



Kwale Eye Centre

Bi Annual Report January - June 2015

Core Activities

Partnerships



Our work is to prevent and treat eye disease



We work with government. Here patients in Kinango line up to register for routine eye test in their local government hospital

New clinic

Fundraising



We opened a new branch in Ukunda to make it easier for people to reach eye care



Diani Rules fun sports event on the beach.

GENERAL NEWS

Eye Service Expansion into Government Hospital Screening

This year, we began formal monthly screening in government hospitals. This partnership is the key to sustainability. Eye health should be managed by the government in future

Now we screen in each of the three referrals hospitals for one day each month with the nurses and clinical officers taking an active role.



Patients have their eyes tested in a government referral hospital



The Government clinical officer in Msambweni examines an eye patient during our joint screening in his hospital



A government nurse explains about eye health to waiting patients

OUTREACH CLINICS



The main reason that so many people in Kenya are blind is that they cannot reach good eye care. So we go to them. Each week we go out into the community and screen eye patients nearer to their homes.



Testing Vision



Our CBW doing awareness talk



Screen the public at the Ferry Terminal

CLINIC AND THEATRE

Our core work remains to find, diagnose and treat eye disease. More important long term, is to create awareness of eye health and how to maintain it. The impact this can have, depends on a close working relationship between our community based and hospital based activities

We continue to see about 250 people a week at base and 35 people at the Taita Clinic. We spend an afternoon each week in Diani, the main tourist area, this saves people from making the 20km journey to us for an eye check. Hence more people can come and pay for services and spectacles



Mr Iddi Boga worked as one of our most effective Community based workers for over ten years. Here we see him the day after his second cataract was removed. 'Perfect!' exclaimed Dr. Helen.

Vivian Ongore, a trainee doctor specializing in Ophthalmology, assesses one of the patients who had cataract surgery. The Eye Centre trains at least 3 students every year, in conjunction with Kenya medical training college.

SURGICAL TRAINING

We perform about 1400 operations each year. Students require close supervision to acquire their surgical skills

SCHOOL VISION TESTING

Children are the BEST ambassadors. In poor rural Kenya this is the first generation to go to school so, unlike in UK, parents listen to their children. Using our Community Based Workers we visit schools and teach both the children and their teachers how to test vision and what to do if someone cannot see the bottom line, i.e call in our Community Based Worker and refer the child to us.

We place test charts in each school so that every child is tested.

It's amazing what a difference a pair of spectacles can make to a child's school performance.



Alice hated school. (She couldn't see the blackboard and her teacher thought she was 'slow') When it was her turn to have her sight tested she could only tell the biggest symbols on the chart. A pair of spectacles changed her life.

PEOPLES' STORIES

Meet some of the patients



Meet Esha who was so scared to accept cataract surgery after diagnosis. It took much explanation and patience to overcome her fear. Wow! she sighed with relief when the eye pad was removed.



A happy patient after surgery



This young girl was operated on when she was 5. She had cataract but now sees well and she loves school



Rehema was found during one of our remote field screening out near the Tanzanian border. She had surgery on both eyes and is now back in school and doing well



Samson's eye was injured by a thorn.

We removed the thorn, washed out the eye, operated on his cataract, inserted a plastic lens and now he can see well. If he hadn't had surgery he would have lost the eye



Miriam, at only 3yrs old was losing her sight fast when we met her. We operated on her and now she sees well. Had she not been brought to us she would have lost her sight.



These happy post operative clients cannot hide their joy after surgery. They were identified from our outreach screenings.

FUNDRAISING

Eye Go Game Spotting (EGGS) saves sight in Taita.

EGGS 2014 took place in October in Taita Hills and Lumo Community Wildlife Sanctuaries. Participants compete in spotting and photographing animals, birds, trees and plants.

The Lions you see below gained their photographer valuable points at the Eye Go Game Spotting competition. Funds given to Taita Eye Centre were used in a surgical camp during which 873 people had treatment and 47 blind people were able to see again.



Bird Cakes save sight



An amazing fundraising involved a whole village in Holland making bird seed cakes to sell for Christmas presents. Together with Lions Club of Wijchen, Buby Den Heeten and Wild Geese.

In addition, a motorbike was donated to enable our Community Based Workers (CBW) to reach remote villages.

FUNDRAISING

Cup Cakes



Sujata and her daughter Ashni spent many hours creating these beautiful cup cakes from their home in London. The money they raised was used to operate on children.



Sujata's family raised more funds, with which we bought equipment and performed yet more miracles on people. Here we see Matilda, our optician, using the illuminated visual acuity chart donated by Sujata's Family

Diani Rules



We celebrated 25 years of Diani Rules, and in the picture we see Base Titanium team and Colobus battling it out in the tug of war.

UKUNDA CLINIC



We proudly opened another branch of the Centre this year in the busy nearby town of Ukunda, at the moment we see about 30 people a week, many of whom need spectacles. Anyone who needs more treatment comes to the main Eye Centre. Here we see Ute and Elfriede (visitors from Germany) chatting to our clinical officer, Albert



Our optometrist dispenses spectacles to a delighted school girl in our Ukunda Clinic.

OPTICAL DEPARTMENT



More and more people in Kenya need spectacles as we demand more from our eyes using computers,



Taita clinic received support from (NASF) Nederlands Albert Schweizer Fonds in support of the Low vision

program plus refraction training. Here we see George, our head nurse with Francisca, our receptionist, and Zippy our accountant enjoying the look of quality eye correction.

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VISITORS



Dr Sarah Lucie (centre in pink) from UK returned this year with her team to offer suggestions and expertise on all fronts. This their third visit, it always makes us consider our work and the processes and systems in place to best do it. The Eye Centre really enjoys seeing them and we all learn SO much!



Mombasa Womens' Association have supported our work for many years. We were privileged to have some members visit the project to present their most recent cheque



SKAL Kenya visits Kwale Eye Centre and made a donation. Dr Helen briefs the team on services offered by our Centre .



Doctor Fiona another regular visitor from in theatre during her visit early this year



Wir Helfen in Afrika from Germany send visitors, dark glasses, optical equipment and funds to help us in our work.



Professor Dan with his friends pose for a photo with Amos and Vera during his first visit to the Eye Centre

TRAINING

At the Eye Centre training are a high priority



Teaching Surgery



Olgah learns the basics in field screening



Roba, during an in house training for the community based workers.

STAFF



Roba receives a report from Lilian after 6 months attachment as a trainee cataract surgeon



Alice (In pink) long serving patient counselor retires after 12 years with us. She poses for a photo with staff



Lilian, our Kenyan surgeon with Ruth the screener standing next to the diabetic screening van in Southampton during her 2 weeks training attachment



Kutafuta shows off his award after he scored the highest marks in an Ophthalmic medical training course at Sabatia Eye Hospital



Lilian, our surgeon, makes a presentation to staff on her visit to Southampton.



Vera, our administrator, shows off her certificate from Cambridge International College. This was a gift to Kwale Eye Centre by the Registrar of the College.

KEC - JANUARY TO JUNE 2015 STATISTICS

Activity	Target	2015	2014
Patient Visits	14700	12500	14200
Total Operations performed	700	575	852
Total surgeries	580	450	700
CBW Referrals	300	251	290
Retinal Laser treatment	25	19	29
Other Surgeries	150	125	150
Children Surgeries	40	60	35
Distance Glasses Dispensed	900	1007	791



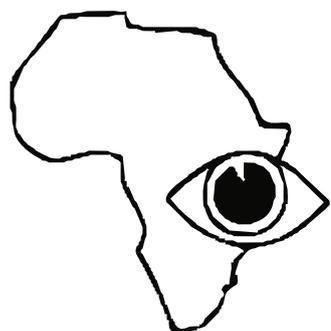
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