Report about the Eye Camp done in March 2011 by the Spanish Eye Doctors

Screening: 15.03.2011:	90	clients
Referred to hospital for eye operation:	27	"
Treatment given in Ewoi office:	35	"
Immature cataract (not ready for operation)	5	"
Refusing treatment or operation:	5	"

On 15.03 2011 all clients who were to go to the hospital were expected to arrive in the Ewoi office for preparation, like shaving hair, cutting nails, washing cloths and their bodies. But only 11 turned up.
On 16.03.2011, the 11 clients were brought to the hospital by the programme car as it had also rained that night and the roads were full off water. Three other clients, who were too old and blind were also brought from home to hospital.
At the hospital, all the 14 clients were registered again and given cards for examination. The history was also taken about what happened previously that made the eye not to see.
The cataract surgery is done if the client agrees. If the client agrees he/she is referred to the anaesthesia room where he/she is injected an anaesthesia in both lower and upper eye lid to prevent the pain. The eye is operated and padded for one night to prevent it from dust and cold.
The pad is removed after one day and the eye is examined if the surgery was done on the right way. The eye drop is put in and more is given on discharge. The client is advised on proper hygiene to prevent infections.

After the whole eye camp:
6 clients had successful operations
6 had treatment with medicine and got sunglasses to prevent too much sun
1 client disappeared
1 client refused to be operated.
13 clients never turned up. They were afraid because of the operation

Remarks: The clients who got an operation were happy after seeing. Therefore, for those who refused, the office is planning to talk to them on soap day next month, on importance of accepting the eyes to be treated in time to prevent for bigger eye problems. The ones with a successful operation can also be an example to the rest.

We are very grateful and say thanks for the amount of € 200.-- we received date 08.02 2011 for the cost of the eye camp (food, transport, extra care).
May God bless you.

Yours sincerely

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