CHEPs 111TH EYE CAMP

20TH – 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

ITEN, ELGIYO MARAKWET COUNTY

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

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.

CHEPs has already conducted 111 eye camps among impoverished communities across Kenya providing services to over 48,919 needy people. Over 34,736 have been provided with various eye medications and over 13,326 supplied with spectacles. Over 5,983 surgeries have been performed restoring vision to the cataract blind

Our 111th eye camp was held in Iten town located in Elgeyo-Marakwet, one of the 47 counties in Kenya, 393km North west of Nairobi. The county has a population estimated at 369,998 people with majroity living in poverty

Map showing the location of Elgeyo Marakwet

The following services where offered by CHEPs at no cost to the beneficiaries:

- Total number of patients served – 400
- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases – 300
- Cataract blindness diagnosed and operated – 24

Operations in progress

Operated patients