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## CHEPs 21<sup>st</sup> Eye Camp

Al-Gadhir Medical Clinic, Kawangware slums, Nairobi County

30<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Sponsored by Beta Charitable Trust

### Introduction

The 21<sup>th</sup> CHEPs eye camp was held in Kawangware slums, Nairobi sponsored Beta Charitable Trust. The venue was Al-Gadhir Medical Clinic. This is the third time CHEPs has conducted an eye camp at this venue. This eye camp was limited to surgeries for cataract blind patients who were diagnosed during the 19<sup>th</sup> eye camp in Kibera slum & the 20<sup>th</sup> eye camp in Kawangware slum. Some patients were contacted through telephone numbers they had provided during the eye camps. Others were traced through community networks & announcements at the local mosque.

20 patients had turned up out of which 5 had to be rescheduled for various reasons or referred due to complications. 15 were operated successfully. They were all very happy with the services provided by the polite and enthusiastic staff. Most of them had been to other hospitals but due to their inability to pay had been suffering in blindness. They were grateful that such good services were provided free of charge and prayed for all those involved and wished it would continue to benefit the poor communities. They were reviewed again the next day by Dr. Parkar & Dr. Sheriff for removal of bandage and post-operative care which were provided completely free of charge thanks to BCT support. The next follow-up appointment has been set on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at the same venue.

Thanks to BCT for the financial support, Al-Gadhir Medical Clinic management and staff for the venue, use of theatre and other facilities, Dr. Parkar ophthalmologist and his team of specialist eye nurses, Maliha Somji volunteer optometry student & the CHEPs team. Some local people again came to give services at the camp inspired by the charity work.

### FEEDBACK

"God bless all those who are helping us get back our sight and give us hope despite our desperate situation. We have been treated very well" *Halima Ali - Cataract surgery beneficiary*

"I am extremely happy that you are providing all these services completely free of charge, otherwise regaining my vision was impossible because beyond my means" *Cataract surgery beneficiary*

"The way the services were provided was extremely impressive; I especially appreciate the surgeon Dr. Parkar who started the surgery in the name of God and explained to me everything that would be done. This made me very calm and I was sure that I was in safe hands" *Cataract surgery beneficiary*

"I have been hearing about the good work that CHEPs is doing in different places. I have come today to offer my services as a volunteer for this eye camp as well as your future projects" *Abdulrahman - volunteer/GSU employee*

"It was an exciting opportunity for the entire Kawangware and Dagoretti community to benefit from the free eye camp. We appreciate your efforts to meet the needs of the poor who have been living with partial blindness due to lack of money. Many got treated but a bigger number is asking for the same as they were not lucky to have made it that day. Please consider coming back so we can have a healthy society. Upako centre shall provide any available help." *Father Francis - Upako centre director*

“It is always a pleasure working with CHEPs, thank you for the opportunity you give me to help the community” *Faraj – volunteer/Medical student*

“It was incredible to finally be able to use my skills to be able to help others and in just one day I gained a ton of experience” *Arifa Kanji – volunteer/recently graduated Optometrist*



Blood pressure & sugar test in preparation for surgery



Surgery in progress



Patient being counseled on eye care after operation



Taking medicines after operation



Operated patients



Happy patient and family after surgery

