

REPORT ON MILESTONE 8: Screening completed for all children (estimated at 5,000), refraction completed for all children requiring refraction (estimated at 1,000), and low vision aids (estimated at 300) provided to all children requiring aids.

This report provides progress made towards reaching this milestone. Blantyre Institute for Community Outreach (BICO) implemented a number of activities toward the attainment of this milestone as follows

(1) Screening for all children (estimated at 5,000)

BICO conducted a series of eye screenings targeting children who were identified by teachers as well as CBR workers who were initially trained by BICO in low vision. In total 5,318 children were screened by a team of optometrist and refractionists from Zomba Central Hospital and BICO. Out of this number (5,063), 2,266 were Males while 3,052 were females representing 43% and 57% reached respectively. Attached to this report is the list of all children screened under the South-East Zone.

(2) Refraction completed for all children requiring refraction (estimated at 1000)

All children were screened and a large proportion had refractive errors.

BICO has managed to prescribe and correct 1,025 children with refractive errors, who needed eye glasses as a correction measure. Out of this number 395 were males and 630 females representing 39% and 61% reached by gender respectively. Attached to this report is the list of all children who received eye glasses under the South-East Zone.

(3) Low vision aids (estimated at 300) provided to all children requiring aids

BICO has managed to conduct low vision assessment to over 300 children with low vision. These children were from resource centers in the South-East Zone while some were walk ins at Zomba low vision clinic and the rest were children identified by CBR workers. Table 1 below is a summary of low vision devices by type given to children with low vision after an assessment and prescription.

Table 1

Summary of devices given

Service site	Hand magnifier	Stand magnifier	Telescope	
Zomba Low vision clinic	41	24	34	
Resource Centers	95	62	45	
Total	136	86	79	301

Attached to this report is a list of all children with low vision who underwent a thorough low vision assessment.

PICTURES



BICO performing screening and distribution of low vision devices in Zomba (July 3, 2017)



Elizabeth Phili, refractionist, captured while assessing a learner with low vision at Makande Resource centre



Figure 1 A learner captured after receiving eye glasses after refraction at Mama Khadijah School



BICO beneficiaries in Ngabu, Malawi at Makande Resource Center (July 5, 2017)

Conclusion

This milestone has been fully reached after meeting all the set targets.