

## REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE 10 PATIENTS SPONSORED FOR CATARACT OPERATIONS

### AT SZRECC

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*Cataracts Are Curable – The Gambian Project* answered my request for a trial to sponsor some cataract surgeries at SZRECC, even though not in a form of a cataract camp, but some individuals being selected and sponsored.

For the past few years, the concentrations of eye camps under the sponsorship of *Cataracts Are Curable* have been at the rural Gambia. However, we've realized recently that, some few individuals face challenges in meeting the financial demands for cataract surgery at the tertiary level (SZRECC), therefore, we initiated this sponsorship. The delay in completing the 10 patients was due to the fact that SZRECC ran out of some consumables for about a month.

It has been evidently proven that the demand for such assistance at SZRECC has been grossly underestimated. It has been difficult for me to select who to pay for due to the deplorable conditions of some patients, I was really biased in the selection process because I had to choose from those patients that I have personally seen at the clinic and book them for myself to operate on them, this is due to the limited nature of the sponsorship package. I had to ignore the vulnerable patients seen and booked by other colleagues.

I therefore recommend a continuation of this initiative at SZRECC, maybe in batches of 20patients.

Please find attached a list of patients who benefitted from this sponsorship.

Thank you.

Yours

Alasana Touray

Cataract Surgeon, SZRECC

| No. | Names               | Address      | Age yrs | Sex | Eye operated     | Outcome     |
|-----|---------------------|--------------|---------|-----|------------------|-------------|
| 1   | Isatou Banora       | Jahal madina | 60      | F   | Right eye        | Good vision |
| 2   | Momodou Ajib Jallow | Faji KD      | 80      | m   | RE               | Good vision |
| 3   | Kumba Bah           | Wellingara   | 53      | F   | L E              | Good vision |
| 4   | Isatou Faye         | Banjunding   | 63      | F   | R E              | Good Vision |
| 5   | Fatoumata Bajo      | Wulinkama    | 75      | F   | RE               | Good Vision |
| 6   | Astou Cham          | Kunkujang    | 33      | F   | RE               | Good Vision |
| 7   | Bubacarr Suso       | Lamin        | 16      | M   | LE due to trauma | Good Vision |
| 8   | Mama Sillah         | Lamin        | 75      | F   | R E              | Good Vision |
| 9   | Abubacarr Kanteh    | Lamin        | 66      | F   | R E              | Good Vision |
| 10  | Binta Bayo          | Madina Salam | 70      | F   | LE               | Good Vision |



"I can see you now"



Getting ready to go home



Waiting for the bus