

**REPORT FOR VISION FOR ALL PROJECT IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES**

**IMPLEMENTED BY GAF EYE HEALTH FOUNDATION 2022-2028**



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.**

### **Personal details**

Am Weboya Jerry an optometrist of GAF Eye health Foundation and a registered member of optometry Association of Uganda and through World Council Of Optometrist grant I was able to implement a vision for all project in Namisindwa Uganda with a major goal: To extend Eye care services to Communities in the hard to reach places of the Elgon districts especially to people battling with treatable blindness such as cataract and uncorrected refractive errors. This intervention seeks to contribute to the reduction of preventable/avoidable blindness and increase care and support services to individuals and communities affected by visual impairment in bugish sub region.

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## **Background of the project (vision for all)**

This project has been running since October 2022 under GAF EYE HEALTH FOUNDATION a registered community based organization (NAM 1022) within Namisindwa district Uganda Africa. It is currently being implemented in the above area due to the available funding which is donated in kind once in a while our you tube channel. However, the foundation has a global vision even though it's acting locally and it's ready to offer eye health services globally once supported. All our activities are being reported on YouTube channel GAF MEDICAL VIDEOS <https://youtu.be/KWvWLBV05pl>

## **EXPECTED OUTCOMES THAT WE GAINED**

- Attained a data-based advocacy for the urgent need for recruitment of the optometrists at the district and referral hospital which has not been done?
- Created awareness among the public about the roles of optometrists in eye care delivery system.
- Educated masses about eye health services and need to have a regular eye check-up in order to prevent blindness.

## **Services provided during the project period**

- Eye health education
- Refraction and dispensing reading glasses
- Eye examination and treatment of eye diseases
- Referral of complicated and surgical conditions
- School eye health screening and treatment
- Home-based eye care delivery with rehabilitation of blind people

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **A) Human resource**

There were a total of 4 persons involved, comprising 1 ophthalmic clinical officer, 1 optometrist, 1 accountant, and 1 medical records officer.

And the entire made work to move on successfully.

**B) Mobilization** This was achieved by means of TV broadcasts on East TV, a local television network in the eastern area, radio talk show on Elgon FM, A successful mobilization was made possible by house visits by the village health teams (VHTS) and posters put up in conspicuous locations throughout the district's communities.

**C) Community Eye Health:** We managed to do two activities of which one was done on the world sights day of 2023 to ensure awareness of people to love their eyes at work and do regular eye check up; another activity was done in the glaucoma week to raise awareness about glaucoma and how it steals vision unknowingly.

**World sights day 2023 summary held at Magale playground**

Date	No of patients	Free drugs	Free glasses	Cataracts	Glaucoma suspects	Surgeries funded
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	252	203	110	16 adult 1 congenital child	5 patients	2 surgeries 1 child 1 adult

**Glaucoma week event 2024 summary at organization office /upcoming eye facility**

Activity done	Number
Education about glaucoma	196 community people
Eye screening	312
Rehabilitation due to glaucoma(white canes)	5 patient

**Interventions done for patients for both events of screening**

Intervention	Number
Eye drops	404
Reading glasses	173
White cane	5

**Conditions diagnosed on glaucoma week**

Disease	Number
Glaucoma suspects	06
Cataract	12
Inflammatory eye conditions	235
Presbyopia	90

D) **School Eye Health:** We visited two remote public remote primary schools where pupils study for free and we managed to screen pupils, in the first school we had three students with cataract and we managed to sponsor only one with bilateral cataract for surgery, the second school had pupils with refractive error and we managed to sponsor two pupils with myopia with each a pair of spectacles.

**School screened: KISAWAYI PRIMARY SCHOOL- NAMISINDWA**

Date	Number of people screened	Free drugs	Spectacles	Cataract	Surgeries
5 <sup>th</sup> /7/24	280	101	2	0	0

**School screened: SIBUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL- NAMISINDWA**

Date	Number of people screened	Free drugs	Spectacles	Cataract	Surgeries
10 <sup>th</sup> /7/24	198	82	0	4 eyes	2 eyes

E) **Acquisition of equipments:** through the project we have been able to attain eye models and equipments for our ongoing project ie retinoscope, ophthalmoscope etc

### Challenges

- Lack of enough equipments to diagnose glaucoma for example icare tonometer, visual field machine, etc and due to this challenge we were able to identify a few patients yet if we had better technologies we would have more than that.
- Limited funds for follow up of patients who are glaucoma suspects and radio talk show.
- Difficulties in transportation for both equipments available and volunteers in the community for activities.
- A good number of people came for the care like dental, orthopaedic etc which we couldn't offer.

### Recommendations

- Need to purchase equipments to increase on the efficiency in diagnosing glaucoma
- Need for a purchase of a means of transport most likely a vehicle for easy transportation.
- Need for a continued eye health education to handle the issue of local beliefs.

### Acknowledgement

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Health Officer Namisindwa, District Education Officer, community leaders and school leaderships for ensuring smooth running of the project.

### FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES

Item	Amount (dollars)
Ophthalmoscope+ streak retinoscope	435
Eye model	110
Transport of equipments	50
Meals	65
Drugs	200
Reading glasses	215
Diagnostic drugs	75
Personnel costs	265
Laptop + 50GB	385
Radio talk show about role of optometrist	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>2000</b>

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## PHOTOGRAPHY







