Insights from All Ears Cambodia

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2 years, full-time

- Audiology
- Primary Ear Care

Cost-effective mid-level clinicians
Evidence Services

Selected, reliable information for health and social care in one place
Cambodia:
Under 15: 41%

China:
Under 15: 26%

World Bank. 2000
Children on the border

Children make up a large portion of the refugees who live in camps along the Thailand-Kampuchea border. Many are of the 200,000 refugee residents under 18. At least a quarter of the border people are under five years old. "In the camps," says a representative of the group with whom she works, "there are children everywhere." But she adds, "with the U.S. Border Patrol Operations, it seems as if many of the children born between 1973 and 1976 — or perhaps were born 1977." Born between 1973 and the end of 1979, when the communist Khmer Rouge was in power, hundreds of thousands of refugees fled to Thailand. Some were under five, and hundreds of thousands more were evacuated. In 1979, Vietnamese forces invaded and overthrew the Khmer Rouge, which ruled from 1975 until 1978. The Khmer Rouge then ruled Cambodia from 1979 until 1981. The Khmer Rouge is now being accused of war crimes. Meanwhile, the people in the camps still live in fear. Life is the same; still, a small band of fighters continues to be fighting the Vietnamese. Many refugees have moved several times since 1979 — usually under fire. The fate of the children born in the camps continues to be in the hands of the Khmer Rouge, which rules from 1979 until 1981. The Khmer Rouge administration will not allow them to transfer to a camp administered by one of the other two anti-Vietnamese factions. And there is no place else to go.
Promotion
Rural

~80% live rurally
where no-one works
Rethinking Skill Mix
Task Shifting

“I see task shifting as the vanguard for the renaissance of primary health care”

Dr Margaret Chan, 2008
WHO Director General
Myth de-bunked.

Extensive use does not lead to services of poorer quality.
Governments to determine the appropriate health workforce skill mix

... for an immediate, massive scale-up of community and mid-level health workers

(Kampala declaration 2008)
Key Resources


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