

**Children's Surgical Centre**



## **PATIENT STORIES**



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# MEET KHIM



Khim registering as a patient at CSC



One of our nurses examines Khim's eyes

Khim, 73, developed an age-related cataract in each eye. She experienced blurry vision, tearing, and light sensitivity.

Khim is a mother of six; she has three daughters and three sons. She has 12 grandchildren. She used to be a rice farmer but has been unable to work for the past year due to her declining vision. She likes to listen to monks pray on the radio and look after her grandchildren in her free time.

Khim and her niece traveled for three hours to come to CSC from the Kandal Province in Cambodia. Khim's family was concerned that her diminished vision was affecting her quality of life and that she will slowly go blind. She has been unable to support her family and be independent due to her poor vision.



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**Khim having her eyes examined by her doctor and a nurse taking her patient history**

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Khim was recommended to come to CSC by her neighbor. CSC provides free surgery for poor, disabled Cambodians. Vision Beyond AUS was generous enough to provide the funds to make Khim's surgery possible.

Khim arrived at CSC in September 2018 and she underwent a small incision cataract surgery in her left eye. She will return to have the cataract in her right eye removed later this year, once her left eye is fully healed.

Now, Khim has returned home and because her visual acuity has improved, her quality of life will also improve. She said that she can see more clearly out of her left eye and is glad her eye irritation is gone. Her eye has completely healed but she is waiting to make time in her schedule for her right eye's operation.

She said "After the operation, I look forward to spending time with my grandchildren and going on walks outside."



Khim having her vision tested the day after her surgery.



Khim resting after her operation.



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**"I am so happy that my aunt's eye surgery was successful so she can be independent and go back to work. I won't have to worry about her vision loss anymore."**

**-Khim's niece (pictured on the left)**

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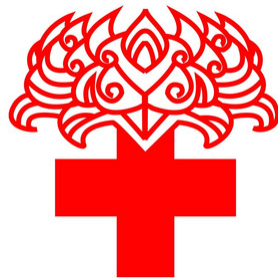


Two weeks after the operation, Khim returned for her follow-up consultation. Her eye has healed nicely and her vision improved from being only able to see 3 meters away to being 6/15. She will come back in 2019 for her right eye operation.

We are very grateful to **Vision Beyond AUS** for your continued support of cataract surgeries at CSC.



CSC has been providing disabled Cambodians with rehabilitative surgery since 1998. In 2017, CSC provided more than 25,000 consultations and 4,018 life-changing and life-saving surgeries – completely free of charge.



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