

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 145 eye camps among impoverished communities across Kenya providing services to over 57,556 needy people. Over 44,596 have been provided with various eye medications and over 16,196 supplied with spectacles. Over 8,376 surgeries have been performed restoring vision to the cataract blind

145th eye camp was held in Lamu Island, also known as "The Island of festivals" is a UNESCO world heritage site that attracts tourists from all over the world. It however also faces a range of medical challenges including prevalent eye diseases. The following services where offered free of charge:

- Total number of patients served –400
- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases 400
- Reading glasses dispensed- 200
- Cataract blindness diagnosed and operated—48

The eye camp.

Operations in progress











The sense of fulfillment derived from restoring vision to individuals in need is immeasurable.

Acknowledgement

We are grateful to Beta Charitable Trust for sponsoring this camp. The support went a long way in providing much needed ophthalmic services to over 500 men, women and children of Lamu County, thereby treating and restoring their vision and empowering them. BCT's support has been instrumental in making a significant impact on the lives of countless needy individuals in Kenya. Through the eye camps, we have been able to provide essential ophthalmic services to those who need it most. More than just restoring vision, your contribution has empowered men, women, and children across Kenya, providing them with a renewed sense of hope and opportunity.

The success of these eye camps is a testament to the positive change that can be achieved through collaboration and philanthropy. We look forward to continuing this meaningful partnership and making a lasting impact on the healthcare landscape in Kenya. Your support has been invaluable, and we are genuinely grateful for the positive change it has brought about.