

KISII EYE HOSPITAL

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER



CATARACT AWARENESS MONTH:

This has been an exciting month full of activities. We are grateful to our partners who contributed to this month being a success. We are proud to be associated with you as our partners. We had a Glaucoma, Cornea and Cataract surgery camp conducted by visiting ophthalmologist from USA and other local hospitals. Our June 2021 OPD is 1280; 3% [43] increase from the month of May. In the month of June, we have done 121 cataract surgeries; 57% [44] increase from the month of May.

GLAUCOMA, CORNEA AND CATARACT FEST 2021 HIMALAYAN CATARACT PROJECT

Our Medical Director Prof. Dan Kiage, played host to various specialized ophthalmologists from all over the world under the umbrella of the Himalayan Cataract Project. Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg- Chair of Ophthalmology[Stanford University]; Dr. Geoffrey Tabin - Professor[Stanford University]; Dr. Hillary Rono [Kitale County Eye Hospital]; Dr. James Bett -Cornea Specialist[Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital; Dr. Loise Mwangi -[Kikuyu Eye Unit] and Dr. Rebecca Nandasaba - [Kenyatta National Hospital.]

Kisii Eye Hospital is grateful to the Himalayan Cataract Project team from Stanford University in for their vast knowledge and experience and also for the donations of corneas, drugs and theatre consumables.

This incredible team was able to perform a total of sixty-three (63) free surgeries; six (6) of them being Glaucoma, ten (10) corneal transplants and forty-seven (47) cataract surgeries.



The Himalayan Cataract Surgery Team. From left standing, Dr. Ruhagaze, Dr. Bett, Dr. Kiage, Dr. Mwangi, Dr. Ronoh and OCO Makamara. Seated from left Dr. Tabin, Dr. Goldberg and Dr. Nandasaba



Dr. Tabin [r]examining a patient as the other ophthalmologists consult.



Dr. Tabin performing cataract surgery as Dr. Mwangi [l] and Dr. Nandasaba [r] observe.



Mr. Jacob Goldberg [trainee] removing an eye patch from a patient after surgery



Happy patients after surgery



The Himalayan Cataract Team with the patients after surgery from left Mr. Onkoba [trainee nurse], Dr. Goldberg, Mr. Jacob. Goldberg [volunteer] and Dr. Tabin



Mr. Jacob Goldberg [volunteer] and the Hospital staff [from left, Mr. Paul Kiage, Mr. Nyameta and Ms . Ongeta] bidding good bye to the recovered surgery patients.

TESTIMONY:

... Fifty-year-old Thomas Okibo hails from a small village near Keroka town in Nyamira County, Kenya. He was diagnosed with diabetes three years ago. Despite his numerous treatments at the local referral hospital in Nyamira, he ended up blind in both eyes and lost one of his legs from the diabetes effect. This broke his spirit that he could no longer fend for his family, which made him totally dependent on his school-going son for everything.

Through our Hospital Outreach Program one year ago, Thomas successfully underwent free cataract surgery for his right eye and he was able to see. He is also a big beneficiary of the Himalayan Cataract Project, whereby he underwent free cataract surgery on his left eye and his sight was fully restored.

He cannot believe that he is able to see notwithstanding his inability to fully walk; he walks aided with crutches. He can only be grateful and sing praises for Kisii Eye Hospital for fully restoring his sight. He has promised to spread this good news to his community, and also far and wide!



From left, Mr. Jacob Goldberg, Ms. Evelyn Ong'eta, Mr. Thomas Okibo [patient] and Mr. Paul Kiage [trainee]

KENYA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION [KMA] 48TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

Kisii Eye Hospital was a proud participant through sponsorship and mentorship of this memorable and iconic 48th Scientific Conference which was held in Kisii County at Kamel Park. Our Medical Director, Prof. Kiage, gave a talk on career development and entrepreneurship during the KMA Young Doctors Network Pre-Conference. He talked about the Social Enterprise as a viable business model in Health - example of Kisii Eye Hospital.





Prof. Dan Kiage giving talk during the KMA young doctors network pre-conference on 16th June, 2021



Prof. Dan Kiage with KMA President Dr. Andrew Were Onyino having a chat after his talk.

IN HOUSE TRAINING: KENYA MEDICAL TRAINING COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM:

Ms. Christabel Bakhuya from Kenya Medical Training College - Nairobi is still progressing with her six-month placement training in Ophthalmic Clinical and Cataract surgery until October 2021.



Ms. Christabel Bakhuya examining a patient using a slit lamp.

NURSES TRAINING PROGRAM:

Trainee nurses Deborah Otieno, Delvin Nyanchoka, Kennedy Omiso, Bernard Cyril Oloo and Elkanah Onkoba are still on with their six-month ophthalmic Nurses training program. So far from their training, these nurses have achieved the following: They can now undertake the whole triage process on their own [history taking using Icare to take IOP and Visual acuity.] They are also able to assist the surgeons in theatre [scrubbing and administering Peri bulbar anesthesia]



Trainee Nurses, from left Mr. Omiso, Mr. Onkoba and Mr Oloo arranging theater instrument before surgery.



Ms. Atieno removing an eye patch from a patient after surgery.



Ms. Nyanchoka removing an eye patch from a patient after surgery.

COMMUNITY REFERRAL SYSTEM:

Our CRS program continues to thrive in line with our objective of reaching the unreached in society to eliminate preventable blindness. We are still covering Kisii [Mosocho] and Nyamira [Gachuba] counties. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, we did not conduct any mini camp. In the month of June 2021, we did 7 cataract surgeries. There is a 50% decline due to the stringent covid 19 restrictions.



Mr. Ateka undertaking Visual Acuity at Mosocho Division, Kisii County



Mr. Onsongo examining a patient using the Cataract Finders App in Gachuba Division, Nyamira County.

APPRECIATION:

Our utmost gratitude is to the almighty God. We are also grateful to the Himalayan Cataract project that drew ophthalmologists not from across the country but from across the world.

We wish to extend our gratitude to:

Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg- Chair of Ophthalmology - Stanford University
Dr. Geoffrey Tabin - Professor, Stanford University
Dr. Hillary Rono - Kitale County Eye Hospital
Dr. James Bett - Cornea Specialist; Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital
Dr. Loise Mwangi - Kikuyu Eye Unit
Dr. Rebecca Nandasaba - Kenyatta National Hospital

Kenya Medical Association for being our able partners



Happy surgeons, Happy Patients!



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