Providing informative, medical and rehabilitative services to poor people with visual impairment and their families in Tanzania

**Impact made by the project**
The project exceeded its target, reaching 132,637 people, reducing avoidable blindness through the provision of medical services as well as building up the human resource capacity of Tanzania.

**Sustainability**
The Eye Departments conduct their own medical and operational training. Costing structures are in place and a private unit supports cost recovery, whilst the government also contributes to staff salaries.

**Local Standard Chartered engagement**
Staff were involved in outreach activities, awareness raising, health education and upgrading of facilities at the base hospital.

**Main objectives for the project:**
- To enable 121,500 poor people with visual impairments and their family members to have access to informative, medical and rehabilitative services necessary for their full participation and integration in the community
- Increase public awareness on prevention, the importance of early intervention and services available.
- Provide medical services within a high volume surgical eye unit to avoid blindness, improve or restore sight
- Invest in vital equipment and build local human capacities for eye medical work

**Public Awareness Raising, Medical and Rehabilitation Services**

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**CCBRT’s Eye Department Training Unit**

Training of 3 Surgeons, 10 nurses, 3 Optometrists, 2 low vision therapists and 4 hospital managers.

**Increase in the number of low vision services provided**

10%

**SiB Project: CBM**

Implementing partner: CCBRT  
Total budget: USD 1,004,408  
Total SiB contribution: USD 803,448  
Project Duration: 2 years 10 months  
Dates: Sept 2008 to June 2011

**Situation analysis**

Target Population: 1 million with visual impairment in Tanzania  
Blindness Prevalence: 1.26%  
Leading causes: Cataract (50%), Corneal Scar (20% due to trachoma and Vitamin A deficiency) and Glaucoma (10%)

**Name:** Hamis  
**Age:** 11 years  
**Location:** Tanga

At just 11 years old, Hamis’ sight started to deteriorate until he could not see anything out of his right eye. Being extremely poor, his father had to save for the bus fare and the clinic asked only for a small contribution to his treatment and aftercare. During 30 minutes of surgery, the lens with the cataract was removed and replaced with a plastic lens. Hamis is now able to play football again with his friends.