

CHEPs 46th Eye Camp

Takaungu, Kilifi County

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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 45 eye camps in low-income setups across Kenya providing services to over 10000 needy people. We have treated over 6000 of them with various eye medications, and providing over 4000 of them with spectacles. We have also operated over 600 cataract blind people to restore vision.

Our 46th eye camp was held in Takaungu, a historical Swahili village located 50km from Mombasa, within county, and estimated to have a population of around 2000 people, majority of whom live below the poverty index. The camp was hosted within Mazrui Social Hall, constructed by the prominent Mazrui family.

The CHEPs team conducted a one-day free of charge eye camp to provide the much needed eye care to the needy community, which could hardly afford transport to the nearest town, let alone the cost of treatment.

A total of 130 beneficiaries were treated for various eye conditions as follows:

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED
Total number served	130
Spectacles given out to improve vision	65
Eye drops dispensed to treat eye diseases	105
Myopia cases referred for distant glasses	5
Cataract blind cases diagnosed and referred for surgery	15
Other conditions	11

Photo gallery



Visual acuity examination



Retinoscopy examination



Consultation in progress



Eye camp in progress



Eye camp in progress



Spectacles and medication dispensed free of charge courtesy of Beta Charitable Trust



Consultation in progress



Visual acuity examination



The team

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