



# NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER





# KISII VILLAGES DECLARED FREE OF AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS

On 20th November 2024, the Operation Eye Sight Universal team, in partnership with Innovation Eye Centre, declared villages in Keroka, Kisii County, free of avoidable blindness. This milestone followed the screening of 10,435 patients over the year, reflecting the success of community-based eye care initiatives. The success of the program was greatly bolstered by the efforts of the Kisii and Nyamira Community Health Volunteers, supported by the Public Health Office, by conducting comprehensive door-to-door screenings. The event was graced by Dr. Michael Gichangi from the Ministry of Health Kenya, Directorate of Health Care Services—Ophthalmic Services, who commended the program's transformative impact and emphasized the importance of partnerships in combating preventable blindness.



Dr. Michael Gichangi (Chief Guest)



Dr. Michael Gichangi (Chief Guest) & Edwin Simiyu  
Operation Eye Sight (Programme Coordinator)



Dr. Michael Gichangi (Chief Guest) & Dr. Daniel Kiage  
(CEO Innovation Eye Centre)



Innovation Eye Centre and Operation Eye Centre Team



Dr. Gichangi cuts ribbon to signify Villages are Avoidable  
blindness free zones.

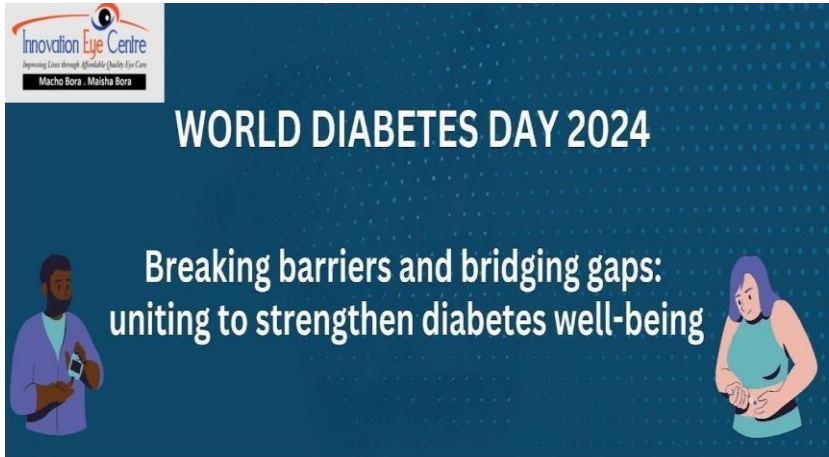


Avoidable Blindness-Free village billboard.

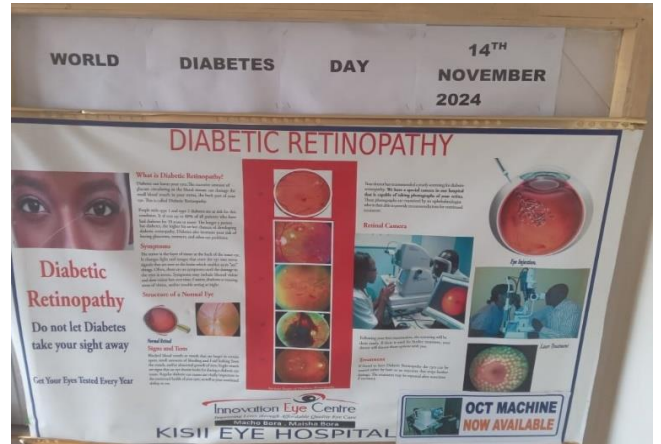


## WORLD DIABETES DAY

Innovation Eye Centre, Kisii, joined the global community in celebrating World Diabetes Day on November 14, 2024, under the theme “*Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps.*” The event focused on raising awareness about the impact of diabetes on eye health and promoting timely screening to prevent diabetic retinopathy. Patients received free eye screenings and education on managing diabetes to safeguard their vision



World Diabetes Day theme



## COLLABORATION TO TACKLE BLINDNESS

Innovation Eye Centre Kisumu hosted a collaborative meeting with City Eye Hospital and Kitale Eye Hospital to advance their participation in the Himalayan Cataract Program's *CureBlindness* initiative. The focus was on scaling up efforts to tackle cataract-related blindness in the region. Dr. Dan Kiage, alongside other experts, presented strategic plans to perform 3500 cataract surgeries per year. This partnership highlights a shared commitment to reducing the burden of avoidable blindness, leveraging collective expertise to transform lives and improve eye health outcomes across Kenya.



Mr. Fredrick Nakhaima (Chief Operating Officer) Eye Hospital & Dr. Daniel Kiage



Kitale Eye Hospital, Innovation Eye Centre and City Eye Hospital Team City at Innovation Eye Centre -Kisumu.



Dr. Hillary Rono (CEO Kitale Eye Hospital) & Dr. Daniel Kiage



Mithamo Kibata (Operations Manager ) City Eye Hospital.

## **KOMBEWA HOSPITAL PLANS VISION & SURGICAL CENTRE EXPANSION**

A delegation from Kombewa County Hospital, headed by Dr. Vincent Omondi, the Medical Superintendent, met with officials at Innovation Eye Centre in Kisumu. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the planned expansion of the hospital's facilities, specifically the establishment of a new vision and surgical center. This collaboration is aimed at strengthening healthcare delivery in the region by providing improved vision and surgical services. The discussions focused on the technical and logistical aspects of the project, emphasizing the mutual goal of enhancing patient care and ensuring the successful implementation of the surgical center at Kombewa County Hospital.



*From left: Dr. Dan Kiage- CEO of Innovation Eye Centre, Mr. Benard Oguda, Dr. Vincent Omondi and Dr. Juzame Oluteyo (Administrator, Medical Superintendent, and Pharmacist respectively at Kombewa County Hospital), Ms. Lisper Obwoye Administrator Innovation Eye Centre and Dr. Patrick Ruhagaze-Senior Ophthalmologist Innovation Eye Centre*



## NYANGA'NDE EYE CAMP

Innovation Eye Centre in collaboration with Randburg Community Hospital conducted a community eye camp on 4<sup>th</sup> November at Nyang'ande Primary in Kisumu County. 367 patients were screened and 36 cataract surgeries were performed.



*Dr. Dan Kiage-Medical Director Innovation Eye Centre examining a patient at Nyang'ande Primary during the community outreach*



*Patients waiting in queue at Nyang'ande Outreach*



*Patients waiting in queue at Nyang'ande Outreach*



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