BRIKAMA DISTRICT HOSPITAL EYE UNIT

CATARACT CAMP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CATARACT ARE CURABLE AND SHARING WONDERS

Brikama District Hospital is located in Brikama town in the Kombo Central of the West Coast Region.

It has a catchment area of 48 communities and a catchment area population of 253,278 (GBoS 2021) Brikama District hospital eye unit provides extensive eye care services including cataract surgery for the West Coast Region and beyond.

Brikama District Hospital conduct a Cataract Camp to operate on 67 patients at the Hospital which was sponsored by Sharing Wanders in partnership with Cataracts Are Curable and National Eye Health Programme (NEHP) of the Ministry of Health of The Gambia.

Operations began on 17th December 2023, and ended on 18th January 2024.

A total of 67 Cataract patients were operated, 36 were female while 31 were male.

Community screening and advertising on the radio were carried out in September and October to recruit patients for the camp.

LIST OF PATIENTS OPERATED UPON

Patient name	Sex	Surgery	Vision before	Vision after
			surgery	surgery
Nuha sarr	M	RE Sics	5/60	6/12
Alimatou Camara	F	RE sics	Hm	6/24
Kalifa Touray	М	RE Sics	3/60	6/60
Banda Jawneh	М	LE Sics	5/60	6/24
Babucarr Sowe	М	RE Sics	Hm	6/9
Aminata Sama	F	RE Sics	6/60	6/12
Sheriffo Juwara	М	RE Sics	Hm	6/60
Mariama Ceesay	F	RE sics	Hm	6/36
Mariama ceesay	F	RE sics	2/60	6/24
Isatou Sey	F	LE sics	Hm	6/60
Bintou Jammeh	F	RE Sics	Hm	6/36

Bakary Conteh	М	LE Sics	1/60	6/24
Alh Omar Kah	М	RE sics	3/60	6/18
Yaya Sillah	М	LE sics	5/60	6/12
Ma Sula Saidy	М	RE Sics	PL	6/60
Bureng Trawalleh	М	LE sics	Hm	6/60
Sira Jallow	F	LE sics	Hm	6/24
Fatou Jobe	F	RE sics	Hm	6/24
Fatou Sarr	F	LE Sics	PI	6/36
Alieu Kebbeh	М	LE Sics	3/60	6/60
Famara Conteh	М	LE Sics	5/60	6/9
Yaya Sillah	М	RE sics	3/60	6/24
Sulayman jabanh	М	RE Sics	5/60	6/12
Modou joof	М	RE sics	Hm	6/18
Nyima keita	F	RE sics	НМ	6/60
Yassin Bojang	F	LE sics	Hm	6/36
Saidou Jammeh	М	Le sics	2/60	5/60
Alpha Bah	М	RE sics	2/60	6/36
Kumba Saidy Khan	F	RE sics	1/60	6/36
Sarjo njie	F	RE Sics	Hm	6/60
Hawa Sissoho	F	RE sics	5/60	6/6
Fatou bittaye	F	Re sics	4/60	6/36
Mai Coley	F	RE sics	3/60	6/18
Mariama Darboe	F	Re sics	3/60	6/24
Haddijatou Sanyang	F	RE Sics	Hm	5/60

Fatoumata Bah	F	RE sics	Hm	4/60
Sulayman Bojang	М	RE sics	Hm	6/24
Fanta Bajinka	F	Re Sics	4/60	6/36
Seedy kujabi	М	Le sics	4/60	6/18
Kalifa bajo	М	LE sics	Hm	5/60
Tijan sowe	М	RE sics	5/60	6/18
Famara Conteh	М	LE sics	Hm	4/60
Tunkang Ceesay	М	RE sics	6/60	6/12
Musa sowe	М	RE sics	Hm	5/60
Saikou jarju	М	RE sics	Hm	6/24
Oumie Sowe	F	RE sics	3/60	6/18
Sarateneg jallow	F	RE sics	3/60	6/24
Fatou ceesay	F	RE sics	3/60	6/18
Saffiatou touray	F	LE sics	Hm	1/60
Mai cham	F	LE sics	PI	5/60
Fatoumata Fanneh	F	LE sics	Hm	6/18
Mama Darboe	F	LE sics	3/60	6/12
Mai Colley	F	RE sics	3/60	6/36
Fatoumata Sanyang	F	LE sics	4/60	6/36
Fili Trawalleh	F	LE sics	Hm	6/24
Kumba Saidykhan	F	LE sics	PI	6/36
Satu Dibba	F	LE sics	Hm	6/18
Saffie jatta	F	RE sics	3/60	6/60
Hoja mbye	F	RE sics	Hm	5/60

Ello Jallow	М	LE SICS	2/60	6/36
Sira Bah	F	RE sics	Hm	6/36
Khalifa jobe	М	RE sics	Hm	6/60
Marida mendy	F	LE sics	Pl	5/60
Sarata firdawas	F	LE sics	1/60	3/60
Fatou sarr	F	LE sics	Hm	6/24
Fatou jobe	F	RE sics	Hm	6/60
Alieu Kebbeh	М	LE sics	Pl	6/36

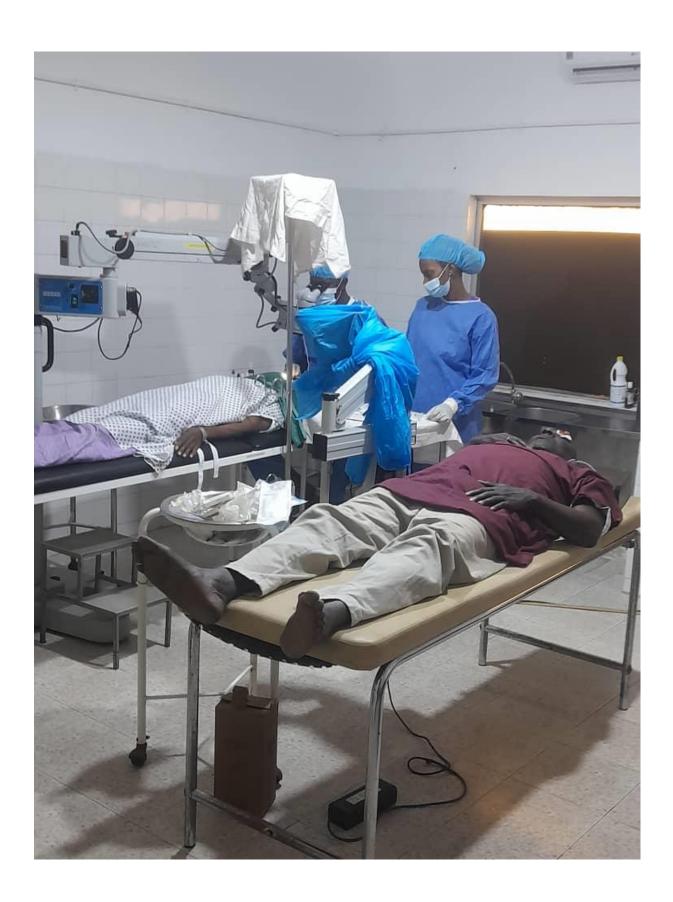
Patients operated upon by age.

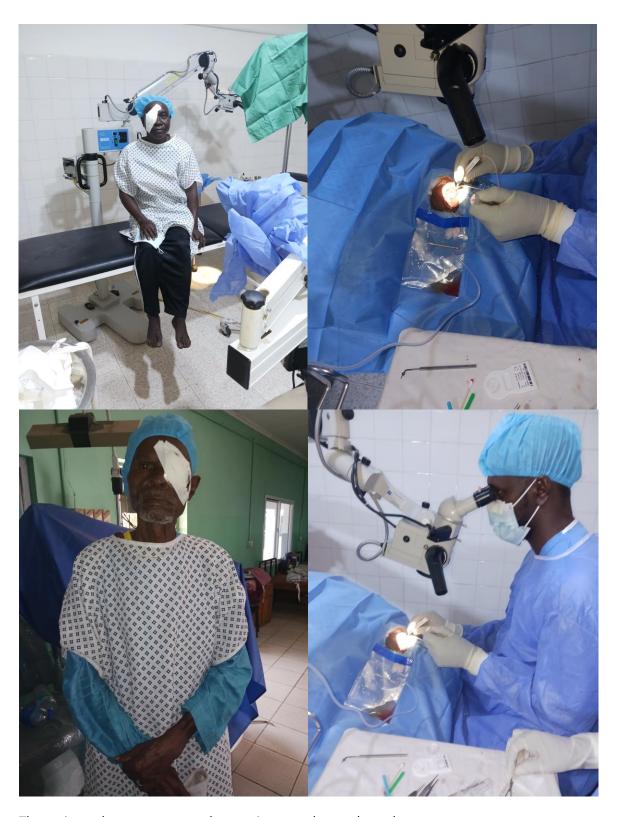
Age of patient	30-40	40-60	Above 60	Total
Number of patients	1	21	44	67

Patients operated upon by sex

Sex	Male	Female	Total
Number of patients	31	36	67







The patients that were operated were given sunglass and eye drops



Challenges face during surgery.

- *Lack of a cauterization machine in theatre which makes surgery very difficult and time consuming
- * Lack of biometry machine which usually give us no option than to put in a standard IOL power of +21 for all the patients. This usually affects the postoperative vision of most of the patients.
- * Lack of complete cataract set, hence making surgery difficult and time consuming

In conclusion, we thank the NATIONAL EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME, CATARACTS ARE CURABLE and SHARING WONDERS for the support given to us.

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