



iAware Making You Aware

The iAware cause is to support equipping the newly NGO-built ophthalmic hospital and to support the sustainability of new ophthalmologists in Cambodia through the **iAware Future Ophthalmologists Foundation.**



A Brief History of Cambodia

On April 17, 1975, Pol Pot led the Communist forces of the Khmer Rouge into the capital city of Phnom Penh, beginning a vicious four-year regime in **Cambodia resulting in the genocide of up to 3 million men, women and children.** The

Khmer Rouge's policies were guided by its belief that the citizens of Cambodia had been tainted by exposure to outside ideas, especially by the capitalist West. The Khmer Rouge **specifically persecuted the educated — such as doctors, lawyers, and current or former military and police.**

The Result: Cambodian Killing Fields



Cambodia underwent a human catastrophe unparalleled in this century. The infamous Killing Fields were sites, wherein collectively an estimated **4 million people of a population of 7 million were killed** and buried during Emperor Pol Pot's rule of the country from 1975-1979. Cambodia **lost 56%** of its people to war, rebellion, man-made famine, genocide, politicide, and mass murder. This is widely regarded as part of a broad state-sponsored "**anti-intellectualism**" genocide (the Cambodian genocide).

There are a startling 38 ophthalmologists to serve 15,000,000



citizens which is the lowest per capita in the world.

Over 180,000

Cambodians Who Are Blind

10,000

Cambodians that suffer avoidable blindness each year

38

Ophthalmologists service a population of over

15,000,000

90%

of Blindness is Avoidable

75%

is Due to Cataracts

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Contributing Doctors







Dr. AnnMarie Hipsley with Cambodian Secretary of State Sean Ngu and volunteers at the site of the Khmer Sight Foundation hospital being built in Pnhom Penh, Cambodia



Dr. Hipsley with other contributing doctors, (from L to R) Sunil Shah, Bobby Ang, Mitch Jackson and Eddie Hsaio



Dr. Hipsley gifting Mr. Ngu, who is also a co-founder of Khmer Sight Foundation, with a plaque shaped like the state of Ohio



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