

CHEPs 43rd Eye Camp
Waisini Island - Kwale County

Date: 31st December 2015



It is alarming that:

- 282 million people worldwide have abnormal vision,
- 14% of them are completely blind (of which over 80% are easily preventable or treatable)
- 90% of people with abnormal vision live in low income settings,

CHEPs is on a mission to improve the eye sight of such needy communities and prevent blindness among them by conducting nationwide eye camps, to examine and treat eye diseases thereby preventing progression to blindness as well as provide them with spectacles to improve their vision. We also provide surgeries to restore vision among cataract blind people.

On 31st of December 2015, we held a mini eye camp in Wasini Island of Kwale County, Kenya. Wasini Island lies on Indian Ocean, off the southeastern coast of Kenya, next to Shimoni. The island is sparsely populated and undeveloped bearing one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country. Poverty levels are indicative of poor historical and current development.

During the mini camp, the team attended to over 50 patients, and treated 10 with eye drops. Thirty (30) patients were given free spectacles to treat visual impairment. CHEPs also took the opportunity to donate books to the Wasini Primary School library and also provided 100 students with notebooks and other stationary.

This is the second time we are visiting Wasini, having visited the island during our 32nd eye camp in March 2014, and served a total of 280 needy people.

This camp brings the total number of people served during CHEPs eye camps to 9,601. Of them, a total of 3,342 received free spectacles to correct visual impairment, and 5,222 received eye drops to treat various eye ailments. Please visit our website for comprehensive reports on all our camps and other activities.