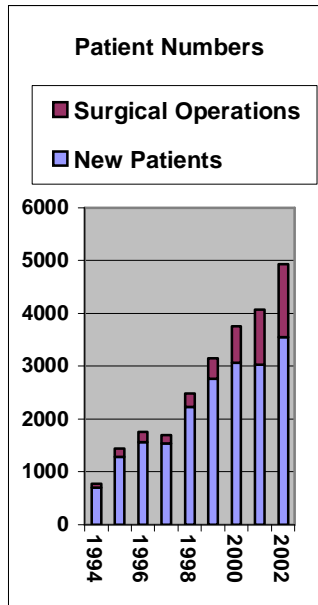


EYES FOR EAST AFRICA (UK)
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1053222
WINTER 2002/2003 NEWSLETTER

Patient numbers

Since opening in 1993 patient numbers have increased dramatically:-



News from the Eye Centre

The new building which was ready for occupation in July, was officially opened on World Vision Day in Kenya (11 October) by the Kwale District Commissioner Mr Kipgebut.

New Venture

Low Vision is a specialty within eye care. This usually involves children and it is crucial to obtain the best working vision as soon as possible because the nerve pathways which interpret vision continue to develop for the first 7 years of life. Accurate

assessment, often at home and in school where appropriate is the first step, then intervention if appropriate. These children require follow up for life. Ensuring that they have the correct spectacles or low vision aids, placement in a school in which they will learn- not necessarily a blind school miles away from home but more usually a normal school with their friends and neighbours so they grow up in a familiar environment- and thrive.

EFEA Visitors

The Trustees of EFEA UK feel it essential to keep up to date with events at KDEC, and they all visited the Eye Centre (at their own expense) in the period September-November 2002.

Random Jottings

Government Report on Charities

The Government issued a Report on Charities and the Not-For-Profit-Sector at the end of September. The Report entitled *Private Action, Public Benefit* is in the form of a consultation document, proposes wide-ranging changes in the law and regulation of charities. The trustees of EFEA are monitoring those proposals which could have an impact on the

registration procedures of smaller charities such as ours.

Fund-Raising

In Kenya continues to be of major importance to Kwale District Eye Centre

Eye Go Fishing – Nov 2002 - the annual Fishing competition raised Ksh 270,654 (£2,706)

Donation by St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Waterlooville, Hants.

Following a visit and presentation by two of our trustees in Spring 2002, St Peter's decided to raise money in support of Kwale District Eye Centre. During the summer the 4-11 year old pupils organized a series of events from face painting to penalty shoot-outs. Their hard work raised the sum of £ 916.33. As the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth, Crispian Hollis, remarked at the cheque presentation ceremony in September, this was enough to carry out over 60 cataract operations under the Poor Patient Fund scheme.



Photo shows Trustees Jane Dean (at the back) and Jim Crow receiving the cheque for £916.33 from Mrs Barnacle, the Deputy Head teacher, and some of the pupils of St Peter's Catholic Primary School

How Eyes for East Africa (UK) spent your money in the year 2002

(Main items only)

£6,220 instruments for operating theatre and medical equipment

£750 Poor Patient Fund

We also keep a reserve of approx £2,000 – £3,000 in the account for emergency use.

D-I-Y Fundraising

This year donations to the Charity were more than £10,000 for the first time! If you know of an organisation that might be interested in making a donation and would like a presentation on the work of KDEC, please let Jane Burrage know. We also hold a variety of presentation aids such as wall charts, slideshows, vufolds for overhead projectors and leaflets should you wish to use them for D-I-Y fundraising projects.

Website News

There have been a number of enhancements

to the website in recent months. Most importantly and in anticipation of EU legislation being formulated, the site has been improved to ensure that visually disabled people when visiting the site, can derive as much as possible from it through the use of modern technology. Accessibility features included on the site include alternative text for images, larger character displays and larger 'buttons'. A new, multi image slide show with text has also been introduced. It is planned to include short video clips and a monthly news page in the future. Soon it will be possible to purchase good quality T shirts and coffee mugs bearing the 'Africa and Eye' logo, through the site. Computer mouse-mats will also be available in the Spring. It is stressed that the Newsletter and website are designed to be complementary. The number of visitors to the site, both from UK and overseas have also increased with visitors recorded from faraway places such as Belize, Canada, Malta, Malaysia, Japan and of course, USA.

DONATIONS

Should be sent to
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Or email
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or
Our web site at
www.eyesforeastafrica.org

Gift Aid

Please remember that the charity can claim a tax benefit from the UK Inland Revenue for your donations made under the Gift Aid scheme, provided you have completed a simple form and sent it to us. For more details please contact Jane Burrage at the address above who can provide the necessary form. Higher rate tax payers can also claim tax relief under the scheme.

The Payroll-Giving Scheme.

One of the easiest ways of making donations to the Charity is through the Payroll-Giving Scheme now being adopted by many employers. Not only do donors receive tax benefit at source for such payments, but the charity also gains an additional 10% benefit from the Government. For more details please contact Jane Dean on 02392 844118 or 02392 357759 or email Jane.Dean@port.ac.uk