

## Report on Mwanza Pediatric Outreach:

June 14-26 2009



On June 14 the joint CCBRT and KCCO team arrived in Mwanza to continue partnership with the MoH for the 5<sup>th</sup> Mwanza Pediatric Outreach Project. Together with the team, there were 4 members from the Heart to heart Foundation who supported part of the outreach. As before KCCO coordinated the promotion, admission, referral, and follow up. There was a brief introductory meeting with the hospital medical officer in charge and the local staff members on the first day after which the clinic started.



*The clinic was very busy in the first and second days of the outreach which showed that the regional eye coordinator did a good work in promotion.*

A total of 202 children attended the clinic and 42.1% of them necessitated surgical intervention and 53 of them came for follow up.

*Theatre work started the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the outreach.*



Similar to previous outreach programs medical services, food, and transport were provided free of charge to the patients.



*Mobile phones help in reminding caretakers to bring their children for follow during the outreach*

A table showing number of patients attended the clinic

Cataract		Other cases			Referrals				
Bilateral	Unilateral	Glaucoma	RB	Others	Bugando	CCBRT	Ocean road	Follow up	Total screened
18	33	5	3	68	2	17	3	53	202

Cataract cases obtained during the outreach.

Cataract (eyes)			
Diagnosed	Operated on	Referred to CCBRT	For Nov 2008
69	56	13	2

Most of the children came from Mwanza and the nearby Region and we continue to have few children from Kagera Region in particular. In addition we continue to have predominance of boys compared to girls (2:1). Good follow up remains an important part of the program and we continue to have reasonable numbers of children returning. Thirteen children mostly due to their young age had to be sent to CCBRT for surgery. Two caretakers absconded with their children.

Region(Population)	Cataract		Follow up		Others	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Mwanza	16	9	19	17	50	33
Shinyanga	4	4	1	0	1	3
Mara	6	3	7	1	3	4
Kagera	1	0	2	0	2	1
Kigoma	3	1	3	0	0	1
Tabora	3	0	1	1	0	0
Rukwa	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>42</b>

### **Corroboration and funding**

This project was carried out as a collaboration effort between the KCCO, CCBRT, and the Ministry of Health. The outreach was funded in part by Heart to Heart Foundation with contribution by CCBRT and local people and group in Mwanza. The commitment of KCCO, CCBRT and Sekou Toure staff was critical to the success of this outreach. Many thanks go to the management and staff of Sekou toure Hospital for hosting the outreach.

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