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CHEPs 55th Eye Camp: Faza island

Date: 3rd-4th March 2017

Sponsor: Datoos Charity Trust

Introduction

It is alarming that 282 million people worldwide have abnormal vision and 14% of them are completely blind. Also of concern is the fact that 90% of visually impaired people live in low-income settings.

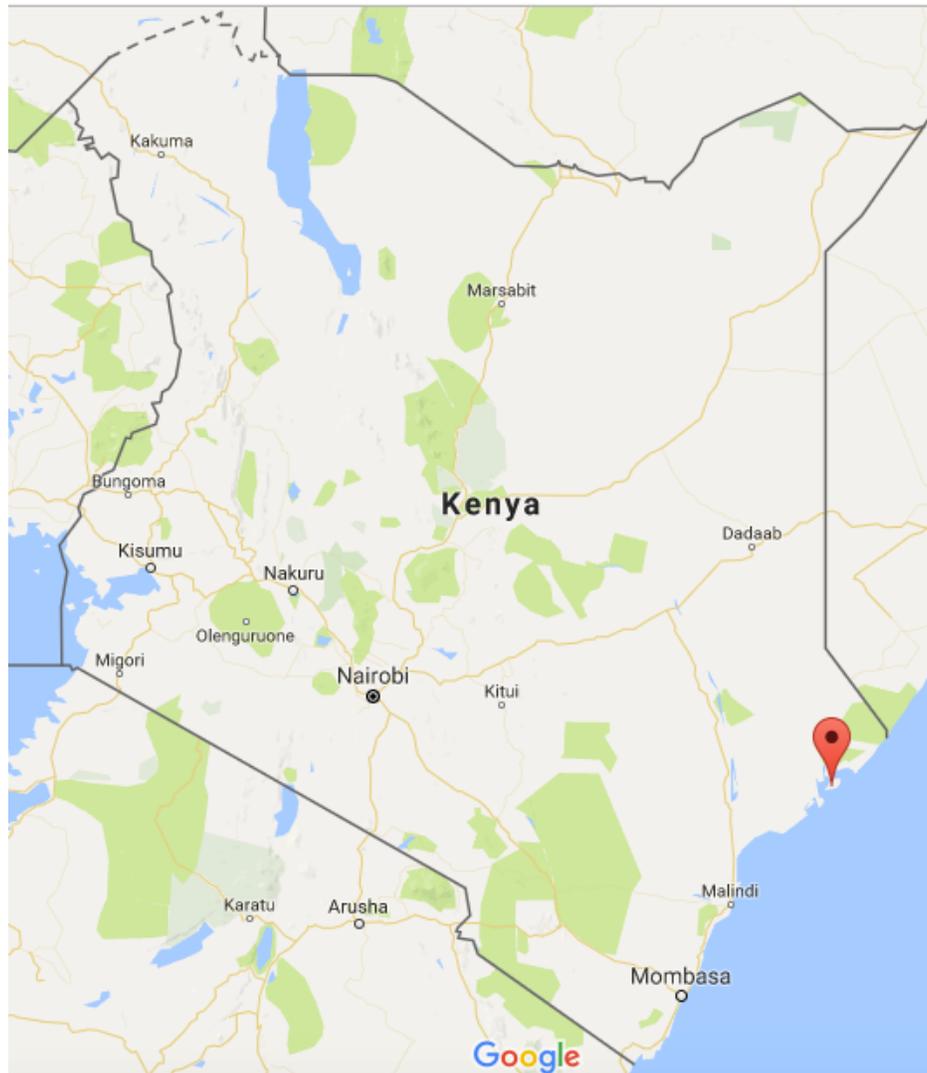
CHEPs is on a mission to improve the eye sight of such needy communities and prevent blindness among them. We do so by conducting eye camps, to examine them, conduct tests, and treat their eye diseases thereby preventing progression to blindness as well as provide them with spectacles to improve their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

We have so far conducted 55 eye camps in low-income setups across Kenya providing services to over 13,000 needy people. We have treated over 7100 of them with various eye medications, and providing over 4500 of them with spectacles. We have also operated over 1000 cataract blind people to restore vision.

CHEPs 55th Eye camp



For the first time in the history of Faza island, an eye camp was conducted on 3rd and 4th of March 2017. Faza, one of the islands of The Lamu Archipelago, is a remote island found in the Indian ocean, off the northern part of Kenya's coast. The island, a UNESCO world heritage site, has a rich history stretching as early as the 8th century. It however faces a range of medical challenges, including prevalent eye diseases, due to the lack basic medical services from its remoteness. Community members mostly rely on traditional medicine to treat their ailments, while the few who can afford it, travel to Lamu and other towns for medical attention.



Below is a summary of the services that were offered by the team free of charge:

- Total number of patients served – 453
- Spectacles given out to improve vision – 201
- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases – 210
- Cataract blindness diagnosed for surgery on a later date– 25
- Myopes – 15
- Others - 15



The team sailing to the island



The team gets stuck in a roadside trench



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Patients await service



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Visual acuity examination





Eye camp in session



Ophthalmoscopy examination



Eye camp in session



Refraction examination





Beneficiary able to read with spectacles given to him free of charge



CHEPs team with local volunteers

Acknowledgement:

We are grateful to Datoos Charity Trust for sponsoring the camp. This, being the first of its kind in Faza island, was very much appreciated by the ailing beneficiaries. We look forward to more collaborations in the near future.