



Donation of Hospital Supplies Boosts Prospects for Phongsaly Folk

The Lao Rehabilitation Foundation (LRF) recently provided medical equipment for five district hospitals and a dispensary in Phongsaly province, to improve the facilities on offer for local residents.

According to a report from LRF Coordinator, Dr Phetsamone Indara, the recipient hospitals are in the districts of Yot-Ou, Samphan, Bountay, May and Khua, along with the dispensary in Ngor village.

The equipment includes ultrasound (echography) machines, EKGs, oxygen concentrators, autoclaves, patient monitors, suction machines, ultrasonic dopplers, otoscopes and other related items, valued at **US\$91,000** and provided by LRF.

Dr Phetsamone said the equipment would assist the work of the hospitals by enabling them to treat patients who live far from urban centers, and to respond to emergencies.

“Providing this assistance is a part of the LRF's goal to provide better services for hospital patients,” he said.

It is also part of expanding and developing infrastructure to improve healthcare services in these districts, especially in rural areas that require emergency aid.

LRF President Dr Luc Janssens, Deputy Head of the Samphan district Health Office, Dr Khamla Kosada, district authorities and other guests were present at the handover of the equipment.

The Lao Rehabilitation Foundation is a non-profit, non-religious, non-political organisation. Its primary purpose is to provide medical services to Lao people with a greater focus on children and the poor.

The foundation recognizes that the best guarantee for sound health is supported by having access to adequate nutrition, clean water, basic hygiene, decent shelter, education, medical facilities and services.

The central activity of the organization is addressing the most critical and urgent needs of the Lao people by raising funds through donations and disbursing these funds in the most efficient way.

LRF works in conjunction with local government and communities to provide health care in remote areas, to build schools and shelters, to grant support for education, provide access to clean water and to assist individuals with special needs.

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