



CHEPs 140TH EYE CAMP

NYERI COUNTY

27TH TO 29TH JULY 2023

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 135 eye camps among impoverished communities across Kenya providing services to over 55,006 needy people. Over 42,496 have been provided with various eye medications and over 15,496 supplied with spectacles. Over 7,947 surgeries have been performed restoring vision to the cataract blind

The 140th eye camp was held in Karatina subcounty hospital in Nyeri County which is located 130 km from Nairobi. Nyeri has a total population of over 750,000 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 –700
- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases – 500
- Cataract blindness diagnosed and operated– 48

The eye camp.

Operations in progress





Some of the Operated patients









Acknowledgement

We are grateful to Turkiye Diyanet Vakfi for sponsoring this camp. The support went a long way in providing much needed ophthalmic services to over 700 men, women and children of Nyeri County, thereby treating and restoring their vision and empowering them. We look forward to more collaboration in future.

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