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CHEPs 20th Eye Camp

Kawangware – Al-Gadhir Medical Clinic

Nairobi County

23rd June 2013

Sponsored by Beta Charitable Trust

Introduction

The 20th CHEPs eye camp was held in Kawangware slums, Nairobi sponsored Beta Charitable Trust. The venue was Al-Gadhir Medical Clinic. This is the second time CHEPs has conducted an eye camp at this venue. The 1st CHEPs eye camp in 2007 was also held here.

People from various parts of Nairobi had come after listening to announcements on the radio, at the mosque and after reading the posters that were put up at strategic places. There were many volunteers from various communities including the people of Kawangware who greatly appreciated the much needed service provided. They requested more eye camps so that all those who need it can access what is otherwise very difficult for them. Some of the beneficiaries also came forward to offer their services during the camp. Certificates were provided by CHEPs as a token of appreciation to volunteers who served the whole day.

The table below is a summary of services provided and diagnoses.

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED
Total number served	417
Cataracts	19
Presbyopia (difficulty with near vision)	184
Myopia (difficulty distant vision)/other refractive errors	44
Spectacles dispensed	184
Eye drops given	138
Normal	5
Referred to specialist ophthalmologist	3
Other (including normal, glaucoma, corneal scars, cysts, amblyopia, trauma, blepharitis, pterygium, pinguecula)	24

Cataract surgeries have been planned for Sunday 30th June. Those cataract blind detected at the Kibera slums during CHEPs Eye Camp #19 have been traced through local networks and are included in the operation list.

FEEDBACK

'My neighbor, an elderly lady, returned home in the evening beaming with joy. She had been complaining she could not sing from the hymn books in church nor read the small print Bible. Now she was excited she will be able to do both every Sunday at church and not be embarrassed in front of others.' Maureen

'It was a great achievement' John Kinyua, optometrist at the eye camp.

'That was great! Very happy to have achieved that ! Congratulations to us.' Geoffrey, optometrist.

'Wow. That's wonderful. Am glad to be part of the team!' Dennis, optometrist.

'Mashallah! Its always a pleasure to work with you. Congrats for the work well done.' Faraj, medical student, volunteer.

'Marhaba! May HE be praised!' Murtaza Somji, optician.

'It was my pleasure being of service. Learnt a lot. Loved the zest displayed by the young volunteers. It's a feather in your cap getting them involved. May Allah accept our efforts.' Syed Faridoon, Al-Gadhir Medical Clinic project officer.

'Was glad to help and Alhamdulillah it went well.' Leila Abdi, volunteer. CHEPs ex-student beneficiary, now pre-service intern with CHEPs NGO.



Venue: Al-Gadhir Medical Clinic in Kawangware



Vision testing



Optometrist performing retinoscopy



Blood pressure & sugar test for cataract patients in preparation for surgery



Eye camp quality & client satisfaction survey being conducted



Visual acuity testing



Survey in progress



Presentation of appreciation certificates to volunteers



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