# EYE CAMP IN RUVUMA – SONGEA 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024











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#### 1. BACKGROUND

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION LALJI FOUNDATION

The Lalji Foundation is a Non-Government Organization established in Tanzania in the year 2022 with Registration number **00NGO/R/4407**. The foundation, founded by the Lalji family of Tanzania, is a testament to our commitment to give back to the community and enhance the quality of life for all. With a deep-rooted belief in the power of collective progress, we dedicate ourselves to developing an inclusive human society.

The Foundation aims to help people in different groups, especially those with special needs. The primary aim of the Foundation is to work towards the development of an inclusive human society and improve the quality of their lives by empowering people to be self-sufficient economically using education, skills development and financial assistance.

#### MAJEY FOUNDATION

Majey Foundation works with different donors to establish medical and eye camps in Tanzania's different regions and villages. They have a well-established team of professional doctors, nurses, and medical equipment that moves around Tanzania to carry out medical outreach programs specifically in underprivileged societies, ensuring free services for all individuals who need eye screening, eye medication, cataract surgery and other medical requirements.

#### ROTARY eCLUB of Masaki

Rotary International is a global movement of individuals that are passionate to putting 'service above self'. Frequently they are senior in their chosen professions and influential members of society. As such, Rotary has the passion, commitment and talents needed to meet needs at a community and global level. Rotary International focuses - on promoting peace; fighting disease; providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene; saving mothers and children; supporting education and growing local economies – the CHI initiative concentrates on two aspects which are especially vital for our country Tanzania: fighting disease and saving mothers and children.

#### LIONS INTERNATIONAL CLUB

**Lion International Club** Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness, but they also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects - including caring for

the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled. Lions give sight. By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward their mission of providing vision for all. We have extended our commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts and through our international which works to eradicate blindness.

The project was prepared by LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL and ROTARY eCLUBS of Masaki and funded by LALJI FOUNDATION, who donated **10,000,000/=** Shillings for the Eye Camp in Ruvuma Region, Songea District. The 3-day camp was conducted from **10<sup>th</sup> May up to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024**.

#### 2. OBJECTIVES

- 1. To create awareness among the general public about eye care.
- 2. Provide medical treatment to those suffering from eye ailments.
- 3. Provide spectacles to correct refractive error of those suffering from low-vision.
- 4. Facilitating cataract surgeries through modern techniques.

#### Evaluation process and procedure

- People get registered first before going to the doctor
- People going on screening
- Patients get medical treatment and get glasses
- Patients undergoing eye surgery
- Patients get an awareness of eye protection

# 3. THE EYE CAMP MARKETING AND AWARENESS WERE DONE BY AVIV COMPANY COFFEE PLANTATION.

SN	Marketing	Awareness
1.	Print media and radio announcement	Disseminate camp information to large audiences, and illiterate stakeholders. Inform stakeholders about the medical camp.
2.	District government officers	a way of gathering data by observing and or noting physical characteristics of their cultural diseases

3	Announcement by using loudspeakers on the streets of the Aviv coffee plantation

#### 4. THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS

DAYS	DATE	SCREENING	CATARACT SURGERY
DAY 1	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	156	5
DAY 2	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	101	16
DAY 3	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	204	0
	TOTAL	461	21

More surgeries will be carried out in other camps at different regions in Tanzania. Rotary eClub of Masaki, Lions internation and Majey foundation will prepare a meeting to discuss the next project of the Eye camps.

#### MAJEY FOUNDATION STAFF

SN	NAME	POSITION
1.	JAFAR MAJALA	OPHTHALMOLOGIST
2.	AMINA HUSSEIN	OPHTHALMIC - NURSE
3.	HALIMA KABEZA	NURSE
4.	JAZBA MUSSA	NURSE
5.	MWANAISHA MAJALA	OPTOMETRIST
6.	TUMSIME MASHKURA	OPTOMETRIST

#### 5. OPHTHALMOLOGY EYE DEPARTMENT

Dr Majala allowed patients to ask questions about eye treatment after surgery in the eye camp.

# Among the questions asked during the awareness in sight camp include the following.

1. Both eyes have cataracts, how long will the second eye be done?

- 2. What if we can do heavy work and stoop?
- 3. How long do we use medicine?
- 4. How long do we wear glasses?
- 5. Can they apply oil on their face?
- 6. Is the medicine applied to only one eye?

#### 6. PARTNER & STAKEHOLDERS

Partner/ Stakeholder	
LALJI FOUNDATION	PROJECT
MAJEY FOUNDATION	PROJECT
ROTARY eCLUBS of Masaki	PROJECT
LIONS INTERNATIONAL	PROJECT

#### 7. GENERAL SUGGESTIONS, CONCERN AND COMMENTS

- *Imtiaz Lalji, Chairman of the Lalji Foundation*, emphasized their commitment to improving healthcare access in Ruvuma Region, has asked other stakeholder to come forward to help people at the eye camp.
- LALJI FOUNDATION pledged to hold more Eye camps in the villages of Tanzania
- Patients appreciated and thanked the LALJI FOUNDATION, ROTARY eCLUB of Masaki and LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL for the service of the Eye Camp.

#### 8. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Monitoring and evaluation will be carried out by MAJEY FOUNDATION in collaboration with AVIV DISPENSARY Doctors will be responsible for the coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation work.

#### 9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Eye camps serve humanity by caring for people and giving them medical and cataract surgery services for free. Free eye camps are their biggest hope to attain basic medical services to improve their Eyes and well-being.

LALJI FOUNDATION should continue to look for partners and organize more medical and eye camps in the villages of Tanzania so that more and more local villagers get access to free Eye care and improve their overall well-being and quality of life.

## **10. ACTIVITY PHOTOS**



The patients after cataract surgery



The doctor examining the eye



The patient undergoing eye screening



People waiting to receive eye treatment.



Lalji Foundation members



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