



FREE EYE CAMP BUZEBAZEBA UJIJI -KIGOMA



3RD – 6TH APRIL 2026

PROJECT CATEGORY: HEALTH



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LALJI FOUNDATION

Committed to Community Health & Vision,

Free Eye Camp Activity Report,

Kigoma District, Kigoma Region,

Date: 3rd – 6th April 2026,

Venue: Buzebazeba Ujiji Kigoma.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Lalji Foundation is a philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable and underserved communities across Tanzania. Guided by a strong commitment to social responsibility, the Foundation implements impactful programs in **education, healthcare, women empowerment, and community development**.

The Lalji Foundation focuses on healthcare, education support, women empowerment, orphans, community development, and improving the welfare of vulnerable communities in Tanzania.

The Lalji Foundation, in collaboration with Supa Foam Mattresses, Ahlulbayt academic, Kigoma Hilltop Hotel and Vision 4 all eye centre organized a free eye camp in Kigoma at the ujiji Buzebazeba area in Ujiji, aiming to improve access to essential eye care services for the community.

Vision 4 All Eye Centre is a privately owned eye clinic in Tanzania, officially registered under the Ministry of Health. They provide a range of essential eye care services, including vision screening, diagnosis, treatment of common eye conditions, and refractive services such as the prescription of corrective lenses. It also plays a role in eye health education and promotion, helping to raise awareness about preventable blindness and early treatment.

Over the years, Vision 4 All Centre has built a strong expertise and experience in organizing and implementing eye camps across different communities in Tanzania. Through continuous outreach activities, the Centre has developed the capacity to coordinate medical professionals, mobilize communities, manage logistics, and deliver essential eye care services such as vision screening, eye examinations, treatment, and referrals for specialized care. Its experience working in diverse regions of Tanzania has strengthened its ability to provide effective and accessible eye care services to

underserved populations and contribute to the improvement of community eye health in Tanzania.

The Kigoma eye camp provided comprehensive services including eye screenings, medical consultations, cataract surgery and basic treatment for common vision problems. The initiative specifically targeted underserved populations who often face challenges in accessing regular healthcare services.

Through this free eye camp, many individuals benefited from early diagnosis of eye conditions, received appropriate medical advice, and were referred for further treatment where necessary. The program also helped raise awareness about the importance of eye health and preventive care.

This initiative reflects the commitment of both organizations and sponsors to enhancing community health and demonstrates how targeted healthcare interventions can significantly improve the quality of life for people in need.

Mr. Simon Sirro, the Regional Commissioner, commended the Lalji Foundation and all sponsors for organizing the free eye camp in Ujiji, Kigoma. He highlighted the importance of such initiatives in bringing essential healthcare services closer to the people, especially those in underserved communities.

He emphasized that access to eye care is critical for improving quality of life and productivity, noting that many individuals suffer from preventable vision problems due to lack of awareness and resources. He encouraged the community to take advantage of the services provided and to prioritize regular health check-ups.

Mr. Mohsin Lalji (Sheni), Patron of the Lalji Foundation, stated that the Kigoma Free Eye Camp was organized in response to the growing need for accessible healthcare services in underserved and rural communities within the Kigoma region. He highlighted that many residents in these areas face challenges in accessing proper eye care services due to limited medical facilities, lack of awareness, and financial constraints. The initiative was therefore aimed at bringing essential eye healthcare closer to the people and improving the quality of life for vulnerable individuals within the community.

He further emphasized that the camp positively transformed the lives of thousands of beneficiaries through free eye screenings, medical consultations, distribution of eyeglasses and medication, as well as cataract and minor surgeries. The initiative not only restored vision for many individuals but also raised awareness about the importance of eye health, early diagnosis, and preventive care.

Mr. Mohsin Lalji also reiterated his commitment to expanding similar healthcare outreach programs across villages and underserved regions in Tanzania. He highlighted the

importance of collaboration between healthcare professionals, volunteers, referral hospitals, and supporting institutions in ensuring the success and sustainability of such initiatives.

Through these collective efforts, the Foundation continues to play a significant role in reducing avoidable blindness, improving access to quality healthcare services, and enhancing the overall well-being of local communities.

Ms. Amina Ramadhani, Health Program Coordinator, said eye camps are very important because they help reduce avoidable blindness, improve vision, and raise awareness about eye health in the community. They also bring services closer to the people, especially those in rural and underserved areas. Project activities start with registration, patient flow, and educating the community about eye health services. Government health officers take part in supervising the activity to ensure that all medical procedures follow approved health standards. In addition, referral hospitals such as Kigoma Regional Referral Hospital Maweni, receive and manage patients who require advanced treatment such as surgery or specialized care.

2. OBJECTIVES

- To provide free eye screening services to community members, especially those who lack access to regular medical care.
- To detect and diagnose eye conditions early, including cataracts, glaucoma, refractive errors, eye infections, and other vision-related problems.
- To offer medical consultation and treatment for minor eye conditions and provide professional advice on eye care.
- To distribute eyeglasses or medication where needed, helping improve vision and daily quality of life for beneficiaries.
- To refer serious cases for advanced treatment or surgery at specialized health facilities.
- To create awareness on eye health and hygiene, including preventive measures to reduce avoidable blindness and vision loss.
- To support vulnerable and low-income groups by ensuring access to quality eye care services at no cost.
- To promote community health and well-being through collaborative healthcare outreach programs.

3. EVENT OVERVIEW

Parameter	Details
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Location:	kigoma District - kigoma
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Date:	3 rd April - 6 th April 2026
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Target Group:	Elderly, low-income, and rural residents
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4. PARTNERS &STAKEHOLDERS

We extend sincere appreciation to the following organizations and individuals whose support made this event possible:

S/N	Partner/ Stakeholders	Role/ Contribution
1.	Lalji Foundation	Project/ Donor
2.	Vision 4 all	Project
3.	Supa Foam mattress	Sponsor
4.	Ahlulbayt academic centre	sponsor
5.	Kigoma Hilltop hotel	sponsor
6.	Maple Bloom school	Sponsor
7.	Kermali Family	Sponsor
8.	Kigoma District Health Office	Medical staff, equipment, and venue facilitation
9.	Regional Referral Hospital (maweni)	Provided ophthalmologists and surgical referrals
10.	Local Government Leaders	Community mobilization and logistical support
11.	Volunteer Medical Practitioners	Eye screenings and treatment services
12.	Community Health Workers	Registration, interpretation, and aftercare follow-up
13.	Media Outlets	Event promotion and coverage eg Radio louder speaker etc
14.	Private Donors	Financial support for supplies, transport, and refreshments

This collaborative effort ensured a holistic, inclusive and sustainable approach to community eye care in Kigoma.

5. ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

- Community sensitization and mobilization
- Registration of attendees
- Eye examination and pressure checks
- Treatment and prescription of medication
- Distribution of free reading glasses
- Pressure & diabests test
- Cataract surgery
- Health education session
- Referral of critical cases to the Regional Hospital
- Visual acuity
- Dispensing eye drops, ointments, and tablets to those in need
- Performing cataract and minor surgeries for all identified patients
- Conducting blood sugar and blood pressure tests for patients with cataracts or minor procedure before surgery
- Prescribing and providing tablets to control blood sugar or blood pressure to patients registered for surgery
- Providing free meals, soft drinks, and free admission to patients who were admitted for eye surgery and their accompanying relatives
- Distributing sunglasses to patients' post-surgery to protect against sun and dust
- Scheduling second postoperative follow-ups for all operated patients on 18th April 2026.
- The eye camp was more than a camp because our co-partner Supa Foam donated 100 mattresses to Maweni Referral Hospital

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Target exceeded (5,079 screened vs 3,000 planned)
- Surgical output exceeded expectations (518 vs 300 planned)
- 100% of registered patients served
- High level of patient satisfaction reported
- Strong community outreach coverage achieved

6. OUTCOMES & IMPACTS

The project started 3rd April- 6th April 2026

SN	Key Indicators	Number of patients
1.	Screening	5079
2.	Glasses distributed	2218
3.	Cataracts Surgeries	448
2.	Minor surgeries	91
3.	The number of people who received eye drops and multivitamins	3215

Common Condition Identified:

- Cataracts
- Glaucoma
- Refractive Errors
- Infections (e.g., conjunctivitis)

7. BUDGET & EXPENDITURE

SN	ITEMS	BUDGETED (TZS)	EXPENDITURE
1	Medical Supplies & Surgeries	50,000,000	86,150,000
	TOTAL		86,150,000

Budget variance

The budget for the Kigoma Free Eye Camp was initially prepared to serve approximately 3,000 beneficiaries. However, due to the overwhelming community turnout, more than 5,000 people were attended to during the outreach. As a result, the number of screenings, surgeries, medication, eyeglasses, and overall medical support significantly increased, leading to a higher project expenditure than originally budgeted

8. CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

- **High demand for Eye Care Services:** The number of people seeking treatment exceeded the planned capacity, resulting in long queues and extended waiting times.
- **Limited access to Remote Communities:** Some residents from distant villages faced transportation difficulties, preventing them from reaching the eye camp.
- **Low awareness of Eye Health:** Many community members had lived with vision problems for years due to limited knowledge about the importance of early diagnosis and treatment.

9. IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT ON THE COMMUNITY

- **Improved Vision and Quality of Life.** Many beneficiaries experienced improved eyesight through treatment and corrective lenses, enabling them to carry out daily activities more effectively.
- **Early Detection of Eye Conditions:** The camp helped identify eye diseases such as cataracts and glaucoma at an early stage, reducing the risk of severe vision loss or blindness.
- **Increased access to Healthcare Services** to the community members who previously lacked access to eye care received free, professional medical attention close to home.
- **Reduced Financial Burden** free consultations, medication, and eyeglasses eased the economic strain on low-income families who would otherwise be unable to afford such services.
- **Enhanced awareness of eye Health** education the provided during the camp improved community knowledge on eye care, hygiene, and preventive practices.

- Support for Vulnerable Groups the initiative particularly benefited the elderly, children, and low-income individuals, promoting inclusivity in healthcare access.
- Referral for Advanced Treatment patients with serious conditions were identified and referred to specialized facilities, ensuring continuity of care.
- Strengthened Community Trust and Engagement the outreach reinforced trust between the community and organizations like the Lalji Foundation, encouraging future participation in health programs.
- Contribution to Economic Productivity improved vision allows individuals to work more efficiently, supporting livelihoods and overall community development.

10. MEDIA COVERAGE

SN	Platform	Details	Type	Link / Reference
1.	Radio		Public announcement	
2.	Television	IBN tv, ITV, Channel 10, TBC, Start tv, Clouds tv	Events news features	
3.	Print media	The Guardian Daily News Habari leo	Article Coverage	13 April 2026- page 5 13 April 2026 - page 16
4.	Social media & Blogs	■ Instagram ■ Facebook ■ YouTube ■ WhatsApp	Photos, live and updated	- radiotadio.co.tz - matukiodaimamedia.co.tz -www.sautizamtaa
5.	Community posters	Local wards market	Awareness rising	All markets and public areas

11. CONCLUSION

The free eye camp held in Ujiji, Kigoma, organized by the Lalji Foundation marks a significant step towards improving community health. By addressing both immediate eye care needs and long-term awareness, the initiative has helped reduce preventable vision problems and encouraged proactive health-seeking behaviour. The outreach not only benefited individuals medically but also strengthened community confidence in accessible and compassionate healthcare services.

Lalji Foundation to continue with more Eye camp projects in the villages of Tanzania

12. RELEVANT DOCUMENTS





People, including community health workers, are seen at a meeting in a room at the health center in Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya, on 10/10/2019.

13. PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Patients after surgery



Eye examination





Registration eye camp





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Eye examination



Registration





Eye examination



Eye examination



Cataracts surgery



Surgery room













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9:00 MCHANA

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✓ Uchunguzi wa Macho

✓ Ushauri wa Kitaalamu

✓ Miwani

✓ Huduma za Dawa

✓ Upasuaji wa Mtoto
wa Jicho



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