



CHEPs 84TH EYE CAMP
MARSABIT COUNTY, KENYA
19TH TO 21ST APRIL 2019

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 Marsabit County and Kenya in general, 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 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 84 eye camps in low-income setups across Kenya providing services to more than 31,837 needy people. We have treated over 21,906 of them with various eye medications, and providing over 10,491 of them with spectacles. We have also operated over 3,270 cataract blind people to restore vision.

Our 84th eye camp was held in Marsabit County, one of the 47 counties in Kenya, located km 550km North east of Nairobi. It has a population estimated at 309,998 people with over 90.% poverty rate. **The team provided 512 eye drops, 283 reading glasses and operated 62 needy patients one of them being a billaterally blind. All the 63 surgeries were successful and vision was restored.**



Map of Kenya showing the location of Marsabit

Patients Examination





Dispensing eye drops and reading glasses



Operations in progress



Operated patients













The team that made the camp a success

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