



The Lao Rehabilitation Foundation recently donated ultrasound machines and printers to Samphan district hospital, Phongsaly hospital and Oudomxay provincial Hospital. Together, the equipment was valued at US\$ 15,600, aimed at improving medical services for expectant women. The photo shows President of the foundation, Dr Luc Janssens, (*second right*) handing over a set of ultrasound machines to Deputy District Governor of Samphan district of Phongsaly province, Mr Lekxay Litthikhoun (*third right*) witnessed by doctors and nurses.

Medical mobile team provides treatment in Phongsaly

Medical teams from the Lao Rehabilitation Foundation (LRF) from the United States joined together with the mobile teams of Oudomxay and Phongsaly provincial hospitals to provide free medical checkups for children in Phongsaly.

The teams provided treatment for dental problems, ear, nose and throat surgery, as well as eye checks for mothers-to-be and their children in Phongsaly province. The campaign took place last week at May, Samphan and Bountay districts, aimed at improving the health of rural people, especially women and children.

Manager of the Sustainable Comprehensive Eye Care Project from Oudomxay hospital, Dr Phetsamone Indara said that the service would not only help rehabilitate the health of poor people in rural areas but also contribute to upgrading the services provided by local medical staff.

During the week-long trip, Lao and American medical staff, including Dr William McClure from the LRF provided more than 3,700 medical checkups and curative practices in May, Samphan and Bountay districts of the province.

These included 24 surgeries for cataracts, 13 other eye disease surgeries, more than 600 eye medical checkups and more than 700 medical checkups and treatment for ear, nose and throat surgery.

More than 600 infants received medical checkups and treatment and more than 100 expectant women had their wombs checked by ultrasound echography.

In addition, the teams also providing dental health check-ups for more than 150 primary school students. This included explaining how to clean teeth in the right way.

However, Dr Phetsamone said that there were still many poor rural people waiting for medical checkups and therapy.

During the visit, President of Lao Rehabilitation Foundation, Dr Luc Janssens also presented medical equipment to May, Samphan and Bountay district hospitals and dispensaries, aiming to improve diagnostic services and medical therapy effectively in the years to come.

The Lao Rehabilitation Foundation, based in America, provided more than US\$ 51,000 to support medical teams working to improve the health of rural people in Phongsaly.

By Times Reporters, March 3, 2014