

## **CARDIACEYE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

### **FREE HEART SURGERY MISSION IN KENYA**

The CardiacEye International Foundation's (CEIF) global initiative has transformed heart surgery missions into an international force with regard to providing care to children and adults suffering from heart disease in developing countries. The strategy of focusing the CEIF network on developing countries has allowed us to maximize the collective power we possess to make an impact on a specific country's ability to develop a sustainable free cardiac surgery mission and aftercare program. Not only are we able to mobilize our network of free heart surgery programs to help countries in their efforts to reduce the number of children waiting for surgery but we are able to galvanize global awareness to create the context within a country for the development of a sustainable program.



CardiacEye International Foundation performed charity heart surgeries for children suffering from heart disease, this time in Kenya from September 1-7, 2014. Along with this, Dr. Maqsood Elahi (founder and chairman) launched a campaign to raise awareness on young heart patients.

Along with the team of volunteers, Dr. Bashir M. Matata who is a clinician scientist, an epidemiology and public health specialist in the UK and is helping the East African CEIF office also was on this trip.

The CIEF main aspiration in East Africa is to work collaboratively with communities to reduce the risk of the emerging epidemics of heart and lung diseases; a problem exacerbated by poor

amenable public health education and skilled professionals in this field and lack of access to treatment in publically-funded hospitals with modern facilities.



CardiacEye has now officially launched its Kenya Chapter and been given 7- acres of land by Deputy Leader of Majority, Kenya National Assembly and MP Taveta Constituency Hon. Dr. Naomi Shaban EGH to construct the first ever CardiacEye International Foundation Heart Lung & Research Charity Hospital in Taita-Taveta County of Kenya. This is to implement a community based 250-bed hospital unit complete with screening facilities, surgical suites, and public/health advisory center within the coastal region of Kenya. In its visit, The CardiacEye team with Dr. Maqsood Elahi (cardiothoracic surgeon) performed 10 heart operations for poor children suffering from ventricular septal defects,

Tetralogy of Fallots, Coarctation of aortas and PDA closures; provided training to develop the skills of local doctors and nurses and acquired essential equipment, supplies and medications to support reliable surgeries.

Our efforts are to provide a significant amount of resources, focused on the development of our programs in these countries. We envisage that this partnership will lead to the saving of lives in the future, with the goal to provide care to more than 150 children and adults every year in Kenya.