

# BUHWEJU EYE SURGICAL MISSION

1-week Eye surgical Camp, Butare Health center III, Buhweju





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What an honor to witness restoration of hope through the eye sight. God has enabled us to reach over 1,650 people in 1-week with free eye care. Our hearts are filled with joy and gladness. On Behalf of the whole team at Doctors on Mission International, I would wish to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and trust in restoring eye to all the patients we saw during the surgical camp. Your selfless generosity has played a key role in enabling us to reach the most vulnerable communities in south-western Uganda with much needed eye care.

As we enter the second half of 2025, our focus will mostly be on expanding our medical & surgical missions' programs in different parts of the country, launching satellite health facilities in eastern Uganda, Northern Uganda, central Uganda and in Southwestern Uganda. We also aim at growing our volunteers for Africa medical missions where we welcome volunteers from across the world to volunteer in Uganda Hospitals as they learn and give back to community. We hope to draw more Ugandan medical professionals to participate in community projects and works.

As we launch our Nutritional rehabilitation program, we hope to reach out to more than 10 districts through tailor-made nutritional rehabilitation programs, and building sustainable community interventions for the districts involved. We also hope to organize 3 eye surgical missions across the country in partnership with both local and international partners and friends.

I would love to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all volunteers, medical professionals, partners, and the hospitals who have played a key role in our existence and the work we do for the community. May the Lord bless everything you do and may He increase and reward you abundantly. This report shows a detailed overview of our achievements in the concluded eye surgical camp, challenges we faced, and recommendations for this year. I hope you can be proud of this amazing work that you have contributed to.

"Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah 6:8

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Doctors on Mission international is a volunteer based non-for-profit fully registered organization uniting likeminded Christian medical teams with the aim of serving humanity with freely accessible, acceptable and reliable medical and surgical needs to reduce the burden on medical care on the community while serving God and bringing healing to communities.



## **ABOUT US:**

Founded in 2023, Doctor's on mission international unites like-minded Christian medical teams to provide medical care to low limited setting communities while serving God and bringing healing to communities through medical & Surgical missions, satellite health facilities, emergency humanitarian relief, nutritional rehabilitations, surgical care and medical training.

## **OUR VISION**

Uniting Christian medical teams with skills & training to provide free quality, accessible and acceptable medical care to vulnerable communities with lifesaving healthcare.

## **OUR MISSION**

To enable free access to universal healthcare to all communities while bringing healing to communities and bridging the gap to healthcare needs.



# **OUR VALUES**



FAITH

Working with faith as we honor God



#### **LOVE**

Acting with love & compassion for the patients we serve just like Jesus did



#### **VOLUNTARISM**

Fostering the spirit of voluntarism & selflessness



#### **INTEGRITY**

Acting with honesty, transparency with participants and partners



#### **TEAM WORK**

Upholding a culture of team work & togetherness



#### **RESULT ORIENTED**

Ensuring we meet the set goals and objectives of each project set out



**Communities** 

- Women C.
- Elderly d.

#### WHY MEDICAL MISSION & EVANGELISM?



A ministry of healing does not happen from a distance. To bring health, the physician must be physically present. Jesus is the ultimate model, showing that an embodied presence is necessary to bring healing and hope to others.

Though Jesus is fully God, He is also fully human. He knows what pain and suffering is and can identify and sympathize with those who are hurting and bring comfort. Jesus shows us how effective ministry is to be done. He calls us to reach out to the vulnerable and the sick.

## WHY EYE SURGICAL CAMP?

Jesus performed many miracles among which included the restoration of eye sight. "Let the blind see" Luke 4:8. We are motivated by the desire to see vulnerable communities access healthcare especially the access of eye sight. In southwestern Uganda, common eye conditions leading to visual impairment include cataract, refractive errors, macular degeneration, chorioretinitis, glaucoma, and corneal opacity.

The incidence of visual loss increases with age, with cataract being the most frequent cause, especially in older age groups. Uncorrected refractive errors also contribute significantly to visual impairment, particularly among older individuals.





octors on Mission International with support from Amigos Internacionales partnered with Ruharo Mission Hospital to organize a 1-week eye surgical camp at Butare Health centre III – Buhweju.

The camp offered free eye care services through check-ups, cataract surgeries, glaucoma surgery, strabismus surgery, eye tumours, corneal surgeries, conjunctival growth surgeries, EUA and lid growths. The camp also offered community-based health education. The camp was entirely volunteer-led and all health workers were mobilized by doctors on Mission in partnership with the district health office and local authorities.

#### **PURPOSE OF THE CAMP**

The aim of the camp to increase the provision of quality, professional surgical, medical care to high-quality value-based healthcare to reduce health disparities for all people regardless of their ability to afford, age, race, disability, ethnicity, religion and origin. It is also aimed at being used a bench mark to identify the needs of the community, and to help guide the team in establishing a medical facility in the village.

# **OVERVIEW OF THE CAMP**

DAY 1

400
PATIENTS SEEN

50 SURGERIES DONE 350
GLASSES SUPPLIED

DAY 2

350
PATIENTS SEEN

40
SURGERIES DONE

350
GLASSES SUPPLIED

DAY 3

400 PATIENTS SEEN 50
SURGERIES DONE

350
GLASSES SUPPLIED

DAY 4

300 PATIENTS SEEN

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50
SURGERIES DONE

300
GLASSES SUPPLIED

DAY 5

200 PATIENTS SEEN 50 SURGERIES DONE

100 GLASSES SUPPLIED



# FINANCIAL REPORT

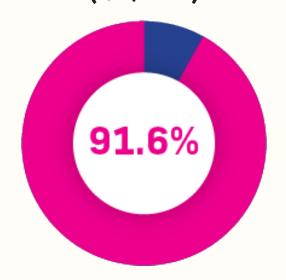
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UGX 30,000,000 (\$8,300)

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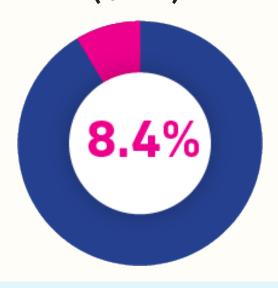
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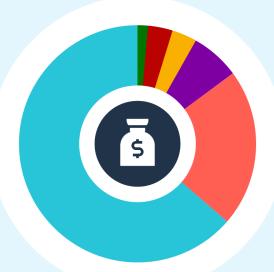


#### **LOCAL PARTNERS**

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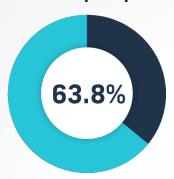






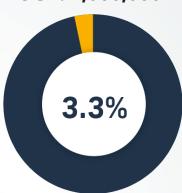
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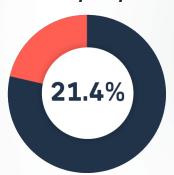
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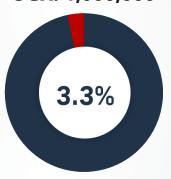
## EYE/ OPHTHALMOLOGY SURGICAL SUPPLIES

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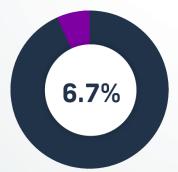
#### **LOGISTICS**

UGX. 1,000,000



#### **VOLUNTEER FACILITATION**

UGX. 2,000,000



# **VOLUNTEER FACILITATION**

UGX. 419,150



# CHALLENGES

- Fundraising limitations
- Limited medical supplies and resources
- Limited volunteer teams for all the camps
- Limited publicity due to limited resources for adverts
- Very bad Terrain
- -Few partners willing to support the organization financially



# **PICTORIAL**



# TESTIMONIES FROM THE CAMP

# JOY'S VISION RESTORED: A STORY OF HOPE FROM THE HEART OF UGANDA

In a remote village in southwestern Uganda, a woman named Joy once faced the devastating possibility of permanent blindness.

Last year, driven by deteriorating vision and rising desperation, she traveled many kilometers on foot to reach a government hospital in hopes of receiving cataract surgery. But the cost—3,000,000 Ugandan shillings (approximately \$800 USD)—was impossibly high.

She returned home defeated.

"I decided to forget about my left eye,"
Joy shared. "And I prayed my right eye
wouldn't die."

### A New Chapter: Restored Vision Through Compassionate Care

Thanks to the support of Amigos Internacionales and its strategic partner Doctors on Mission International, Joy's story took a miraculous turn.

She received free cataract surgery during a Missionpoint Eye Surgery Camp—held in the very bush of southwestern Uganda, where access to care is often non-existent. Funded entirely by generous donors and coordinated by local and international



medical volunteers, these camps provide critical eye care, dental treatment, general medicine, and spiritual support to vulnerable communities.

"Joy walked into our camp with one eye she thought would never see again. She walked out with restored hope—and restored sight," said Dr. Paul Mulyamboga, head of Doctors on Mission International.

These efforts are part of Amigos' broader Missionpoint Medical Initiative, focused on bringing healing and the love of Christ to those who've been forgotten by formal systems.



# COMPASSION IN ACTION: JOHN PAUL TAREMWA'S STORY AND OUR MISSION



InthehillsofBuhwejuDistrictinsouthwestern Uganda, the world had grown dim for 39-year-old John Paul Taremwa. Blinded in one eye by disease, and slowly losing vision in the other due to a cataract, John Paul lived on the edge of complete darkness. Each day became more difficult—navigating uneven paths, depending on others, feeling the slow erosion of dignity that comes when something as basic and vital as sight begins to slip away.

At Amigos Internacionales, we believe that no one should have to live that way. Ours mission has never been about numbers or events—it's about people like John Paul. We exist to restore hope through healing, to meet both physical and spiritual needs in places the world often forgets.

Our team of volunteer surgeons, nurses, and spiritual caregivers rallied together, driven by our shared belief: We do not serve because it is easy. We serve because we believe people are worth it. In a makeshift operating room with limited resources but unlimited determination, a delicate surgery was performed on John Paul's remaining eye.

The next day, as the bandages were gently removed, light met his eye once again. For the first time in years, he could see.

Tears welled up—not just in his eyes, but in the eyes of the team that had come to serve. Because this is why we do what we do. We don't just restore sight. We restore hope. We believe that every life matters, no matter how remote, how forgotten, or how far gone it may seem.

But here's the hard truth: while John Paul's vision was saved, we had to turn away 200 other patients who needed cataract surgery. We ran out of medicine, we ran out of eyeglasses—and on day three, we had to stop. The need was overwhelming, but our resources were not.

The "why" that fuels our mission is still burning—but we need your help to keep it going.



# **OUR PARTNERS**







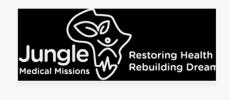














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