATAN)

RIGHT PRESIDENT THOMAS NGU (3RD FROM RIGHT) POSING WITH RI PRESIDENT JOHN KENNY. ALSO IN THE PHOTO ARE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): DG (D3400) THOMAS AQUINAS, FIRST LADY CAROL AND AG JOHN SOE STANDING AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE RI HEALTH CENTER BANDA ACEH.

A total of RM170,000 was raised in addition to the 7 tons of medical aids. While some of the funds have been used for the Tsunami victims, there is still a hefty balance of unutilized funds remaining.

The committee has been looking for a suitable project with a good, reliable and trustworthy partner to ensure that the money is being put to good use for its intended purpose to help the Tsunami victims. The committee is also adamant that the funds raised should not be used for other purposes apart for providing help to the Tsunami victims because when donors donated their money, they had the understanding that the club was to use the funds raised to help the Tsunami victims.

Upon continuously searching for a partner, the club eventually came to know of the Rotary International Health Center Banda Aceh project. Soon after, the Project Chairman was identified and the club got connected with AG John Soe in February 2009. Active communications followed thereafter.

Cleft lip, Palate & Post Burns Surgeries in the Philippines

FUNDING

The costs of the surgeries were kept low by using the public provincial hospital. Sutures were obtained free from regular suppliers. Antibiotics, local anaesthetics and pain killers were supplied by Dr. Anga's clinic at cost for RM2,400.00. The Rotary Club of Marbel raised 30,000.00 pesos (RM2,400.00) for this project while Rotary Club of Johor Bahru raised RM15,000.00 from members. Balance of the contributions will be used for future missions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- In 2 missions to the Philippines, Dr Angamuthu Rajoo, President of the Rotary Club of Johor Bahru and a plastic surgeon by profession, performed cleft lip, palate and post-burns surgeries as follows:
 - i. 1st mission, from March 6 to 9 in Taugig, Manila, organised by Rotary Club of Singapore and Rotary Club of Rizal West. President Dr Anga, with another plastic surgeon Dato Dr. Gunasegran of Ipoh, performed a total of 7 procedures on 4 patients in two days.
 - ii. 2nd mission, from March 14 to 18 in Koronadal, Midanao, organised by Rotary Club of Johor Bahru and Rotary Club of Marbel. President Dr Anga and another non-Rotarian plastic surgeon performed a total of 42 procedures on 28 patients over 2 and a half days.
- The 2nd mission is Dr Anga's 7th to Koronadal, perpetuating a long-standing working relationship with the Rotary Club of Marbel which began with the first mission to Koronadal in 2000.
- Missions of this nature truly epitomise the essence of Rotary, doing service across borders and in the process fostering international understanding and fellowship.
- These missions gave an opportunity for non-Rotarian plastic surgeons to participate in international service projects. We hope this may encourage them to volunteer for future missions. There is also a potential for them to be Rotarians.
- A non-medical team travelled with Dr Anga to Koronadal, which consisted of another 3 Rotarians of RC Johor Bahru, 2 Rotary spouses, and several guests. They distributed toys they brought along with them to young children at a provincial hospital and participated in other Rotary activities organised by Rotary Club of Marbel.
- Due to overcrowding, pre-operative and post-operative care for patients was not available. Much of this had to be undertaken by the team themselves who had to make the rounds twice daily, irrespective of the tight schedules.
- Autoclaving of instruments after every operation was not possible because of the high turnover and furthermore, the autoclave in the hospital was too small. So, to sterilise the instruments, they were soaked in anti-septic solutions, which was not ideal but there was no alternative.



Before

After

Before

After

SURGERY ON POST-BURN DEFORMITIES. THIS WAS A 14 YEAR OLD PATIENT WHO HAD SUSTAINED BURNS AT AGE OF TWO WEEKS. HE HAD SEVERE DEFORMITY OF HIS UPPER LIMB WHICH WAS GROSSLY ATROPHIED

Aid to the less Fortunate in Cambodia

Partnering Tabitha Foundation to leverage the strength of both organisations

Since RC Queenstown was chartered in 1975, it has done numerous International Service projects, however this project in September 2009, was done jointly with the Tabitha Foundation, which has local knowledge and capability in Cambodia.

To raise the \$35,000 funding necessary to provide durable housing, water wells and livestock for village people in Cambodia, to give the poor and needy villagers shelter, with an essential source of water and the means to make a sustainable living with initial target to provide 20 homes , 18 water wells and 88 pairs of piglets.

THE BENEFICIARIES

21 Extended families now housed in durable houses.

200 Village families now enjoy clean drinking water from 18 wells.

100 families reap the benefit of 88 pairs of piglets in less than a year through the breeding and sale of the adult pigs.



HOUSE BUILDING BY VOLUNTEERS



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THE GREATEST REWARD IS THE SMILE OF THE VILLAGERS

SUPPORT FROM ROTARIANS AND FRIENDS TO RAISE THE \$35,000.

Not only Rotarians, but the Mayor of Central Singapore Zainuddin Nordin and wife, and Harley Davidson Owners Group contributed as well as RC Gallen, Rosenberg Switzerland, RC Jakarta Central, RC Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, RC Millbrae, California, USA, RC Sentosa and RC Bugis Junction of Singapore.

First phase was to set funding targets which were exceeded, having many sources, a charity dinner, donations by Rotarians and clubs, individual donations. The second phase put together a team of volunteers for house building at site in Cambodia. The volunteers not only gave of their time but also financed their own travel expenses.

“Pondok Baca” Village Library for Children in Sulawesi

This project is a 5-year joint project with the Rotary Club of Ujung Pandang at Makassar Indonesia, to establish a Pondok Baca (Village library for children) at Bontoala Village in South Sulawesi. The intention is to promote both the Indonesian and English languages, amongst the village children. Planned to serve approximately 20 village children, aged 5-12yrs, this project has the support of the Regional Government and local authorities.

Funds were raised to set up the Pondok Baca as well as support its maintenance for 5 years, after which project is planned to be self sufficient. The financial commitment for Pondok Baca is USD1,100 a year for 5-years total USD5,500, covering the purchase and replacement of books, maintenance of the facility, and cost of the librarian.



A 5 year
commitment for
literacy project in
South Sulawesi,
Indonesia

MERITS OF PROJECT.

- The Pondok Baca enables remote village children to develop an interest in reading, language and knowledge. Additionally it provides some 20 children with an important school type discipline.
- The Pondok Baca will contribute to the interest of both Pre-school and Primary School children to become bilingual.
- This project has been proven in existing Pondok Baca projects, to contribute to pre-school education, and an interest in English language.

PROJECT GUIDELINES.

- The Reading Room project has been, and will continue to be furnished, stocked and administered within the budget.
- Contracts with local government, also purchase of initial book stock will be supervised by committee.
- Committee to assist and advise local government with selection of Reading Room staff.
- Regular feedback to the donor Rotary Club of Bugis Junction (RCBJ) is essential. Six-monthly project progress reports shall be provided by RC-UPG committee, until final completion.
- A final financial report, and statement of account, will be provided by RC Pandang.

ROTARY CLUB BUGIS JUNCTION INVOLVEMENT.

The Rotary Club of Bugis Junction in order to be fair to future club presidents and boards, decided to fully finance the 5-year project. A charity bowling event produced an excess of the target, which permitted the club to comfortably set aside in an account USD5,500, then transfer USD1,100 to the Rotary Club of Ujung Pandang, the project committee selected a village near Makassar in Gowa Regency, then supervised construction of the Pondok Baca, purchase of initial book stock, as well as engaging and training a librarian.

The ceremonial opening was held on 9th January 2010, attended by five RCBJ members, including President, Secretary and Coordinator.

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VILLAGE CHILDREN PERFORMING A
TRADITIONAL WELCOME DANCE

PRESIDENT LEE WHAI YIH AND MEM-
BERS AT OPENING CEREMONY

“Children of Pai” at Thailand



This project in North Western Thailand supports 383 Children aged 4 to 14 years, in an orphanage and Sangwanwit School III, with children from various ethnic minorities, there are many homeless or abandoned hill tribe children in this part of Thailand.

A family community called “Group 8” with links to the orphanage and school, proposed to join with RCJT as an International Service Project. The G8 had previously been supporting the orphanage through their own channels to fund this orphanage until RCJT decided to adopt the orphanage and school, as a project for this Rotary Year 2009-10.

Several members of RCJT, visited the provincial city of Chiang Mai to celebrate the 50th anniversary of RC Chiang Mai, at the same time they explored possibilities of support from RCCM to assist RCJT in servicing the “Children of Pai” project, due to their proximity to Pai, a distance of about 200km, with more than 5 hours travelling in a mountainous region.



The overall project involves construction of buildings, building improvements and a contribution to the cost of monthly necessities for the orphans and students.

1. New female teachers quarters
2. New male teachers quarters
3. Cementing canteen floor
4. Replacement of two water filters

The project will require a total estimated expenditure of \$92,000 and will be covered with raised funds of \$95,000 to end 2010. Monthly expenses of \$1,766 are off-set by \$766 pm fixed Govt. Grant + \$1,000 from G8. As a matter of interest a basic diet for the 383 children requires 6000kgs rice, 400kgs salt, 1500kgs vegetables 240kgs fish balls, \$250 cooking oil, plus other sundry needs.

To raise funds initially the RCJT organised a Rotary Club Walkathon on 12 December 2009, which raised \$20,000 towards this “Children of Pai” project. Additional fund raising activities will be organised before end 2010.

The RCJT, Singapore is inviting partners to help improve teaching and living facilities at Sangwanwit School 3 and Orphanage.

The school is located in the foothills of the highlands surrounding the town of Pai and is about 35 kilometers from the town. The entire student population of 383 at the school comprises children from the ethnic hill tribes that live in the area. The original school facilities were designed for 100 children but now housing almost 400 children; the majority of whom are orphans.

A lack of finance has resulted in a major deterioration of the facilities resulting in extremely poor living and teaching conditions for both students and staff. Additionally, the students have to endure a poor daily diet. The immediate project requires funding of approximately another SGD\$20,000 mainly to improve teaching facilities and living conditions.

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HENDERSON BRIDGE WALKATHON RAISES \$20,000
PAI CHILDREN**



Water for Life - a humanitarian project



According to UNICEF, 70% or 9.7 millions of Cambodian inhabitants do not have access to clean, uncontaminated drinking water. This is typically true in the rural areas where people drink water from rice paddies, ponds, and surface water which are contaminated with chemicals in fertilizers, insecticides and feces. 1 in 7 children die before the age of five from preventable waterborne illness. Thus it is vital that villagers must have accessible to clean water to prevent child mortality.

The Village of Sassarsdam is one such example. It is a remote village that is living without adequate access to water. Sarsadam Commune is located about 2 hours from Siem Reap city with a population of around 1000 people. It is a typical Cambodian rice farming community and do not have access to electricity, sanitation facilities and piped water except for 2 water wells.

Every year, the commune suffers worst during the 4 dry months. The soil is porous in nature, and thus, is unable to retain or harvest any water. Rain water simply seeps down to the ground. And on the 4 wet months, there are floods of muddy water. (view photos) Rotary club of Marina City (International Partner) spearheaded the application for a matching grant for a funding of USD\$22,025 to build a water catchment resource with filtration tanks. The pledges were received from RC of Marina City, RC Singapore, RC Dusit Thailand, RC Houston USA, RC Osaka Oyodo Japan, RC Ampang Malaysia, RC Guia Macau and RC SiemReap Angkor (Host Partner)



ABOVE:
CHILDREN SCRAPING MUD PUDDLES TO DRINK WATER DURING DRY MONTHS

EXCAVATION OF LAND FOR THE WATER CATCHMENT.

RIGHT:
PP JUNE & REPRESENTATIVES OF PROJECT PARTNERS AT LAUNCH OF THE WATER PROJECT

BELOW:
DUNMAN INTERACTORS PRESENTING THE LIDS FOR LIMBS FOLLOW UP CAMPAIGN IN NIE

2007 TILL 2010 - FROM RESEARCH TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

With the help of Rotarian Jimmy Ooi, the plight of the Sassardam village was made known to Rotary club of Marina City. After research and feasibility studies, we applied for a matching grant with Rotary International.

In Dec 2008, Rotary club of Marina City organised an World Community Service Visit to the village site. Rotary club of Siem Reap Angkor played host. RC of Marina City, RC Singapore, RC Dusit, RC Houston USA, RC Osaka Oyodo Japan, RC Ampang Malaysia, Past District Governor Edward Burongoh, 30 interactors from Dunman Interact Club, 30 Rotaractors from Singapore City as well as 3 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars were there to do community service.

Apart from the launch of the water project, the large contingent of the Rotary family took the opportunity to do Community Service work and have cultural exchange programs. There was food and clothes distribution, a medical outreach (deworming of villagers), teaching english to cambodians and visits to historical sites.

In 2009, our Dunman interactors held awareness campaign and embarked on a Lids for Limbs project which was presented in NIE. They collected can rings and smelted them to be reused as materials for artificial limbs in Cambodia.

The large water catchment area completed its construction in 2010.