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CHEPs 40th Eye Camp

Nairobi County

Venue: Mathari Slums

Date: 2nd August 2015

Introduction

The 40th CHEPs eye camp was held in Mathari Slums, Nairobi County. The venue was Provide International Hospital.

Mathare is a collection of slums in Nairobi, Kenya with a population of approximately 500,000 people; the population of Mathare Valley alone, the oldest of the slums that make up Mathare, is 180,000 people. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathare>

The day began with a lot of rain, and by midday the team had only seen around 30 people due to the rain and poor publicity. As soon as the rain settled we started going round informing the public of the services, thus the numbers rose over the afternoon. Provide international provided the venue on request by Dawud Opembe a very dedicated CHEPs volunteer who also serves at the CHEPs Kawangware mentorship Centre.

The CHEPs team examined 149 men, women and children for eye conditions. 63 people with reading problems were provided with reading glasses. 97 people were provided with eye drops for various eye conditions mainly allergies and infections.

The table below is a summary of services provided and diagnoses.

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED
Total number served	149
Reading glasses	63
Eye drops	97
Myopia	21
Cataract	7
Other refractive error	10
Normal	4

The eye camp in pictures:





The CHEPs team