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CHEPs 141ST EYE CAMP

KITUI COUNTY

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Introduction

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.

It is alarming that 282 million people worldwide have abnormal vision and 14% of these 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 prevent, improve or restore the eyesight of people in remote, marginalised and needy communities. CHEPs identifies the beneficiaries through its presence and wide network among these communities. CHEPs eye camps are organised in collaboration with local communities, leaders, hospitals and health workers. During the eye camps, beneficiaries are screened and provided advice and treatment for a variety of eye conditions. Spectacles are provided for refractive errors to improve their vision. Surgeries are conducted to restore vision among those blind due to cataract.

CHEPs has already conducted 141 eye camps among impoverished communities across Kenya providing services to over 55,606 needy people. Over 42,996 have been provided with various eye medications and over 15,496 supplied with spectacles. Over 8,138 surgeries have been performed restoring vision to the cataract blind

The 141st eye camp was held at Mutomo subcounty hospital in Kitui County which is located 240km from Nairobi. Kitui has a total population of over 1,100,000 people, most of whom practice farming. Patients came from very distant villages, many of them elderly, weak and malnourished.

The following services were offered by the CHEPs team free of charge:

- Total number of patients served –600
- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases – 500
- Cataract blindness diagnosed and operated– 191

The eye camp.

Operations in progress



Some of the Operated patients









Acknowledgement

We are grateful to Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı for sponsoring this camp. The support went a long way in providing much needed ophthalmic services to over 600 men, women and children of Kitui County, thereby treating and restoring their vision and empowering them. We look forward to more collaboration in future.