

Official Opening for Usage (inauguration) of Safe Water and Sanitation Facilities for the Kampong Speu Referral Hospital, Cambodia

Kampong Speu: The Kampong Speu Referral Hospital celebrated the official opening of safe water and sanitation facilities on the 29th of June 2011, presided over by Mr. Morn Bun Heng, Minister of Ministry of Health and with the participation of Mr. Men Sambo, Provincial Vice Governor, Mr. Or Vanthorn Director of Provincial Health Department. An estimated 300 people that included government officials, members of the NGO community, hospital staff and members of the community were present at the inauguration ceremony.

The Director of Provincial Health Department reported that the provincial health department and the Kampong Speu Referral Hospital have achieved good results in the treatment of patients and malaria cases have been reduced. The treatment services available are good and new facilities have been constructed with the support of UNICEF and NGOs. Through this project, the provincial hospital now boasts new safe water and sanitation facilities, an improvement achieved with the support of Lien AID, in partnership with BORDA. Lien AID had funded BORDA USD 249, 455 for the construction.

Lien AID representative reported that Lien AID has provided supported to several healthcare institutions in the Kingdom of Cambodia. In fact, in addition to the Kampong Speu Referral Hospital, Lien AID in partnership with BORDA has also improved the water and sanitation facilities in 21 district health centers with the total budget of USD 240,000.

Mr. Pen Sambo, the vice governor thanked Lien AID and BORDA for the provision of the new and improved facilities for the hospital. He also thanked Dr. Mom Bun Heng, the Minister from the Ministry of Health for its support to the hospital and advised the staff to serve the people with care.

Dr. Morn Bun Heng in turn appealed to local and international NGOs to continue supporting the health sector in Cambodia to serve the people, especially in Kampong Speu which vulnerable to malaria, tenanus and bird flu.