

Introduction

It is of great concern that globally, 282 million people suffer from abnormal vision, with 14% experiencing complete blindness. Furthermore, 90% of visually impaired individuals reside in low-income settings. At CHEPs, our mission is to prevent, improve, or restore eyesight for individuals in remote, marginalized, and needy communities. Through our extensive network and presence within these communities, we identify beneficiaries and organize eye camps in collaboration with local leaders, communities, hospitals, and health workers.

During these eye camps, beneficiaries undergo screening and receive advice and treatment for various eye conditions. We provide spectacles to correct refractive errors and perform surgeries, particularly for cataract-induced blindness. To date, CHEPs has conducted 142 eye camps across impoverished communities in Kenya, serving over 56,206 individuals. Our efforts have resulted in providing various eye medications to 43,496 people, supplying spectacles to 15,696 individuals, and performing 8,206 surgeries to restore vision to those affected by cataracts.

The 142nd eye camp took place at Naitiri Subcounty Hospital in Bungoma County, situated 400km from Nairobi, serving a population of over 1,700,000, primarily engaged in farming. Many patients traveled from distant villages, including elderly individuals who were weak and malnourished.

The following services were offered free of charge during the eye camp at Naitiri Subcounty Hospital:

Total number of patients served: 600

- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases: 500

- Reading glasses dispensed: 200

Cataract blindness diagnosed and operated: 68

The eye camp.





Operations in progress









The team

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 600 men, women and children of Bungoma 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.