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CHEPs 108TH EYE CAMP

BUNGOMA AND NAIROBI COUNTIES

14TH TO 17TH OCTOBER 2021

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 94 blind men, women and children of Bungoma and Nairobi, thereby restoring their vision and empowering them. We look forward to continuing collaboration with Beta Charitable Trust (BCT).

Introduction

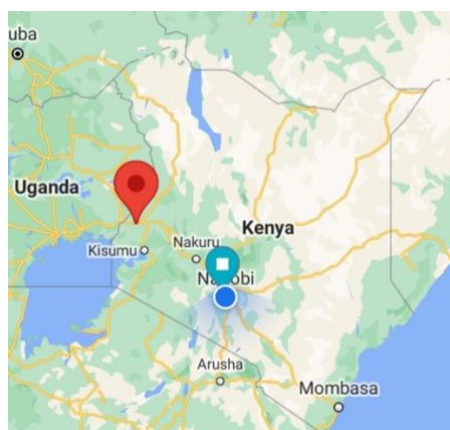
Centres for Health and Education Programmes (CHEPs) is a registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Kenya. Our goal is to empower, promote access and improve quality of health and education for the benefit of under resourced individuals and communities.

It is alarming that 282 million people worldwide have abnormal vision and 14% of these are completely blind. Also of concern is the fact that 90% of visually impaired people live in low-income settings. 80% of blindness is preventable or curable. Cataract causes half of all blindness. CHEPs is on a mission to prevent, improve or restore the eyesight of people in remote, marginalised and needy communities. CHEPs identifies the beneficiaries through screening the communities in which it has a presence and wide network. CHEPs eye camps are organised in collaboration with local communities, leaders, hospitals and health workers. During the eye camps, beneficiaries are screened and provided advice and treatment for a variety of eye conditions. Spectacles are provided for refractive errors to improve their vision and eyedrops given to those with medical eye conditions. Surgeries are conducted to restore vision among those blind due to cataract.

CHEPs has already conducted 108 eye camps among impoverished communities across Kenya providing services to over 47,619 needy people. Over 33,536 have been provided with various eye medications and over 13,126 supplied with spectacles. Over 5,760 surgeries have been performed restoring vision to the cataract blind.

CHEPs 108th eye camp

Our 108th eye camp was held simultaneously in two sites, Bungoma which is located 440 km from Nairobi and 35 km from Kenya's border with Uganda and at Nairobi's Kawangware slums. This was aimed to commemorate the World Vision Day which is marked on 14th of October every year. A total of 94 surgeries were performed to correct and restore vision. No complication has been reported. All the beneficiaries were satisfied with the services and results and have expressed heartfelt gratitude to all those involved in their treatment. Most of them were elderly, who had lived in a state of blindness for many years but could not access treatment due to financial and awareness constraints.



Map showing the locations of Bungoma (in red) and Nairobi (in blue)



CHEPs travels to remote sites to deliver services to the needy



In Bungoma the camp was held at 3 different sites on consecutive days: Bumula subcounty Hospital, Mount Elgon subcounty hospital and Webuye county Hospital all located in different parts of the County



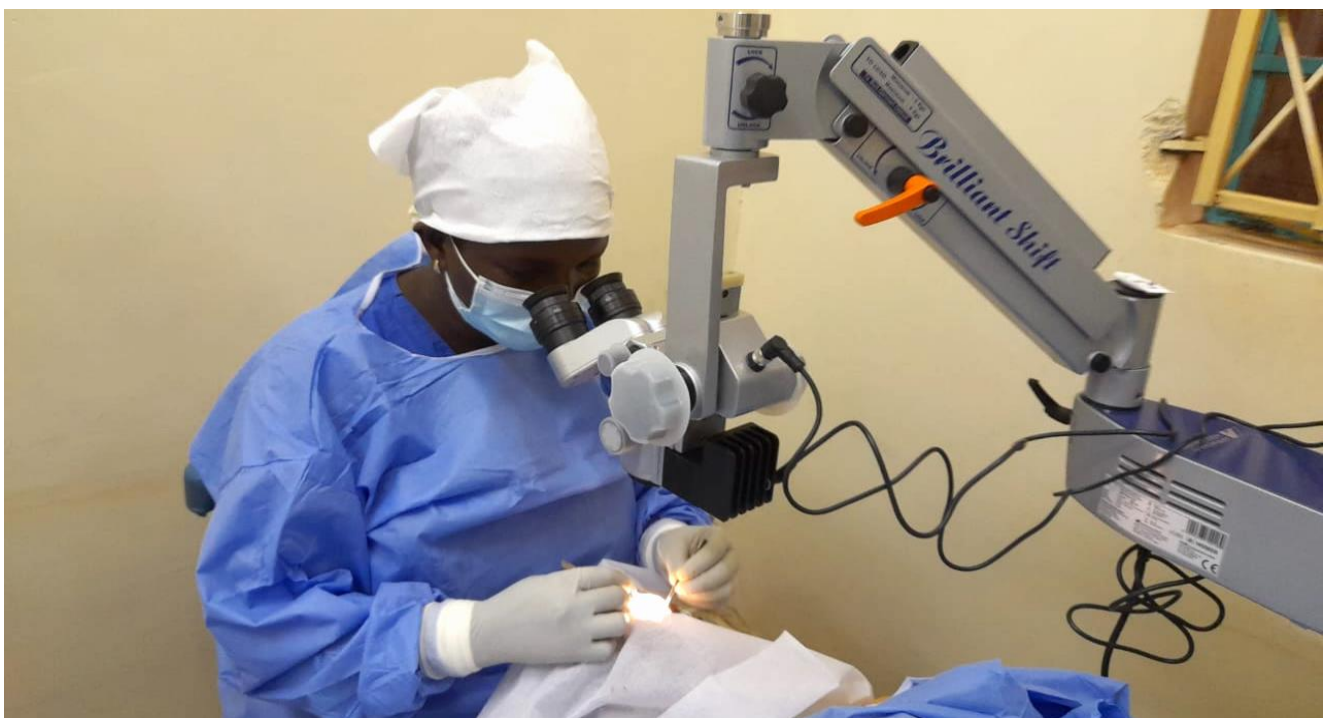
Patient screening



Patients waiting their turn for surgery



Administering local anaesthesia



Operated patients















