

BANSANG HOSPITAL CENTRAL RIVER REGION THE GAMBIA

REPORT ON CATARACT CAMP

Sponsors: Cataracts Are Curable – The Gambian Project

This Report is submitted in fulfillment of our commitment between the **Cataracts Are Curable** and the staff of the Bansang Hospital Vision Centre. The report is submitted after successfully operating 75 Gambians whose operation fees were paid in full by Cataracts Are Curable at Bansang Hospital the Gambia, in the Central River Region (CRR).

After conducting community sensitization and outreach screenings in different communities, patients with cataracts that needed surgical intervention were identified and proper eye examination done to fulfill the criteria to undergo cataract extraction.

Patients were given lab forms to check their blood glucose level (BM) in order to rule out diabetes mellitus, this is routine in our pre-operative assessment. Blood pressure checked to rule out hypertension. Those found to be hypertensive were referred to get treatment (anti-hypertensive) and appointments given to them to follow up.

Intra-ocular pressure was checked to rule out glaucoma. Patients with glaucoma were referred to SZRECC at Kanifing for management of both cataract extraction and glaucoma surgery (trabeculectomy).

The cataract camp kicked off on the 29th of November 2021. The patient's personal mobile numbers were taken to enable us to contact them. The team decided to conduct the camp on 8 different dates with intervals that is conducive for both the patients and the team. With the COVID pandemic we did not over-crowd during surgery.

The 75 patients who had their surgeries paid for by **Cataracts Are Curable** were operated from 29th of November 2021 to 4th of January 2022.

The 29th November 2021. A total of 14 patients were operated upon: 10 males, 4 females.

The 8th of November. A total of 14 patients were operated upon : 11 males, 3 females.

On the 30th November, total of 13 patients were operated upon.

On the 14th of December 2021 a total of 12 patients had their cataracts operated upon.

20th December 2021 a total of 12 patients got their cataracts extracted: 5 male, 7 female.

On the 23rd of December 2021 8 patients were operated upon: 4 males, 4 females.

The 4th of January 2022, which was the last day of free surgery camp a total of 7 patients were operated upon: 2 males and 5 females had their cataracts extracted.

All 75 patients, whose operation fees were paid by **Cataracts Are Curable**, were discharged the following day after surgery. All patients had undergone post-operative examination; they have different visual expectations, examination under the slit lamp done. Appointments were given to all of them with post-operative medications and health education done as to the DOs and DONTs.

In total 39 females and 36 males had been operated and visions restored.

The biggest risk factor for cataract formation is aging. We still have patients that are blind because of cataract in our communities, as the population ages we expect more. The free camp also revealed that a lot of patients had co-existing medical conditions like diabetes and glaucoma that needed treatment.

Most of the people blind from cataract are farmers who find it difficult to afford surgery fees or are not aware that cataracts are operated in Bansang hospital.

The camp also serves to alleviate fear of surgery, some patients were comfortable when many patients were being arranged for the surgery.

Cataract is the most common and fortunately one of the most remedied. Operating a large number will go a long way to reduce the number of cataract blindness.

“One of the basic human rights is the right to see”.

From the patients who had their vision restored through the free surgeries, they are all grateful for the generosity by paying for their cataract operations.

From the team of Bansang hospital vision centre staff who conducted the camp, through the National Eye Health Programme. We want to thank the sponsors of the 75 Gambians who had their cataracts operated for putting smiles on their faces. Efficient surgery can reduce the large number of people being blind from cataract.

Thank you,

Ebrima Jadama.

**CATARACT PATIENTS OPERATED AT BANSANG HOSPITAL THE
GAMBIA FUNDED BY *Cataracts Are Curable***

NO	NAMES	ADDRESS	AGE	SEX	EYE OPERATED
1	OUSMAN GAYE	WELLINGARA	68	M	RIGHT EYE
2	KEBBA GAYE	GALLEH MANDA	60	M	LEFT EYE
3	KUMBA SARJO	JANJAGBUREH	70	F	RIGHT EYE
4	YUNNU BALDEH	RANERU	60	F	LEFT EYE
5	LASSANA SAMBOU	BANSANG	50	M	RIGHT EYE
6	MOMODOU JALLOW	BANSANG	66	M	LEFT EYE
7	BUBACARR BAH	GISSADI	69	M	LEFT EYE
8	HAWA NGUM	TANDI	63	F	RIGHT EYE
9	SANKUNG FATTY	BANTANTO	70	M	RIGHT EYE
10	MOMODOU S. JALLOW	SUKURR KUNDA	68	M	LEFT EYE
11	MALANG CEESAY	TABANANI	55	M	LEFT EYE
12	OMAR JALLOW	GISSADI	70	M	LEFT EYE
13	OUSMAN JAWO	GISSADI	70	M	RIGHT EYE
14	KUMBA DARBOE	BANSANG	50	F	RIGHT EYE
15	TUMANI BALDEH	CHEWEL	79	M	LEFT EYE

16	ALH. MOMODOU BOYE	SINCHU MADADO	72	M	LEFT EYE
17	FATOU JANKONG	DOBANG KUNDA	60	F	LEFT EYE
18	GAI SECKA	MEDINA TINJANG	60	F	LEFT EYE
19	IDA SAMBA	PALLOL	50	F	RIGHT EYE
20	HAWA JAWO	SINCHU GUNDO	55	F	RIGHT EYE
21	ALH. ALIEU JAGNE	JAHANKA	72	M	RIGHT EYE
22	ADAMA JALLOW	BANSANG	60	M	LEFT EYE
23	MAMA DRAMMEH	DOBANG KUNDA	70	F	LEFT EYE
24	SARA BUWARO	FUGGA	58	M	LEFT EYE
25	JULDEH DEM	NIANI BALEL	50	F	RIGHT EYE
26	SIRA BALDEH	NEMA KUNDA	80	F	RIGHT EYE
27	NYALLING SABALLY	SARE JALATA	60	F	RIGHT EYE
28	JUNKO JABBI	MEDINA WASSU	68	F	LEFT EYE
29	DADO KANDEH	FUGGA	50	F	LEFT EYE
30	KOI JAWARA	MEDIANA WASSU	80	M	RIGHT EYE
31	HULAY GAI	GALLEH MANDA	68	F	LEFT EYE
32	SARJO CAMARA	NDUNGA C	60	M	LEFT EYE
33	DEMBA BAH	JAMEU	80	M	RIGHT EYE
34	MUHAMMED BOYE	JAHANKA	54	M	LEFT EYE
35	EBRIMA JALLOW	SUKURR KUNDA	56	M	RIGHT EYE

36	MALANG CEESAY	MISIRA	58	M	LEFT EYE
37	KEBBA CAMARA	BANSANG	75	M	RIGHT EYE
38	ESSA KOMMA	BANSANG	63	M	LEFT EYE
39	MASERENG KONTEH	MADINA NFALLY	60	M	RIGHT EYE
40	JAM SEY	SANKABAREH	88	M	LEFT EYE
41	MULAYE MBALLOW	SARE JAGEH	80	M	LEFT EYE
42	JAINABA SECKA	PALLOL	70	F	RIGHT EYE
43	MUSA CAMARA	BANSANG	60	M	RIGHT EYE
44	PENDA MBALLOW	DIABUGU	60	F	LEFT EYE
45	LAMARANA JALLOW	BORASATTO	70	M	LEFT EYE
46	HADIJATOU JALLOW	HAMDALLI	53	F	RIGHT EYE
47	MOMODOU NYANG	DOBANG KUNDA	48	M	RIGHT EYE
48	AMADOU BALDEH	BANSANG	56	M	LEFT EYE
49	AMIE NYANG	BANSANG	66	F	RIGHT EYE
50	HARUNA JANKO	DARU	61	M	LEFT EYE
51	FATOU BAH	CHANGAI WOLLOF	57	F	LEFT EYE
52	NYORA BALDEH	SARE BOJO	47	M	LEFT EYE
53	SAIDOU JALLOW	BAYABA	73	M	LEFT EYE
54	FATOUMATTA BUWARO	SARE GIBBEL	70	F	LEFT EYE
55	BANDA TOURAY	SARE YERRO GULORI	60	M	LEFT EYE

56	HADDY BOYE	KEMJAMME	76	F	RIGHT EYE
57	NYALLING SABALLY	SANDY KUNDA	61	F	LEFT EYE
58	FAMA NYANG	KERR NJAGA	61	F	LEFT EYE
59	HAWA BALDEH	NIAMINA KUDANG	60	F	RIGHT EYE
60	FAYE KUYATEH	KEREWAN	70	F	RIGHT EYE
61	ROHEY BOYE	KATABA	87	F	RIGHT EYE
62	TUMBUL FATTY	BANTANTO	70	F	LEFT EYE
63	ANSATA JAWO	FUGGA	65	F	LEFT EYE
64	SAIKOU TRAWALLY	KUNTAUR	30	M	LEFT EYE
65	HADDIJATOU MBALLOW	SARE YERRO	29	F	RIGHT EYE
66	FATOUMATTA DRAMMEH	MADINA NFALLY	46	F	LEFT EYE
67	PATEH JAMANKA	FARATO	46	M	RIGHT EYE
68	JUMA BARRY	SARE LUBA	80	F	LEFT EYE
69	MUSTAPHA GAYE	GALLEH MANDA	50	M	LEFT EYE
70	MANEH JAWO	JA HAWKA	28	M	LEFT EYE
71	ANSATA JAWO	FUGGA	65	F	LEFT EYE
72	OUSMAN WAGGEH	BUSURA	60	M	RIGHT EYE
73	FANTA KANYI	DOBO	80	F	RIGHT EYE
74	MOMODOU L. JALLOW	BASSE	36	M	LEFT EYE
75	BABOU BOYE	KANUMEH	80	M	LEFT EYE

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DATES AND NUMBER OF SURGERIES

DATE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
29-11-21	10 MALE	4 FEMALE	14
30-11-21	6 MALE	7 FEMALE	13
8-11-21	11 MALE	3 FEMALE	14
14-12-21	5 MALE	7 FEMALE	12
20-12-21	1 MALE	6 FEMALE	7
23-12-21	4 MALE	4 FEMALE	8
4-1-22	2 MALE	5 FEMALE	7
TOTAL=			75

PICTURES FROM THE CAMP 29TH NOVEMBER TO 4TH JANUARY 2022.



PRE-OPERATIVE PICTURES



INTRA-OPERATIVE PICTURES



POST-OPERATIVE PICTURES



PICTURE WITH PATIENTS AND STAFF