

Promoting the Right to Vision in the Region – AECOM Foundation Donates 2,368 Eyeglass Frames for children in rural Lao PDR, 23rd November 2015

Uncorrected refractive error is the major cause of low vision in Lao PDR. A recent survey by the National Ophthalmology Center in Vientiane found 0.3% of school children aged 6 - 10 have refractive error. With only 11 refractionists and limited low vision services in the country, they are working hard to provide the services throughout the country. However, they lack the resources to purchase sufficient numbers of glass frames for the children, resulting in a substantial economic and social welfare loss. In response, the AECOM Foundation rapidly raised 85,034 THB through local charities for to provide 2,368 Eyeglass frames to be distributed throughout the rural regions of Lao PDR.

