

**CHEPs 115TH SURGICAL EYE CAMP
MAILI TISA, KAJIADO COUNTY
26RD TO 27TH FEBRUARY 2022**

Acknowledgement

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

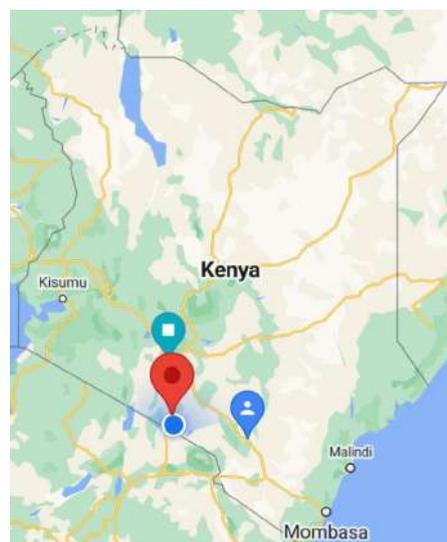
Introduction

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 115 eye camps among impoverished communities across Kenya providing services to over 49,819 needy people. Over 35,500 have been provided with various eye medications and over 13,476 supplied with spectacles. Over 6,113 surgeries have been performed restoring vision to the cataract blind

Our 115th eye camp was held in Maili Tisa of Kajiado county, one of the most needy of the 47 counties of Kenya, located 150km South of Nairobi at the border of Kenya and Tanzania. Through support from BCT, CHEPs **operated on 16 needy cataract patients** to restore their vision. On follow up, all the surgeries were successful with vision restored in the patients. No complications have been reported, and 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 maasai, 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 location of Maili Tisa



Cataract Patients waiting to be operated



Surgeries in progress



Operated patients



