

When the camp drew to a close, there were 100 children awaiting their turn. This sight still flashes in my mind.

— Dr K V Ravishankar, Ophthalmologist

Following the Gambian government's request, the two Rotarians established connections with the Rotary Clubs of Banjul, Fajira and Brusibi, D 9101, to organise an eye camp in Banjul, capital of the Gambian Republic. Forty-two patients, of which 35 were children, were surgically treated for various eye-related issues during the six-day camp in September at the Sheik Zayed Regional Eye Care Centre.

"There are skilled paramedics and technicians but no anaesthetists. Since general anaesthesia is given to every patient for surgery, it leaves us surgeons worried if the patient has been given the right amount," says Ravishankar, the Mission leader. When he put together his team for this camp he ensured inclusion of Dr Vasantha Kumar, an anaesthetist from Mysore, "to guarantee anxiety-free surgery." Other members of the team were ophthalmologists Pradip Mohanty and Arnab Biswas from Kolkata. Abhijit Ramprasad, a second-year medical student from the University of Chicago, joined the four-member team to provide logistics support. "Abhijit travelled at his own expenses to

