

BRIKAMA BA HEALTH CENTRE CENTRAL RIVER REGION, THE GAMBIA.

REPORT ON CATARACT CAMP

Sponsors: Cataracts Are Curable – The Gambian Project

This Report is submitted in fulfilment of our commitment between **Cataracts Are Curable** and the staff of Brikamaba Health Centre: Vision Centre staff. The report is submitted after successfully operating on 50 Gambians whose operation fees were paid in full by **Cataracts Are Curable** at Brikamaba health centre, in the Central River Region (CRR).

After conducting community sensitization and outreach screenings in different communities, patients with cataracts that need surgical intervention were identified and proper eye examination done to fulfil 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 for follow up.

The cataract camp kicked off on the 22nd of January 2021. The patient's personal mobile numbers were taken to enable us to contact them. The team decided to conduct the camp on 3 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 50 patients who had their surgery fees paid by **Cataracts Are Curable** were operated upon from 13th of January 2021 to 22nd of January 2022.

All 50 patients whose operation fees were paid by **Cataracts Are Curable** were discharge the following day after surgery. All patients had undergone post-operative examination; they have different visual expectations, examination under the slit lamp was carried out. Appointments were given to all of them with post-operative medications and health education carried out as to the DOs and DONTs.

In total 29 females and 21 males had been operated and visions restored.

The biggest risks 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 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 can be operated upon.

The camp also serves to alleviate fear of surgery, some patients were more comfortable when many patients were being invited 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”.

The camp at Brikama Ba was a great success in the sense that for the Gambia to reduce the cataract bag log. Surgery should be affordable and accessible to the rural communities. A lot of cataract patients have reported to us after seeing their own people operated in their own communities and the operations were successful.

We recommend conducting another camp at Brikama Ba.

The screenings can be done and the necessary pre-operative care commence before the schedule for another free camp at Brikama Ba.

Once again from the team Bansang vision centre and the beneficiaries, we are grateful to **Cataracts Are Curable** for this kind gesture - paying for surgery fees and all post operative medications for 50 Gambians at Brikama Ba health centre.

Thank you,

Ebrima Jadama.

**CATARACT PATIENTS OPERATED AT BRIKAMABA HEALTH
CENTRE, CENTRAL RIVER REGION THE GAMBIA FUNDED BY
CATARACTS ARE CURABLE.**

DATE	NO	NAMES	ADDRESS	AGE	SEX	EYE OPERATED
13/1/22	1	HAWA JALLOW	BANNI NYABINA	60	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
	2	DUKE SOWE	SARE LUBA	55	MALE	LEFT EYE
	3	HALIMATOU SILLAH	BANNI VILLAGE	64	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
	4	IDA SARR	JAHALLY	53	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
	5	SIRA JALLOW	SARE MAGOU	42	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	6	FANTA SAWANEH	DARSILAMEH	58	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	7	SATOU MBAYE	KAOLANG	70	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	8	SIRA NDOW	KATABA	68	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	9	KUMBA BALDEH	SARE YERRO	59	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	10	BAMBA B. SANNEH	WELLINGARA	65	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	11	ISATOU KROMA	BRIKAMABA	65	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
	12	OMAR MANJANG	BRIKAMABA	70	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	13	ADAMA BAH	JOKUM	60	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
	14	FANA SARR	SINCHU MAGAI	67	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	15	MALANG BALDEH	FULA BANTANG	75	MALE	LEFT EYE
	16	MAKU KUYATEH	BRIKAMABA	65	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	17	KANKU CONTEH	DARSILAMEH	66	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	18	SAMALLEH JALLOW	FULA BANTANG	80	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	19	JAINABA SECKA	PALLOL	68	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	20	DAWDA JALLOW	NYABINA BANNI	45	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	21	FATOUMATTA FANNEH	WELLINGARA	58	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	22	YATTA GAI	GALLEH MANDA	65	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	23	CHERNO GASSAMA	DARSILAMEH	75	MALE	RIGHT EYE

14/1/22	24	AMIE NDAW	GALLEH MANDA	28	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
	25	ABULIE BOYE	BOIRAM	70	MALE	LEFT EYE
	26	NJOBOSABALLY	SARE FUTA	65	MALE	LEFT EYE
	27	AMADOU SEY	BANSANG	65	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	28	HABBY CEESAY	SARE ALPHA	59	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
22/1/22	29	MAMADOU JALLOW	WELLINGARA	65	MALE	LEFT EYE
	30	BAKARY SANNEH	DASILAMEH	45	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	31	SAMBA JALLOW	TABAJANG	70	MALE	LEFT EYE
	32	DEMBA SOWE	SARE YAYEH	65	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	33	SALIMATOU GAYE	MADINA TUNJANG	56	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
	34	TIJAN JALLOW	RANERU	46	MALE	LEFT EYE
	35	KUJEJU DUKUREH	TAIFA	63	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	36	SARA NYOKEH	FULA BANTANG	85	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
	37	EBRIMA CAMARA	PATCHARR	80	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	38	KANNI SAWANEH	DARSILAMEH	67	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
	39	MAMALAMIN KAITA SANO	SARUJA	85	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	40	FANTA DIBBASEY	TUBADEMBA SAMA	68	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	41	JULLY MBAYE	MISIRA TUBEH	65	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	42	KAWSU SAIDY	MADINA NFALLY	75	MALE	LEFT EYE
	43	FATOU NJIE	SINCHU MADADO	69	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	44	NYAKEL BALDEH	BRIKAMABA	70	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	45	PENDA DRAMMEH	JAHALLY PACHARR	70	FEMALE	RIGHT EYE
	46	JAKA SANNEH	SARUJA	69	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	47	AMADOU BAH	BAKADAGI TORRO	64	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	48	EBRIMA JANKO	BRIKAMABA	90	MALE	RIGHT EYE
	49	FANTA FATTY	SUKUTA	39	FEMALE	LEFT EYE
	50	TOMBONG KUJABIE	KUDANG	68	MALE	RIGHT EYE

**PICTURES TAKEN AT BRIKAMABA HEALTH CENTRE, VISION CENTRE
CATARACT CAMP.**

PRE-OPERATIVE PICTURES



INTRA-OPERATIVE PICTURES



POST-OPERATIVE PICTURES

