

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 600 men, women and children of Kiambu County, thereby treating and 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 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 130 eye camps among impoverished communities across Kenya providing services to over 54,756 needy people. Over 39,596 have been provided with various eye medications and over 15,496 supplied with spectacles. Over 7,188 surgeries have been performed restoring vision to the cataract blind

Our 130th eye camp was held in Gatundu, kiambu county which neighbors Nairobi. The following services where offered by the CHEPs team free of charge:

- Total number of patients served –600
- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases 400
- Cataract blindness diagnosed and operated—88

The eye camp.



Map showing Kiambu County in Kenya

Screening in progress



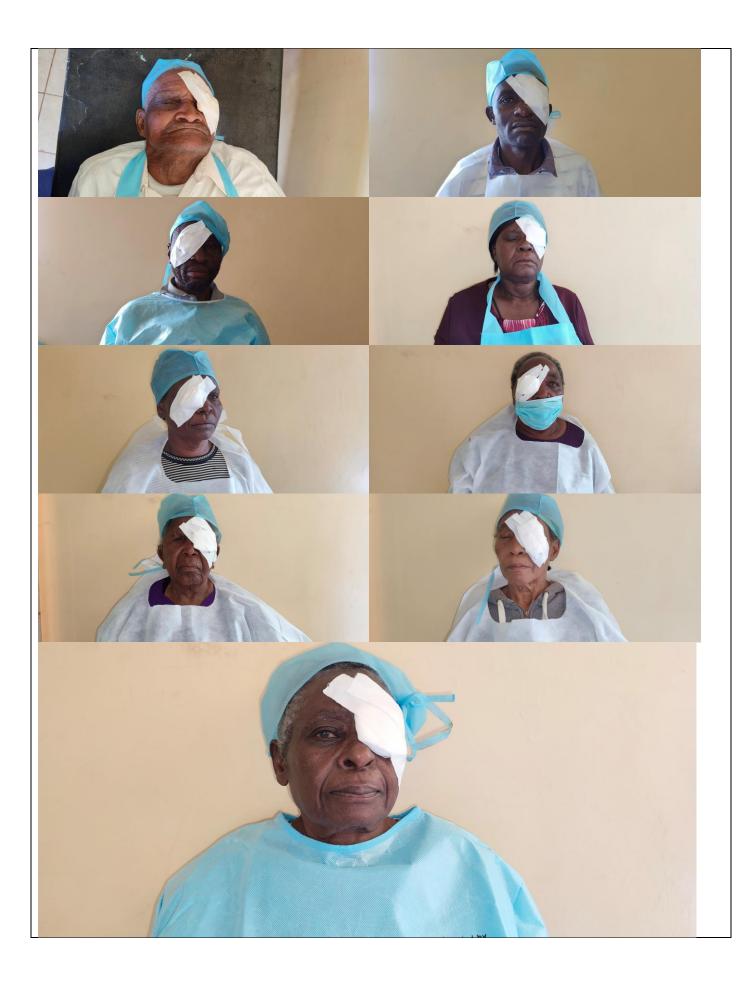
Operations in progress

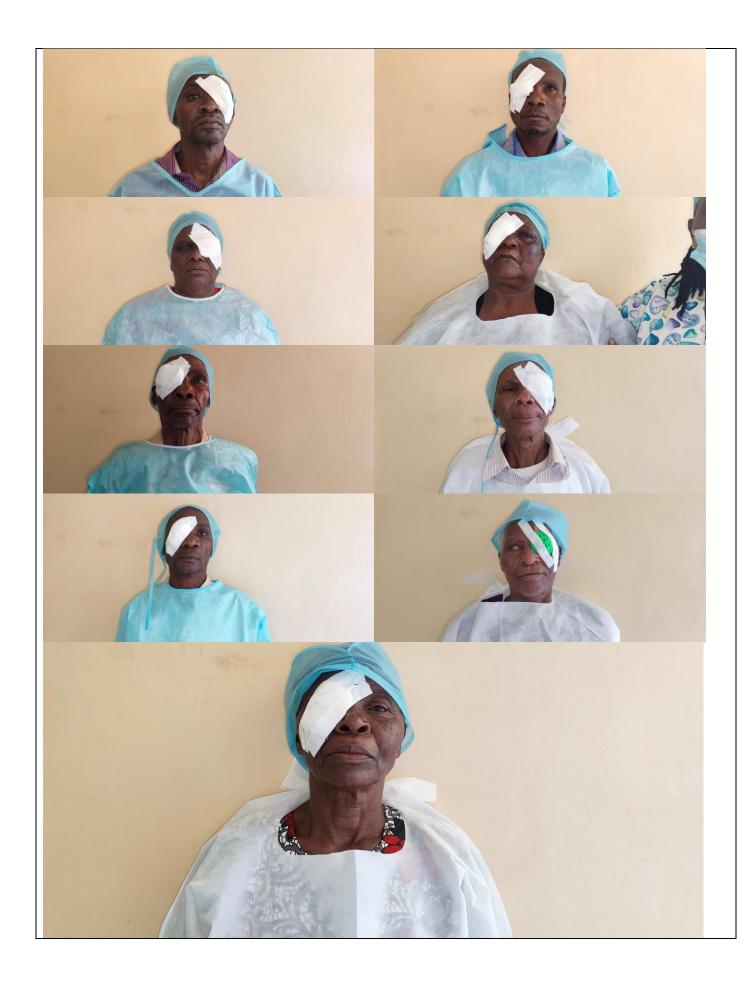




Operated patients





















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