

**REPORT ON THE CAC SPONSORED CATARACT SURGERIES CONDUCTED AT
THE SHEIKH ZAYED REGIONAL EYE CARE CENTRE
IN THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022**

A TOTAL OF 20 PATIENTS HAD THEIR CATARACTS REMOVED.

One of the challenges and perhaps the most difficult thing to do was to choose the poorest amongst the poor. The Gambia is an underdeveloped country, where, close to 80% of the population live under a dollar a day, due to poverty. Thus, selecting these people amongst the lot was a challenge. I had to be strict when applying the criteria developed.

However, all the surgeries conducted on these people were successful; meaning they all had improved vision. Some of these patients are very vulnerable people; there is one young man in his 40s, he is known diabetes that was amputated below knee. We operated his right eye in the first 10 sets of people and offered him a second chance for his left eye. He's married with 3 children who are all dependent on his wife for feeding and school expenses. He uses crutches and a wheelchair, but also has prosthesis. Also, a widow who was operated on one eye previously had a second chance for the second eye. Her husband died two months ago, and she was blind for cataract in both eyes, she needs her vision to work harder to maintain her family. These are the types of poorest I had to fish out amongst the poor because the sponsored package is limited and cannot cater for all the needy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that we increase the package to cover for 40 people. This will make it relatively easier for me so that am not seen as a biased person in selecting patients. Also, I would like to include a pair of sunglasses for the post-operative patients to protect from direct rays of sun and dust. A pair cost 50 Dalasis.

Thank you CAC,

Alasana Touray
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CAC, SPONSORED CATARACT SURGERIES, 20 PATIENTS AT SHEIKH ZAYED REGIONAL EYE CARE CENTRE.

NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER, 2022.

NAMES	AGE	SEX	ADDRESS	DIAGNOSIS	PRE-VISION	POST-OP VISION
Jomma fotou sarjo	59	F	Lamin kerewan	Bil. cataract	HM	6/18
Natto Darboe	62	F	Niumi Lamin	Bil. Cataract	HM	6/24
Fatoumata Bayo	77	F	Nema kunku	Bil. Cataract	PL	6/24
Bentun Ceesay	67	F	Wassu	Bil. cataract	HM	6/24
Kebba Jallow	63	M	Bato Kunku	LE. cataract	3/60	6/60
Muhamed jaiteh	54	M	Mandinari	RE. cataract	2/60	6/18
Fenda Jatta	55	F	Bafuloto	LE. cataract	HM	6/9
Kuta Ceesay	62	F	Jalanbang	RE. cataract	CF	6/18
Kebba Ceesay	80	M	Kanifing	Bil. cataract	HM	6/36
Bakoto Saidy	53	F	Serekunda	LE. Cataract	HM	6/9
Fulaymata Bayo	70	F	Foni	Bil. cataract	HM	6/36
Fulo Manneh	80	F	Kartong	LE. Cataract	HM	6/36
Ceesaynding Ceesay	64	F	Saba	RE. Cataract	Cf	6/18
Binta Suwareh	90	F	Tallinding	Bil. Cataract	CF	6/60
Ebrima Fatty	60	M	Nema Kunku	LE. cataract	HM	6/18
Seedy Darboe	69	M	Bakau	RE Cataract	HM	6/24
Isatou Saidy	60	F	Tallinding	LE Cataract	3/60	6/24
Fafa Sonko	64	M	Nema Kunku	RE Cataract	2/60	6/118
Mama Kujabie	62	F	London Corner	RE.Cataract	HM	6/18
Ebrima Fofana	73	M	Baddibu	Bil. Cataract	CF	6/36

Some photos of patients:





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