



CHEPs 114TH EYE CAMP
KAPCHEROP, ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTY
17TH TO 18TH FEBRUARY 2022

Acknowledgement

We are grateful to Beta Charitable Trust for sponsoring this camp. The support went a long way in providing much needed ophthalmic services to the needy people of Elgeyo-Marakwet, thereby restoring their vision and empowering them. We look forward to more collaboration in future.

Introduction

The Centres for Health and Education Programmes (CHEPs) is a registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Kenya. Our goal is to empower, promote access and improve quality of health and education for the benefit of under resourced individuals and communities.

It is alarming that 2.2 billion people worldwide have vision impairment, half of them preventable and correctable. The commonest cause of distant vision impairment is refractive error accounting for 88.4million people, and cataract blindness makes up 94 million, while that of near vision impairment is presbiopia accounting for 826 million. Also of concern is the fact that 90% of visually impaired people live in low-income settings, a large proportion of them unable to access ophthalmic services. 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.

CHEPs has already conducted 114 eye camps among impoverished communities across Kenya providing services to over 49,519 needy people. Over 35,236 have been provided with various eye medications and over 13,326 supplied with spectacles. Over 6,097 surgeries have been performed restoring vision to the cataract blind

Our 114th eye camp was held at Kapcherop town of Elgeyo-Marakwet County, one of the 47 counties in Kenya, located 400 km North west of Nairobi. The county has a population estimated at 369,998 people with over 55.5% poverty rate.



Map showing the location of Elgeyo Marakwet

The following services were offered by the team free of charge:

- Total number of patients served –150
- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases – 200
- Cataract blindness diagnosed and operated– 37

The facility



Cataract Patients waiting to be operated



Surgeries in progress



Operated patients





