

REPORT ON 3RD SCREENING UNDER LILONGWE EXTENSION PROJECT

31ST JANUARY – 2ND FEBRUARY 2018



Introduction

Blantyre Institute for Community Outreach (BICO) conducted a third screening session in the Lilongwe rural west extended low vision project. The screenings were for 3 days from 31st January 2018 to 2nd February 2018. This involved a detailed eye testing for learners previously identified by the teachers in their respective schools. 17 schools were screened in this activity, with the first day screening 7 schools, second day 5 schools and 5 schools again for the last day. By the end of the 3 days a total number of 269 learners were screened. Out of the screened number, **69 had refractive errors, 8 with low vision and a majority of them with allergies as shown below;**

Table 1.0 Number of children with different eye conditions

CONDITIONS	NUMBER OF LEANERS
Allergies	143
Bacterial infections	10
Refractive errors	69
Trauma	5
Photophobia	26
Other	6
Normal	10
Total	269

Table 2.0 Number of students/schools screened each day

DATE	PLACE	SREENED SCHOOLS	NUMBER STUDENTS SCREENED	REFRACTIVE ERRORS	LOW VISION	REFERRALS
31/01/2018	Mzunazi primary school	Mchengauwiza, John c, Chagamba, Mzumazi CDSS, Mzumazi primary, Chikutu, Kambadzo	97	26	1	3
1/2/2018	Makumbi primary school	Mtsukwa, Makumbi, Kasanje, Mavundikira, Mpime	61	16	2	1
2/2/2018	Mngwangwa primary school	Mngwangwa CDSS, Mngwangwa Primary, chilombo, Chokolo, Chiponde	111	27	5	1
TOTAL		17 schools screened	269	69	8	5

Screening team

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Conclusions

The screening activity was helpful as the 69 learners will have their vision improved as soon as they get their glasses hence improving their educational needs. For those with low vision, there is a need to make another Low vision assessment program for them so that they can benefit fully.



