EYE CARE PROGRAM

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Eye Camp ongoing at Thakurgaon

ECP TO FOCUS ON CHAR AREAS:

ECP is working on providing eye care services to the residents of the *Char* areas of Roumari Upazila of Kurigram district. The Char lands are the home of some of Bangladesh's poorest and most vulnerable people. About 6.5 million people (5% of the total population of Bangladesh) live in the Chars. ECP sent a team to Roumari Upazila to contact the local government leaders and make a physical survey of the Unions under Roumari Upazila. ECP is also contemplating providing eye care services to the students of Roumari Upazila once schools reopen.

OTHER EYE CAMPS:

During March 2022, ECP will conduct at least five eye camps in Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, and Nilphamari.

ECP awaits the opening of schools throughout the country to restart its School Sight Testing Program to cater to the eye care needs of the students. Once the SSTP restarts, ECP will focus on district towns and rural areas where eye care services are scanty or non-existent.

ECP also plans to hold HERS (Healthy Eyes for Road Safety) eye camp in March/April at the Rangpur Bus Terminal in partnership with the Rangpur Eye Hospital and collaboration with local Bus and Truck Owners Association and Transport Workers Associations.

Service Provided

Services Provided	Total
Total Camp	377
Eye examination and prescription	133,299
Eyeglasses distribution	26,487
Medicines Distributed	5,509
Awareness flyers distribution	18,320
Surgery Conducted	9,909

SURGERY PATIENT CASE STORY:

Before surgery

After Surgery

Yasin, 110 years old, is a poor older man. He is the father of two sons. Yasin has a small piece of land, and his children grow and sell vegetables to earn their living. He used to be a farmer, but he can no longer work as hard as he used to. His children supplement their income by working on other people's land.

Meanwhile, Yasin has had trouble with his right eye for the past two years. His poverty prevented him from visiting a doctor or performing his eye surgery. Luckily, a free eye camp was organized by the ECP-MSS in collaboration with Shafiuddin Ahmed Foundation (SAF) Eye Hospital through its Noyon Tori (NT) mobile eye clinic. Yasin could have his eyes examined. The doctor found a cataract in his right eye. Camp organizers took him to the hospital, where the operation was performed entirely for free in his (right) eye with the help of Shafiuddin Ahmed Foundation Hospital. With the currently operated eye, he can see again. "I am grateful to all those who help me financially," he said, "and I will pray for them in my prayers."

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