

KHANDBARI EYE CAMP REPORT DECEMBER 2-5, 2008

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Location : Khandbari Primary Eye Care Center, Khandbari
Period : 2nd – 4th Dec 2008
Service Record : OPD : 824, 70% female
Surgery: 113, 49% female

Team Members

1. Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, Ophthalmologist
2. Mr. Ram Chandra Shrestha, OA, Refraction and Eye Camp In-Charge
3. Mr. Ganesh Shrivastav, OA, OPD
4. Mr. Amar Gautam, OA, OPD
5. Mr. Narayan Singh B. K., OA, Block
6. Mr. Top Bahadur Thapa, Runner
7. Ms. Yangla Dongla Sherpa, OT assistant
8. Mrs. Maya Kandel, Minor OT
9. Mr. Shravan Kumar Choudhary, Seva staff
10. Mr. Johannes Burge, Volunteer Photographer

December 1, 2008: We left Kathmandu around 11am by Agni Air and reached Tumlingtar airport around 12 noon. Mr. Shyam Sundar Udas, President of local NNJS sent a jeep for us. We loaded all the medical supplies/equipments and our baggage on the jeep and we headed to Khandbari. It took us about two hour to reach Khandbari. Mr. Shyam Sundar Udas and PECC staff welcomed us. We un-load our baggage, medical supplies and instruments at the PECC and supplies related to OT were dropped at the Red Cross building where the surgery would take place during the camp. Then we went to the hotel “ Sainik Hotel and Lodge”. The hotel was good in terms of food, staff and hotel owner. The problem there was they had only one toilet and bath room for guests as well as for hotel owner.

After Nasta (snacks) and tea and the team went to PECC for preparation of eye camp eg, OPD room, Refraction Room, Vision and Minor OT. All these services were provided at the PECC while surgeries were done at Red Cross building where the patients would spend the night. Red Cross building was about 150m away from the PECC.

December 2, 2008: The team started work around 8am. More than 500 patient registered but about 400 patients were examined the first day. On that day 23 major surgeries and 1 minor surgery was done. The surgery started around 2pm and finished around 7pm

December 3, 2008: The day started with examining post operative patients of the previous day. Taking out bandage from the operated patients, cleaning eye, post OP vision, distributing medicine and glasses and discharge them. On the second day about 300 patients registered and all most all patients were examined. On that day 46 Major surgeries and two minor surgeries were done. That day surgery started around 9.30 and ended at around 8pm.

December 4, 2008: As the previous day, that day also started with examining post operative patients of the previous day. Being the last day of the camp there were not much patients. About 150 patients registered and 34 major surgeries and 7 minor surgeries were done. The surgery started at around 9am and finished at around 6pm. The local NNJS organized closing ceremony of the eye camp. In the ceremony CDO, DSP, Military official, political party representatives, local NNJS officials, eye camp team member and other social worker were present. Mr. Shyam Sundar Udas highlighted about the eye camp. After the ceremony the local NNJS organized a farewell party.

December 5, 2008: After examining the operated patients of the previous day the team left for Kathmandu at around 9 am.

I stayed one more day to see the school teacher training program under A-Z grant. The training was conducted by Mr. Ganesh Shrivastav. Total of 28 school teachers from various schools of Khandbari Municipality and neighboring VDCs participated in the training program.

Performance of the eye camp

Target

OPD : 500
IP : 74 (including minor surgery)

Achieved

OPD : 208 Adult Male
: 527 Adult Female
: 40 Child Male
: 49 Child Female
: **824 (Total)**
IP : 56 Adult Male
: 54 Adult Female
: 2 Child Male
: 1 Child Female
: 113 (Total) (including minor surgery)

Publicity: Patients came to the eye camp from very far away. Some patients walked for seven days and some walked for three days to get the services. The Khandbari FM radio broadcasted for about a month about the eye camp which may be the reason for overwhelming number of patients at the camp. Also the other reason could be the good result of previous year's eye camp.

Some pictures from the camp

Patients lined up for registration



9 month baby came for treatment.
Dr. Manoj diagnosed the baby has
Ptosis



Patients being brought at the eye camp