

Helping To Eradicate Avoidable Blindness: Ado Abubakar's Story

Ado Abubakar is a native of Kura Local Government Area (L.G.A) in Kano State. He is married to two wives and has twelve children. He became blind in both eyes early in 2011. Prior to his blindness, Ado worked as a farmer to support his family.



Ado heard about free cataract surgeries from one of the Community Directed Distributors (CDDs) at Kura. On the 8th of June 2013, he arrived at the base hospital, accompanied by his uncle, and was diagnosed with cataracts in both eyes. Ado did not have money to even pay the subsidised fee and as a result, the hospital agreed to perform the surgery free of charge.

Surgery was done on one eye on the day he arrived at the hospital and on the other eye the following day. Ado was able to return to his family in Kura, 35 kilometres from the state capital, with his sight restored.

Ado is overjoyed. He sends his gratitude to the sponsors of the Seeing Is Believing programme – Standard Chartered Bank, CBM and other stakeholders – for changing his life.