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## CHEPs 56<sup>th</sup> Eye Camp

**Venue: Garissa Primary School**

Donor: Beta Charitable Trust in memory of Suraiya Sarbuland

15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017



### **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.

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 56 eye camps in low-income setups across Kenya providing services to over 13,100 needy people. We have treated over 7,100 of them with various eye medications, and providing over 4,500 of them with spectacles. We have also operated over 1,200 cataract blind people to restore vision.

## CHEPs 56<sup>th</sup> free eye camp

Our 56<sup>th</sup> eye camp was held in Garissa, one of the three counties that make up the arid North Eastern Region of Kenya. Located 200km from Kenya's border with Somalia, the County is internationally famous for hosting Dadaab refugee camps which house over 250,000 Somali refugees, making it the largest refugee camp complex in the world. Garissa has a total population of over 620,000 people, most of whom live nomadic lives. Patients came from very distant villages, many appearing weak and malnourished from the on-going drought.

The team performed as follows:

- Total number of patients served – 359
- Spectacles given out to improve vision – 58
- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases – 224
- Cataract blindness diagnosed and booked for surgery - 65





**Acknowledgement**

We are grateful to Beta Charitable Trust for sponsoring this camp. Through the support, we were able to provide much needed ophthalmic services to the needy community of Garissa. We look forward to more collaboration in the near future.