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CHEPs 139TH EYE CAMP

GARISSA COUNTY

17TH TO 19TH 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 54,306 needy people. Over 41,996 have been provided with various eye medications and over 15,496 supplied with spectacles. Over 7,899 surgeries have been performed restoring vision to the cataract blind

The 139th eye camp was held in Modogashe subcounty hospital in Garissa which is located 570 km from Nairobi and 350 km from Kenya's border with Somalia. Garissa has a total population of over 1,020,000 people, most of whom live nomadic lives. 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 –1000
- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases – 500
- Cataract blindness diagnosed and operated– 133

The eye camp.



Map showing the location of Garissa

Operations in progress



Some of the Operated patients







Acknowledgement

We are grateful to Türkiye Diyanet Vakfi for sponsoring this camp. The support went a long way in providing much needed ophthalmic services to over 1,000 men, women and children of Garissa County, thereby treating and restoring their vision and empowering them. We look forward to more collaboration in future.

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