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CHEPs 37th Eye Camp

Kitui County

Venue: Muslim Primary School, Kitui

Date: 14th June 2015

Introduction

The 37th CHEPs eye camp was held at Muslim Primary School, Kitui County.

Kitui County is a [county](#) in the former [Eastern Province](#) of [Kenya](#). Its capital and largest town is [Kitui](#), although [Mwingi](#) is also another major urban centre. *Wikipedia*

Kitui County is the sixth largest in terms of size and covers an area of 30,520 square kilometers. It is 11th in population size at 1,000,012 based on 2009 census and has steadily grown since. The county is diverse with some areas being semi-arid and mostly dry, while others are fairly arable. The county, which lies between the altitude of 400m and 1,800m above sea level, is endowed with 14 different kinds of minerals but the most prominent are coal estimated at one billion tonnes in Mui basin and gypsum in Mwingi area. The two main urban centres are Kitui and Mwingi. Kitui is inhabited mainly by the Kamba people, followed by the Tharaka who are found in Tharaka ward but there are also sizable Swahili and Somali population. The Akamba speak Kikamba and are considered friendly and welcoming. There are other communities mainly in urban areas. The main economic activity is subsistence farming of crops such as maize, beans, pigeon peas, sorghum, millet, cassava etc. Livestock keeping is also popular, especially goats and cattle. Source: <http://www.kitui.go.ke/>

The CHEPs team examined 170 men, women and children for eye conditions. 60 people with reading problems were provided with reading glasses. 141 people were provided with eye drops for various eye conditions mainly allergies and infections. **The eye camp was totally sponsored by Beta Charitable Trust of UK.**

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

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED
Total number served	170
Reading glasses	60

Eye drops	141
Presbyopia	60
Myopia	15
Cataract	15
Other conditions and referral	43
Normal	6

The eye camp in pictures:



