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(JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2014).

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BICO	Blantyre Institute for Community Ophthalmology
CHA	Chief Hospital Administrator
DEC	District Executive Committee

DEHO	District Environmental Health Officer
DHO	District Health Officer
GET	Global Elimination of Trachoma
HSA	Health Surveillance Assistance
ICTC	International Coalition for Trachoma Control
KCCO	Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology
LAN	Lions Aid Norway
LE	Left Eye
LSHTM	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
MDA	Mass Drug Administration
MOH	Ministry of Health
MORDOR	Mortality Reduction after Zithromycin
PD	
QEDJT	Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust
RE	Right Eye
SEZ	South East Zone
TT	Trachomatous Trichiasis
WHO	World Health Organization
ZCH	Zomba Central Hospital

1. INTRODUCTION

This report covers the work done between July and September 2014 in four major projects currently being implemented by BICO. These include Trachoma Elimination Programme (also known as the Trust Project), SEZ Vision 2020 Eye Care Programme, MORDOR and Low Vision, capacity building. The report also highlights eye health

professionals that visited and undertook assignments in support of BICO programme interventions during the period under study. It ends with a highlight of proposed and planned activities in the next quarter.

The annex is a summarized financial expenditure report for the quarter.

2. MAJOR PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN

It must be noted that not much was done during this quarter. This is attributed to quite of factors. Most projects were in the planning phase and not much implementation took place. However BICO undertook the following programmes in this 3rd quarter:

a) THE TRUST PROJECT

Under this project, the table below summarises activities undertaken against planned activities

No	Planned Activity	Status	Comments
1	Trachoma Mapping in Dedza, Blantyre rural, Thyolo & Mulanje.	Not done	No funding and clearance from donor and MOH
2	Mass Drug Administration in Nsanje & Mchinji	Not done	MDA shifted to October 2014 due to logistical challenges. However the following sub activities were undertaken a. Planning for MDA in hard to reach areas undertaken in Nsanje b. DEC & Task Force briefings done in Nsanje c. Volunteer identification, household registration for MDA in Nsanje.
3	Surgeries in Nsanje, Chikwawa and Machinga	Not done	TT Surgeons had not yet been trained & certified to conduct TT Surgeries.
4	Monitoring & Evaluation activities – reporting and dissemination of research findings a. Impact survey report preparation.	Done & circulated to all stakeholders	
	b. Trachoma Impact Survey Dissemination	Done	MOH, ICTC in Country members, DHOs, LAN in attendance

b) SEZ VISION 2020 EYE CARE PROGRAMME

The South East Zone Vision 2020 Eye Care Programme, funded by KCCO, is a new three year programme in BICO and will be implemented in the six districts in the zone - Mangochi, Balaka, Machinga, Zomba, Phalombe & Mulanje. The focus of this programme is in three areas - Cataract Operations, Childhood Blindness and Refractive Errors.

During the quarter under review, only one major activity was undertaken i.e. assessment of the eye care service delivery at ZCH and in the SEZ, coordinated by BICO in collaboration with KCCO. KCCO Deputy Director and BICO's Director led the delegation for assessment. This assessment included a visit to the eye department at Zomba Central and a table discussion on 2nd September 2014 involving ZCH Director, CHA, LAN's Country Director, National Eye Coordinator MOH, BICO's Programme Manager and staff of the eye department at ZCH. The purpose of the assessment was to appreciate the service delivery at the eye unit, challenges the department faces, identify gaps and areas KCCO can support in order to strengthen service delivery at the hospital and the zone.

c) MORDOR

Not much was done under this project except for the visit of Prof Robin Bailey to plan and decide on implementation modalities for the project.

d) LOW VISION

In the quarter under review, two major activities were planned. These are Low Vision follow and screening of new learners and distribution of optical devices to all the three resource centres. No screening of new learners was done during the quarter under review.

The table below shows distribution of optical devices to resources centres

Summary report on the distribution of glasses and low vision devices to all resource centres										
Date 14-15 July, 2014										
Name	Age	Sex	Grade	School	RE	LE	PD	Type	Stand	Magnification
Patrick Damilton	12	M	4	Nazombe	-3	-2.5	58	cr39	yes	4x hand, 5x telescope
VerenaLumphani	8	F	1	Nazombe	-2.5	2.5	56	pgxt		2x dome

Samson Wyson	15	M	8	Nazombe	Plano/0.75x90	Plano/0.75x90	65	cr39		
Agnes Tobias	14	F	3	Nazombe	-3	-3	58	pgxt	yes	4x hand
Chifuniro Mussa	9	F	2	Nazombe	1x90	1x90	55	pgxt		2x dome
Mphatso Joseph	16	M	7	Nazombe						4x hand
Lucius Gonesi	10	M	2	Nazombe						2x dome
Chipiriro Maiden	12	M	3	Nazombe	1	1	60	pgxt		2.5x hand, 3x telescope
Ted Muleso	14	M	6	Nazombe	balance	1	70	cr39		2.5x hand, 3x telescope
Martha Ekhyaya	17	M	5	Nazombe					yes	8x stand
Gift Mose	11	M	1	Nazombe	-3	-3	66	cr39		

Date: 27th June, 2014

Name	Age	Sex	Grade	School	RE	LE	PD	Type	Stand	Magnification
Kelvin Mtaliana	13	M	7	Montfort						3x stand
Joel Lupia	23	M	6	Montfort						9x stand
AngellaChokani	23	F		Montfort						2x dome
KondwaniMbirima	16	M	6	Montfort	-1.5	-2.5	68	pgxt		
Mateyu Right	16	M	6	Montfort	10	balance	60	cr39	yes	2x dome, 3x telescope

Date: 11th July, 2014

Name	Age	Sex	Grade	School	RE	LE	PD	Type	Stand	Magnification
MutianiLopha	14	M	5	Makan de	-2.5	-2.5	56	cr39		
PiliraniPhaundi	18	F	8	Makan de	0.5	0.5	60	pgxt	yes	3x hand
Edward Dovu	15	M	6	Makan de	-4	-4	60	pgxt	yes	2x dome
Tito Zakuonadi	16	M	5	Makan de	balance	1.5	68	cr39	yes	4x hand
Madalitso Ephraim	12	M	4	Makan de					yes	3x hand
Fales Scotch	14	F	8	Makan de	balance	0.75	65	cr39		

3. VISITORS

- a) Prof Robin Bailey from the London School for Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). He was at BICO to map out implementation modalities for MORDOR that has stalled following the fire accident of Prof Khumbo Kalua in June 2014.
- b) Edson Mwaipopo from KCCO arrived in the country on 1st September 2014 to familiarise himself with eye care service delivery at Zomba Central Hospital eye clinic and finalise on the preparation for the roll out of the SEZ Vision 2020 Eye Care Programme which BICO will coordinate in Malawi.

4. Capacity building & Human Resource

a) Staffing and Staff welfare

BICO continued to increase its human resource capacity building through hiring of Florence Kalua and Alvin Chisambi as full time Project Officers responsible for Procurement & Logistics and M & E respectively.

On a very happy and inspiring note to BICO, Professor Khumbo Kalua, BICO's Director, who was involved in a fire accident at a hotel in June in Malawi while attending a blindness prevention meeting, was discharged from a hospital in South Africa and resumed work after fully recovering from the burns that covered 32% of his body weight.

b) Team Building

BICO organised a team building workshop at Peter's Lodge in Zomba on 26th August 2014 for all its members of staff. The objective of the workshop, facilitated by the BICO Director Prof Khumbo Kalua, was to enhance and deepen understanding among staff in order to foster interaction, unity and team work in the execution of the goals of the organisation. The workshop was also an opportunity to orient new members of staff on policy policies, procedures and projects. In furtherance of this objective, the workshop covered the following topics:

1. Origin, Vision and progress of BICO
2. Overview of BICO projects (2008 - 2013)
3. Overview of BICO projects (2014 - 2018). The discussion centred on QEDJTF, MORDOR, and Low Vision projects.
4. Discussion on what BICO can do for its staff and what staff can do for BICO.
5. Liquidations and its relevance
6. BICO website
7. VISION 2020 and BICO
8. BICO assets and growth - a comparative analysis from 2008 to 2013
9. Procurement, its relevance and difference between public and private procurement procedures.

10. BICO project milestones and timelines

11. BICO and the future – the planning cycle, international training etc.

The table below shows those who attended the workshop:

No	Name of Officer	Position
1	Prof Khumbo Kalua	Director
2	David Chinyanya	Programme Manager
3	Limbani Mitengo	Accountant
4	Florence Kalua	Project Officer (Procurement & Logistics)
5	Paul Mkandawire	Project Officer (Lab Services)
6	Alvin Chisambi	Project Officer (Data & IT)
7	Zachariah Kamwendo	Project Assistant & Personal Assistant to Prof Kalua
8	Ranneck Singano	Logistics & Research Assistant
9	Bruno Chimaliro	Low Vision Coordinator

c) Assets and Equipments

In another related development, BICO enforced its institutional development through the acquisition of the following assets & equipments.

No	Item	Quantity
1	Office Table	4
2	Director's Swivel chair	1
3	Office chairs	8
4	Water dispenser	1
5	HP Laser jet printer	1
6	Toyota Landcruiser BS??	1

d) Project Proposal development

In response to the advertisement by Plan Malawi, an expression of interest for partnership was prepared and submitted to Plan. The results have not yet been released.

5. PLANS FOR THE LAST QUARTER (OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2014)

The following activities are being planned for the last quarter:

- Conduct Trachoma MDA in Mchinji and Nsanje
- Prepare & disseminate Trachoma MDA Report
- Conduct drug coverage survey in Mchinji and Nsanje
- Prepare & disseminate drug coverage survey results to all stakeholders
- Conduct surgeries in Chikwawa, Machinga and Nsanje.

- f) Start MORDOR field activities in Mangochi - recruitment of field staff - enumerators, training of enumerators in data management - recording storage and sending
- g) Conduct screening and follow up visits to all resource centres - Montfort, Nazombe and Makande
- h) Prepare and submit budget for SEZ Vision 2020 Eye care Programme
- i) Conduct planning meeting for roll out of the Vision 2020 Eye Care Programme for SEZ
- j) Conduct orientation meeting for staff on the Vision 2020 Eye Care Programme implementation modalities.
- k) Attend ICTC in country meetings including the National Post Trachoma MDA Meeting
- l) Prepare, produce and circulate quarterly report
- m) Up load reports and events on BICO website.