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FREE EYE CAMP
LAMU COUNTY, KENYA
17TH - 22ND NOVEMBER

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TOWARDS UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

LAMU COUNTY, KENYA

CHEPs 94th Eye Camp

21st – 22nd November 2019

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Beta Charitable Trust

Acknowledgement

We are grateful to Beta Charitable Trust for sponsoring this camp. The support went a long way in providing much needed ophthalmic services and surgeries to the needy people of Lamu County and Kenya at large, thereby correcting their vision and empowering them. We look forward to more collaboration in future.

Introduction

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 93 eye camps in low-income setups across Kenya providing services to more than 38,665 needy people. We have treated over 27,250 of them with various eye medications, and providing over 12,918 of them with spectacles. We have also operated over 4,423 cataract blind people to restore vision.

Our 93rd eye camp was held in Lamu Island, also known as “The Island of festivals” is a UNESCO world heritage site that attracts tourists from all over the world. It however also faces a range of medical challenges including prevalent eye diseases.



The beautiful view of Lamu Island from a distance



The beautiful view of King Fahad hospital from a distance

Outpatient clinic:

Held at Riyadhha primary school the following services were offered free of charge:

- Eye drops dispensed to treat various eye diseases – 322
- Spectacles given out to improve vision – 273
- Cataract blindness diagnosed --- 66
- Total number of patients served – 426

Surgical clinic:

The team held a surgical camp at the King Fahad Hospital to provide the much needed ophthalmic surgical services. The team conducted the following surgeries free of charge:

- Cataract surgeries to restore vision – 50
- Other surgeries to prevent damage to the eye cornea – 3
- Total surgeries 53

On follow up, all surgeries were successful with vision restored in the patients. No complications have been reported, and all the beneficiaries have expressed heartfelt gratitude. Most of them were elderly, who had lived in a state of blindness for many years, but could not access treatment as it was not available locally and they could not afford to travel for it.

Photographs of the outpatient camp:





Surgical camp photographs

Patients being pre-screened



Administration of local anaesthesia

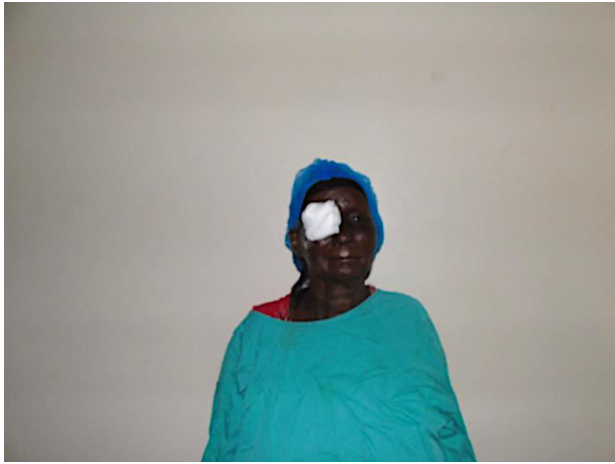


Surgeries





















Post operative review

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