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CHEPs 99TH EYE CAMP

TOT VILLAGE, ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTY

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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 the needy people of Elgeyo-Marakwet, thereby restoring their vision and empowering them. We look forward to more collaboration in future.

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 them 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 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 99 eye camps in low-income setups across Kenya providing services to over 40,465 needy people. We have treated over 29,757 of them with various eye medications, and providing over 13,354 of them with spectacles. We have also operated over 4,943 cataract blind people to restore vision.

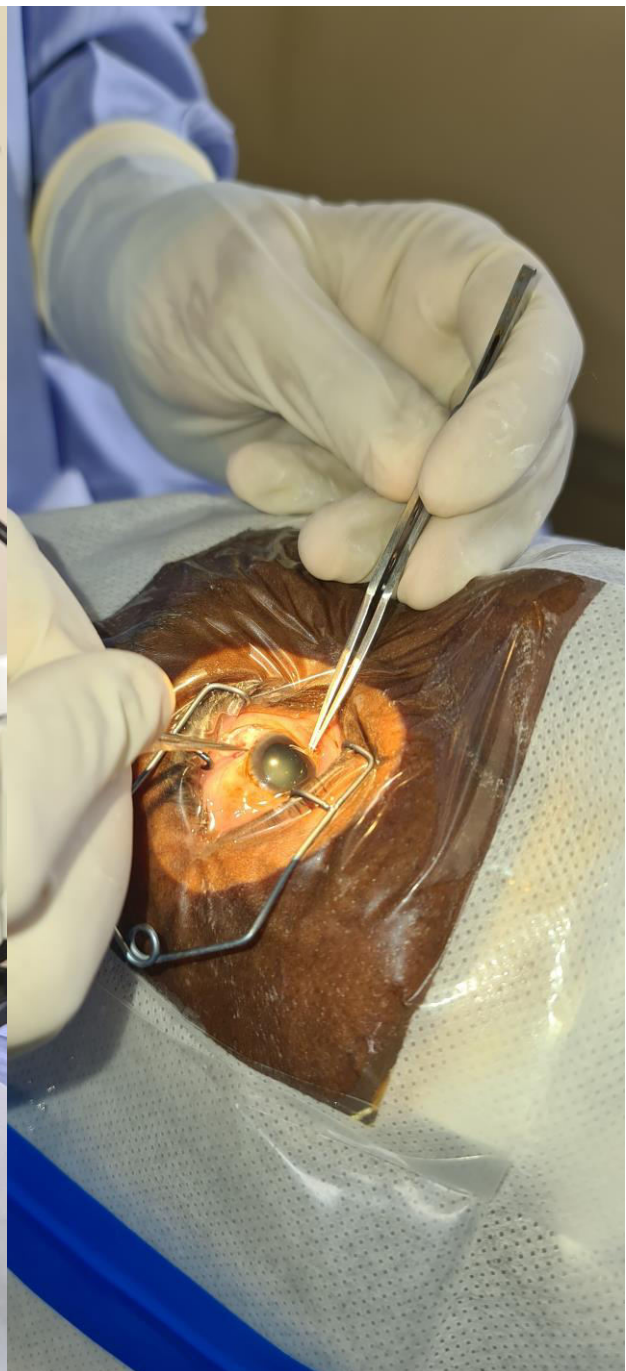
Our 99th eye camp was held in Elgeyo-Marakwet in TOT village, one of the 47 counties in Kenya, located 393km North west of Nairobi. It has a population estimated at 369,998 people with over 55.5% poverty rate.



Map showing the location of Elgeyo Marakwet

Despite having previously screened over 100 cataract blind patients, the team managed to operate on 11 of them (one bilaterally) to restore their vision. The low turn out was caused by anxiety among the villagers who kept away after some patients reportedly tested positive to COVID 19 at the facility.

Operations in progress



Operated patients



