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CHEPs 59th Eye Camp

Mateka village, Bungoma County

Sponsor: Beta Charitable Trust

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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.

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 59 eye camps in low-income setups across Kenya providing services to over 14,500 needy people. We have treated over 8,000 of them with various eye medications, and providing over 5,000 of them with spectacles. We have also operated over 1,200 cataract blind people to restore vision.

CHEPs 59th free eye camp

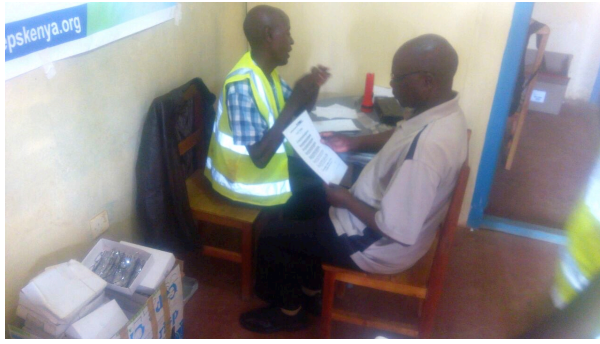
Our 59th eye camp was held in Mateka village, Bungoma County, Kenya. Bungoma County is located in Western Kenya, 450 km from Nairobi. The village is very remote, hence residence lack access to health care, including eye care. Being predominantly elderly and needy, the villagers are very deserving of medical support. During the camp, our team managed to attend to a total of 395 patients, examining and treating them for a variety of ophthalmic ailments using eye drops and spectacles. Those who require surgery were booked for a future surgical camp. In summary:

- Total number of patients served – 395
- Spectacles given out to improve vision – 165

- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases – 200
- Cataract blindness diagnosed - 36

Photographs of the camp





Acknowledgement

We are grateful to Beta Charitable Trust for sponsoring this outreach. This sponsorship went a long way in assisting the people of Mateka village to correct visual impairment, and prevent ophthalmic complications including blindness. We look forward to continued collaboration.