

# BANSANG GENERAL HOSPITAL EYE UNIT

## COMMUNITY SCREENING REPORT

### Introduction

Ebrima Jadama is the Principal Ophthalmic Medical Assistant (POMA) at Bansang Hospital. In September and October 2021, he and his colleagues surveyed the eye health of the population of a large area of the Central River Region north and south of the River Gambia.

Screening was carried out in three villages:

#### **Madina N'fally, September 2021**

Number of patients examined: 108

#### **Galleh Manda, September 2021**

Number of patients examined: 139

#### **Dobong Kunda, October 2021**

Number of patients examined: 47

Cataract sufferers were referred for surgery.

Other conditions were treated at examination.

Total number of patients examined 294

Total number of patients referred for cataract surgery 175

Cataract surgery will be carried out at Bansang Hospital and at the Health Outpost in Brikama Ba.

A full list of patients examined is available upon request.

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**AT MADINA N'FALLY VILLAGE**

DATE, 11 September 2021.

A team comprising of a cataract surgeon, two ophthalmic nurses, two community nurse attendants and the village health worker from MADINA NFALLY conducted eye screening at the village health post.

During the screening there were a large proportion of clients with vernal conjunctivitis. Bacterial conjunctivitis was also another common problem that was highlighted due to an outbreak in the Gambia during this period.

SOMA operable cataracts patients were also booked for surgery and the necessary lab test forms were given to them for pre-operative assessment.

**PHOTOS SHOW SCREENING AT MADINA N'FALLY VILLAGE**









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### **AT GALLEH MANDA VILLAGE**

A team comprising of a cataract surgeon ophthalmic medical assistant, a Community ophthalmic nurse and a community nurse attendant and two RN student nurses conducted a screening at GALLEH MANDA village with the active participation of the community health nurse and village health workers of the village.

A total number of the clients screened was, 139 out which 72 were female and 67 were male.

A large number of participants were diagnosed with conjunctivitis (Bacterial). This exercise was conducted during an outbreak of conjunctivitis in the Gambia. These patients were health educated and treatment was given to each and every one of them.

A large portion of them, especially the elderly, were found to have cataracts: bilateral mature cataracts. Meaning the cause of their blindness is caused primarily by cataracts, we are hopeful their sight can be restored during the cataract operations.

Cataracts continue to be the leading cause of revisable blindness in the Gambia, in order to reduce the backlog of cataracts, large volume surgeries will go a long way in solving this burden of the cases that need surgery.

Cataracts affect poor famers, a lot in our region, and most of them cannot afford to pay surgery and after care.

## GALLEH MANDA VILLAGE, THE SCREENING CENTRE













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### **COMMUNITY SCREENING AT DOBONG VILLAGE**

A team of health workers and a community health worker on the 7th October 2021 conducted a community screening at Dobong village. Below are the screening pictures.









