

## **BICO CONDUCTS A TRACHOMA SURVEY IN SALIMA**

In the month of April, 2012 BICO conducted a trachoma survey in Salima district in the central region of Malawi. The survey was funded by World Health Organization and it lasted for about two weeks (2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2012).

A total of twelve ophthalmic clinical officers from various districts were recruited to examine people in the selected villages and collect data on questionnaires. The ophthalmic clinical officers were grouped in teams of two. The total number of teams was six. During the survey, about 889 households were visited and a total of about 2844 individuals were examined and data for the examination was collected on the questionnaires.

At the end of the survey the completed questionnaires were taken to BICO offices in Blantyre for entry into epidata. Data will be entered into epidata by two individuals (double entry). Each person will enter all the data separately and then the two data entry personnel will do a consistency check (cleaning) and remove all errors that might have occurred during entry. The cleaned data will be given to the Principal Investigator who is also the director for BICO. The Principal Investigator will be responsible for further action on the data (analysis and reporting of the findings of the survey).