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KOUNG WITH THIRD PROSTHETIC LEG

Mr. Koug Vilavong is 15 years old, living in Somsavanh village, Xaythany District Vientiane Capital. This is the third time that he has come to get a new prosthetic leg from COPE.

Mr. Koug got an accident when he was six months old due to hot water burned his both legs, the accident caused Koug could not walk when he was a child, until five-year-old when he walks and goes to school with his brother and sister every day. Until 10 September 2017, Koug accessed to Center of Medical Rehabilitation in Vientiane to fit with his first prosthetic leg, the second leg in 2018, and third leg 20 August 2019 because I grow up. Now Mr. Koug Vilavong is living as normal as the other children in the village and he is studying the third year in a secondary school in the village, "You would not know how your leg is important until you lost it" said Mr. Koug.

Thank you to the Centre of Medical Rehabilitation and COPE project and all donors to support my new prosthetic leg and hope my dream will come true in the future.

WHAT YOUR MONEY CAN BUY

- Five days of food allowance for one person: USD 20
- One below-knee prosthesis = USD 220
- One above-knee prosthesis = USD 350
- One lower arm prosthesis = USD 170
- One upper arm prosthesis = USD 240
- One completed clubfoot treatment for one person = USD 320

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ON JOB TRAINING

As per the annual plan for 2019, CMR/COPE technical experts conducted the second round of on-the-job training to the rehabilitation staff from 29th April to 7th June 2019 in five rehabilitation centers. The main purposes of the training are to fill up the gaps or weak aspects of the quality of the rehabilitation works that were identified during the clinical quality audits visits last year. Through this training, the P&O and physiotherapist staff knowledge and working skills have been enhanced and improved their technical skills. This improved technical skills would help the national rehabilitation staff to perform their job efficiently and smoothly hence each rehabilitation center will be able to deliver a good quality of rehabilitation services to all service users in Lao PDR.

On behalf of COPE, Center of Medical Rehabilitation and Provincial Rehabilitation Centers, we would like to thank the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs who always supports our core activities and mainly for staff capacity building activities.

WHAT 'S ON AT THE COPE VISITORS

On 29 March 2019, the Center Medical Rehabilitation(CMR) and COPE, was delighted to welcome Norwegian Minister of International Development H.E. Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein, Ambassador to Vietnam H.E. Ms.Grete Løchen and delegations. Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein and Ms.Grete Løchen received a tour to learn about the work of CMR and COPE helping people with physical disabilities to move on, how prostheses and orthoses are being made and more about UXO problem in Laos PDR.



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On 17 May 2019, COPE and CMR were an honor to welcome Mr. Ruairí de Búrca, Director General of Irish Aid, Ms. Cáit Moran, Ambassador of Ireland to Vietnam and Ms. Elisa Cavacece and team, for officially opened a new storage facility.

On this occasion, they also visited COPE visitor Center to receive a tour and learn about how CMR and COPE support the UXO survivor and people with physical disabilities to move on and how the UXO still continues to affect the local people today.





FUNDRAISING INSPIRATION FROM GERMANY

Lasse Boehm is a 13 years old boy, from Germany. Last year, he came to Laos with his parent and he had the opportunity to visited COPE Visitor Center in Vientiane. COPE's work inspired him to make a fundraising event when he goes back to Germany. He made fundraising at his school by painting and presented about COPE's work in Laos to raised money for UXO victims and people with physical disabilities.

We are very grateful for Lasse Boehm dedication to supported COPE in helping UXO survivors and other people with disabilities in Laos move on.

If you feel inspired to hold a fundraiser for COPE, please do get in touch with us!

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