

Helping people with disabilities
since 1982

Handicap International - Belgium



Environment

Community

Culture



Who are we and what do we do?

Handicap International-Belgium began work in Cambodia in 1991 when Cambodian refugees started returning from border camps in Thailand. We provide a range of support activities to disabled people, many of whom have been injured by landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXO). These leftover weapons from the recent civil war, kill or maim more than 850 Cambodians a year. In an environment like Cambodia, where so many struggle to meet basic needs, disability often means extreme vulnerability and poverty.

To help those disabled by landmines and other causes we provide a range of support activities. We have established seven physical rehabilitation centres, a spinal cord injury centre, the National Physiotherapy Centre and School, and community outreach and sport projects in nine provinces. Currently we support two rehabilitation centres where a full range of physical, social and economic rehabilitation services are offered to patients.

Our multi-faceted approach responds to the physical and socio-economic needs of people with all types of physical disabilities. We also have programs to prevent disabilities. Notably we launched a comprehensive road traffic accident prevention programme in response to dramatic increases in casualties in recent years. Our Cambodian road safety programme targets the creation of a national database on traffic accidents and casualties, the development of a national curriculum on road safety

for school children, running national public awareness campaigns, and advice to the National Road Safety Committee.

In Siem Reap we support the Physical Rehabilitation Centre which provides physiotherapy, the fitting of prosthetic or orthotic devices, and follow-up visits in the patient's village. All are provided free of charge. The Centre includes: a workshop which produces different types of devices, moulded to fit the individual patient; physiotherapy by our qualified physiotherapists; and social & outreach services (including counselling) to help patients develop a positive self-image, confidence and independence.

What you can experience

- Our visitor information centre in Siem Reap is located within the Physical Rehabilitation Centre, (in the compound of the provincial hospital). Here you can learn how prostheses are made, see the rehabilitation process in action, and learn about the support activities we provide to help Cambodian people with disabilities regain a normal life.
- Looking for ways that you can help? Contact us to receive more information.

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