69TH EYE CAMP
GARSEN HEALTH CENTRE
GARSEN, TANA RIVER COUNTY.
1ST AND 2ND APRIL, 2018

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We are grateful to Beta Charitable Trust for sponsoring this camp. The support went a long way in empowering needy communities through restoring their vision. We look forward to more collaboration in future.

INTRODUCTION

Vision impairment can create great difficulty among people and limit opportunities in education, employment and social engagement. It contributes greatly to lost productivity and poverty among communities. Many eye health problems can be prevented and treatments are among the most successful and cost-effective of all health interventions provided the intervention is timely. Major causes of visual impairment include: refractive error; age-related macular degeneration; cataract; diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

CHEPs is on a mission to improve the eye sight of 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 reversibly blind people such as cataract patients, as well as surgeries aimed at preventing blindness such as patients suffering glaucoma, which leads to irreversible blindness.

We have so far conducted 69 eye camps in low-income setups across Kenya providing services to more than 17,500 needy people. We have treated over 14,000 of them with various eye medications, and providing over 6,300 of them with spectacles. We have also operated over 1865 cataract blind people to restore vision.

CHEPs 69TH EYE CAMP

Our 69th eye camp was held in Garsen, a constituency in Tana River County, which is located 582km from Nairobi. The team held both a surgical and optometry camp at the Garsen Health Centre. The team provided services to a total of 661 ophthalmic patients and operated 58 of them that were blind due to cataract.

The services provided were as follows:

Total number of patients served- 661
Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases- 348
Spectacles given out to improve vision- 312
Cataract surgeries conducted to restore vision- 58

On follow up, all cataract surgeries were successful with vision restored in the patients. No complications have been reported, and all the beneficiaries have expressed heartfelt gratitude. Most of them were elderly, who had lived in a state of blindness for many years, but could not access treatment due to financial constraints.

Map of Kenya showing the location of Garsen, Tana River

Photo gallery

The health Centre

Crowd of patients waiting to be served

Patients being examined, eye drops and spectacles are dispensed to out-patients while cataract blind patients proceed to theatre for surgery

Surgical Camp

Administration of local anaesthesia

Performing the surgeries

Post operation

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