

BANSANG HOSPITAL, CRR, THE GAMBIA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTs

We, the team, Bansang Eye Unit and all the beneficiaries of the free camp will like to seize this opportunity to thank **CATARACT ARE CURABLE – THE GAMBIAN PROJECT** for sponsoring 75 Gambians who had cataract operations at Brikama Ba. To Jim, Violet and team: The patients were trilled and very happy for the life changing opportunity they had through the surgery.

We will thank the Management of Bansang Hospital for the support and understanding during the camps especially for the maintenance of our trekking vehicle when we had a breakdown.

Special thanks to the OIC and staff of Brikama Ba for their hospitality and support.

Special thanks to the programme manager, his deputy and all the staff management of NEHP for their usual and continuous support during the camp.

Mr Alasana Touray Senior cataract surgeon: thank you for your endless support and continue to show love to the people we served.

To my team: I want to thank you, together we can do more to make cataract surgeries accessible to the underserved communities in CRR.

**BANSANG DISTRICT HOSPITAL
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REPORT ON CATARACT CAMP

Brikama Ba Health Centre

July – August 2022

Sponsors: Cataracts Are Curable – The Gambian Project

The surgical team from Bansang General Hospital held 3 cataract camps at CRR. The camps were held at Brikama Ba Health Centre on the following dates: 16/7/2022, 21/7/22, 28/7/22 and 8/8/22.

A total of 75 cataract patients had their vision restored through small incision cataract surgery which was fully paid for by **Cataracts Are curable – The Gambian Project**.

The camp commenced on the 16th of July 2022. On this day 23 patients were operated on: 10 females, 13 males. The second day 25 cataract operations were carried out: 15 females and 10 males had their surgeries done and 20 operations were done on the third day, 14 females and 6 males.

DATE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
16-07-22	13	10	23
21-07-22	10	15	25
28-07-22	6	14	20
08-08-22	4	3	7
TOTAL	33	42	75

All these patients were operated by small incision cataract surgery and 72 of them had (IOL) posterior capsule implants. Three were aphakic meaning without Intra-ocular lens because they had vitreous loss during surgery.

Our team comprises of a Principal Ophthalmic Medical Assistant (POMA), the cataract surgeon, an Ophthalmic Medical Assistant (OMA), two Community Ophthalmic Nurses one from Brikama Ba and the other from Bansang Secondary Eye Unit, two Community Nurse Attendants, a driver and an orderly from

Brikama Ba and two volunteer village health workers from Brikama Ba and Boiram.

This provision of free cataract surgeries to poor and underprivileged population in the CRR, Brikama Ba and the surrounding villages provides them access to affordable eye care services. It also creates awareness of the eye care services and acceptance of the services.

All the patients operated upon were given post operative drugs and health educated on their post operative management. They were all satisfied with a good vision after the surgery.

CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The biggest challenge that we had in previous camps were human resources but this last camp was very different with the participation and the involvement of the community members. The village health centre worker at Boiram and Brikama Ba were volunteers throughout the three day camp, an orderly from Brikama Ba health centre helped in crowd control and making sure the operation site is kept clean all the time. We would consider doing it again if possible but not during the rainy season.

Some patients who were previously booked for the camp did not turn up and reasons from some are: they are busy on farming. The good thing was some patients who came in late were assessed and fit for surgery, so they got registered. That's the reason why there were a lot of changes in the list that was sent and those that got operated.

We really need I-CARE to rule out glaucoma. This is the most need working tool. The team will need it for us to provide the best possible case selection for camps.

The team will also need a Bm machine to check blood glucose level to rule diabetes mellitus.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

1. 75 Patients operated on.

42 Females

33 Males

72 received intra-ocular lens (IOL)

3 aphakia (without lens, IOL)

Note: The three aphakic patients have been referred to SZRECC for possible management (implant).

THE LIST OF PATIENTS OPERATED UPON WITH VISUAL ACUITY BEFORE AND AFTER SURGERY

NO	Names	Address	Age	Sex	V/A before	Diagnosis	Management	V/A after
1	Gaya Dem	Fula Bantang	40	F	RE 6/12 LE 1/60	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/12
2	Modou Kebbeh	Pallol	40	M	RE HM LE 6/24	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 4/60 LE 6/24
3	Amie Jobe	Njoben	54	F	RE 6/12 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/18
4	Samba Gagigo	Pallol	73	M	RE 6/12 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/24
5	Mamadi Touray	Brikama Ba	63	M	RE 6/18 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/18 LE 6/12
6	Jonsaba Fatty	Tabanani	70	F	RE 6/24 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/24 LE 6/24
7	Ousman Sowe	Sare Bojo	57	M	RE HM LE 6/18	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 3/60 LE 6/18
8	Gibril Konateh	Saruja	70	M	RE 6/12 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/18
9	Demba Bayo	Darsilameh	57	F	RE 6/9 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/9 LE 6/18
10	Penda Baldeh	Sinchu Magai	65	F	RE 6/36 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/36 LE 6/24
11	Penda Mballow	Muratbeh	63	F	RE 6/6 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/6 LE 6/24
12	Fatoumatta Sowe	Sare Jabel	70	F	RE PL LE 6/24	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/24

13	Amadou T. Bah	Basse	68	M	RE 6/12 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/18
14	Gundo Drammeh	Brikama Ba	60	F	RE HM LE 6/18	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE6/12 LE 6/18
15	Salifu Njie	Daru	76	M	RE 4/60 LE PL	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 4/60 LE 6/36
16	Jaja Baldeh	Sare Bojo	58	M	RE 6/36 LE 2/60	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/36 LE 6/24
17	Jainaba Njie	Wass	60	F	RE PL LE PL	Bil Cataract	SICS	RE 6/60 LE PL
18	Surre Ceesay	Sanbang	67	M	RE 6/18 LE 3/60	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/18 LE 6/18
19	Mbanta Jaiteh	Dobong	85	M	RE 3/60 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 3/60 LE 6/24
20	Incha Gaye	Fass Abdou	61	F	RE 1/60 LE 6/12	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/18
21	Wally Conteh	Tabanding	70	F	RE 6/60 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/18
22	Kaddy Kanyi	Wellingar a	56	F	RE 2/60 LE 6/36	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/18 LE 6/36
23	Fatoumatta Fanneh	Wellingar a	40	F	RE HM LE 6/36	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12+1 LE 6/24
24	Karamo Ceesay	Saruja	70	M	RE 6/36 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/36 LE 6/24
25	Jalamang Sanneh	Saruja	68	M	RE 6/12 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/18
26	Keita Sawano	Brikama Ba	70	M	RE 6/60 LE 1/60	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/24 LE 1/60
27	Saikou Drammeh	Darsilame h	69	M	RE 6/9 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/9 LE 6/60
28	Jankey Jaiteh	Jahally	32	F	RE 6/6 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/6 LE 6/18
29	Sheikh Jagne	Patta Sam	63	M	RE CF LE 6/18	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/18 LE 6/18
30	Modou Boye	Njoben	70	M	RE 3/60 LE 6/12	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/60 LE 6/12
31	Almameh Gassama	Darsilame h	67	M	RE HM LE 4/60	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/36 LE 4/60
32	Mambi Sabally	Buty	70	M	RE 1/60 LE 6/60	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/24 LE 6/60
33	Nano Sabally	Bansang	63	M	RE HM LE 6/24	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/24
34	Balla Drammeh	Jahally	63	M	RE 1/60 LE 6/60	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/60
35	Mariama Krubally	Sinchu Modou	72	F	RE 6/12 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 3/60
36	Aja Fana Boye	Fass Abdou	75	F	RE 6/12 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/9

37	Juldeh Kande	Brikama Ba	77	M	RE 6/6 LE 2/60	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/6 LE 6/36
38	Metta Mballow	Sinchu Magai	63	F	RE 1/60 LE 6/60	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 3/60 LE 6/60
40	Mary Gaye	Fass Abdou	42	F	RE HM LE 6/60	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/9 LE 6/6
41	Bakary Jassey	Kerewan Sambasira	80	M	RE 1/60 LE 4/60	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/24 LE 4/60
42	Hama M. Touray	Brikama Ba	42	M	RE 6/60 LE 1/60	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/60 LE 6/60
43	Njoimi Gassama	Willingara	50	F	RE 6/24 LE 1/60	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/24 LE 6/18
44	Musa Bah	Murtabeh	80	M	RE 1/60 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 1/60 LE 6/60
45	Mariama Gaye	K.O.B	48	M	RE 1/60 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 1/60 LE 6/12
46	Gibril Bah	Sankabato	56	M	RE 6/12 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/24
47	Kebba Leigh	Darsilame h	46	M	RE HM LE 4/60	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/18 LE 4/60
48	Samba Gagigo	Sare Batch	65	F	RE 6/12 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/36
49	Essa Sowe	Brikama Ba	76	M	RE HM LE 6/18	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 4/60 LE 6/18
50	Amie Trawally	Mandina	42	F	RE HM LE 6/18	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 2/60 LE 6/18
51	Guneh Baldeh	Willingara	56	M	RE 1/60 LE 6/60	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 1/60 LE 6/12
52	Saloum Nyang	JantaBurr	52	M	RE 6/6 LE 3/60	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/6 LE 6/24
53	Aida Nginga	Bansang	22	F	RE 1/60 LE 6/6	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/6 LE 6/6
54	Mariama Mballow	Fula Bantang	45	F	RE 6/9 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/9 LE 6/18
55	Jula Keita	Boiram	50	F	RE HM LE 6/6	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 4/60 LE 6/6
56	Aminata Jobe	Fass Abdou	67	F	RE 3/60 LE 6/18	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/18
57	Yaya Sanneh	Saruja	62	M	RE 3/60 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 3/60 LE 6/60
58	Mariama Krubally	Sinchu Madi	70	F	RE 6/18 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/18 LE 6/60
59	Modou Kebbeh	Pallol fula	75	M	RE HM LE 6/12	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/24 LE 6/12
60	Kumba Jallow	Sare Bojo	60	F	RE HM LE HM	Bil Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE HM
61	Aminata Jobe	Njoben	56	F	RE 6/18 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/18 LE 6/18

62	Yama Cham	Karantaba	40	F	RE 6/36 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/36 LE 6/18
63	Awa Kebbeh	Madina Nfally	40	F	RE HM LE 6/12	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/12
64	Gaya Dem	Fula Bantang	54	F	RE 6/12 LE 1/60	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/36
65	Modou Kebbeh	Pallol	73	M	RE HM LE 6/24	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/24 LE 6/24
66	Amie Jobe	Njoben	63	F	RE 6/12 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/9
67	Samba Gagigo	Pallol	70	M	RE 6/12 LE HM	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/24
68	Mamadi Touray	Brikama Ba	29	M	RE 6/18 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/18 LE 6/12
69	Nuha Drammeh	Kerewan	72	M	RE 4/60 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 4/60 LE 6/12
70	Kaddy Cham	Karantaba	50	F	RE PL LE 6/6	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/18 LE 6/6
71	Ansata Baldeh	Sare Ngai	49	F	RE 1/60 LE 6/6	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/12 LE 6/6
72	Mari Dibbasey	Changally	56	M	RE 6/18 LE CF	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/18 LE 6/18
73	Mama Camara	BrikamaB a	58	F	RE PL LE 6/18	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/24 LE 6/36
74	Adama Bah	Saruja	49	M	RE 6/60 LE PL	LE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/60 LE 6/36
75	Demba Mballow	Bansang	67	M	RE HM LE 6/60	RE Mat Cataract	SICS	RE 6/24 LE 6/60

PICTURES TAKEN DURING THE CAMP











