

Community Health and Education Programs

(CHEPs)

Eye camp # 13 – Mwaruphesa, Coast Province Kenya

July 2011

The 13th CHEPs eye camp was held on 24 July 2011 at Mwaruphesa village Coast Province, Kenya. This was organized in collaboration with Humanitarian Welfare Group (HWG) of Mombasa and Lion's Eye Hospital of Mombasa.

The team of an optometrist, clinical ophthalmologist and volunteers screened 45 people, diagnosed 11 cataracts (all referred for surgery to be conducted next week at Lion's eye hospital, Mombasa), 3 myopia, 6 presbyopia, 1 optic atrophy, 20 allergic conjunctivitis, 5 bacterial conjunctivitis, dispensed 9 spectacles, provided eye drops to 25.

CHEPs thanks the HWG team for providing the opportunity to serve, Mr. Kinyua the optometrist who traveled from Nakuru to provide his services, and all the volunteers from the CHEPs and HWG teams who cooperated very well in delivering the eye care services to those attending the camp.

Special observations: Most of the children at the nearby madrasa were observed to have Tinea versicolor, a fungal skin condition. These need to be treated with anti-fungals and provision provided for the community to have appropriate water supply for the people to take baths daily and wash clothes frequently to prevent skin infections.