



CHEPs 47th Eye Camp

Rabai village, 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 46 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 47th eye camp was held in Rabai, a historical town found in Kenya's Kilifi county, estimated to have a population of over 120,000 people, most of whom live below the poverty index. The camp was hosted within Khadija Primary School, which has a student population of 300 children coming from the surrounding needy villages.

The CHEPs team ran a two days eye camp in order to accommodate the villagers as well as school community. On the first day, all the students as well as school staff members were screened and treated for eye ailments. The team also took the opportunity to educate the children on healthy living, life skills as well as career guidance. The students were very excited to interact with CHEPs team members, and were motivated to aspire for careers in health sciences.

The second day was reserved for the villagers who presented themselves in large numbers for the much needed ophthalmic attention. They were pleased to access our services free of charge, as the closest eye facility is over 30km away and also too expensive for most of them.

A total of 425 beneficiaries were attended to over the two days. Below is a breakdown for the same.

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED
Total number served	425
Spectacles given out to improve vision	72
Eye drops dispensed to treat eye diseases	99
Myopia cases referred for distant glasses	8
Cataract blind cases diagnosed and referred for surgery	18
Other conditions	19

Photo gallery

	
<p>Visual examination testing</p>	<p>Medication and spectacles dispensed free of charge courtesy of Beta Charitable Trust.</p>
	
<p>Consultation ongoing</p>	<p>CHEPs volunteer Dr. Abdulrahim provides general medical consultation</p>
	
<p>Eye camp in session</p>	<p>Dr. Abdulrahim gives a health talk to the students</p>



Eye camp in session attending to villagers on day 2



Eye camp in session



Eye camp in session



Villagers waiting patiently for their turn



Eye camp in session



Medication and spectacles dispensed free of charge courtesy of Beta Charitable Trust.



Eye consultation in session



The team took the opportunity to donate some clothes.



The team posing for a photo with the school Deputy and Head Masters.

Acknowledgements

We are grateful to Beta Charitable Trust for sponsoring the camps. The support went a long way in providing much needed services to the needy communities of Rabai. We wish to convey heartfelt gratitude expressed by the beneficiaries to the donor. We look forward to collaborating with them again in the near future.