

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



PROPOSED COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECT TO ADVANCE EYE HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY

Innovation Eye Centre hosted a stakeholders meeting with Operation Eyesight Universal, KEMRI, PEEK Vision and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to address the issue of Near Vision Impairment caused by unaddressed presbyopia which can be corrected by Near Vision Glasses. A proposed research project will find out if uptake of Near Vision Eyeglasses can lead to improved quality of life both at the household level and at the workplace.



Stakeholders from Operation Eyesight, KEMRI, and the University of London with the Innovation Eye Centre team

WORLD GLAUCOMA WEEK

Innovation Eye Centre marked World Glaucoma Week 2025 under the theme "Uniting for a Glaucoma-Free World" by offering free screenings, community sensitization, and media outreach. The Centre emphasized early detection and regular eye checkups to combat irreversible blindness caused by glaucoma. Together with partners and the public, we remain committed to a future where no one loses sight to this silent disease.



Patients during world glaucoma week

STRENGTHENING SIGHT FOR ALL: INNOVATION EYE CENTRE HOSTS VISIONSPRING

STRATEGY MEETING

On March 28, 2025, Innovation Eye Centre in Kisii hosted a strategic meeting with VisionSpring to evaluate progress, address challenges, and align on 2025 goals aimed at increasing access to affordable eyeglasses within the community.

The meeting brought together Julie Thande and Suzan Nzomo from VisionSpring, alongside the Innovation Eye Centre team. Discussions focused on scaling up impact through enhanced outreach, with emphasis on ensuring the availability of affordable eyeglasses to underserved populations.

A review of the first quarter's monthly yield rates showed a promising upward trend, credited to improved community mobilization and outreach efforts.



Julie Thande (Project Implementation Lead, Vision Spring)

Susan Nzomo (Data Entry Specialist, Vision Spring)



Vision Spring Guests With Innovation- Eye Centre Staff With

QUALITY ASSURANCE IN OPHTHALMOLOGY TRAINING

Innovation Eye Centre was privileged to host the Accreditation and Training Assessment Team from the College of Ophthalmology of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa (COECSA) at both our Kisii and Kisumu branches. This visit was part of COECSA's ongoing regional initiative to enhance the quality and standardization of ophthalmology training.

The visit focused on reviewing our training programs, infrastructure, and clinical practices, with an emphasis on continuous improvement, adherence to regional standards, and alignment with international best practices. We sincerely appreciate COECSA's support and commitment to strengthening ophthalmic education in the region.

The team, comprising Dr. Frederick Korir (Kenya) – Chairperson of the COECSA Accreditation SubCommittee, Dr. Tsedeke Asaminew Alemu (Ethiopia/Rwanda) – Co-Chairperson of the Education and Accreditation Committee, Dr. John Onyango (Uganda) – Committee Member, and the COECSA Secretariat led by CEO Mr. Josiah Onyango, conducted a thorough assessment of our training programs and facilities.



The COECSA Accreditation and Training Assessment Team during their site visit at Innovation Eye Centre



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