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CHEPs 32nd Eye Camp

Kwale County

Venue: Wasini Island

Date: 14th to 15th March 2015

Introduction

The 32nd CHEPs eye camp was held in Wasini Island, Kwale County. The venue was Wasini Island Primary School. Wasini Island lies off the southern Indian Ocean coast of Kenya next to Shimoni. It is approximately 5 km long and 1 km across. The island is sparsely populated and undeveloped. There are no cars or roads. Located in south west Kenya, this population has the highest infant mortality rate in the country. Poverty levels are indicative of poor historical and current development. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wasini Island

The CHEPs team examined 280 men, women and children for eye conditions. 95 people with reading problems were provided with reading glasses. 116 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	280
Reading glasses	95
Eye drops dispensed	116
Normal	14
Other conditions and referral	8
Cataract	29

The eye camp in pictures:







Acknowledgement:

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