

CHEPs 51st Eye Camp

Chakama village, Kilifi County

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Introduction

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 50 eye camps in low-income setups across Kenya providing services to over 11000 needy people. We have treated over 6000 of them with various eye medications, and providing over 4000 of them with spectacles. We have also operated over 700 cataract blind people to restore vision.

Our 51st eye camp was held in Chakama. Chakama is a remote village within Kenya's Kilifi County. The community living there is a very needy one, having been forgotten as there is not even electricity. They live under very harsh conditions, lacking essential needs including food, water, and sanitation, other than healthcare. In addition to the camp, we are planning several other projects for the community to address hunger, and lack of sanitation.



The camp was hosted at Chakama Dispensary. The team performed as follows:

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED
Total number served	189
Spectacles given out to improve vision	56
Eye drops dispensed to treat eye diseases	102
Myopia cases referred for distant glasses	4
Cataract blind cases diagnosed and referred for surgery	27
Other conditions referred for further treatment	15

We also donated some eye drops to Chakama dispensary in an effort to enhance ophthalmic services in the village.



Photo gallery



Announcing for the eye camp



The site of the camp



The crowd waiting to be seen



Visual acuity testing



Consultation in progress



Spectacles and medication dispensed free



The team

Acknowledgements

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