

## Care for Central Halmahera



**The process of cataract surgery**

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**Vice Regent and his entourages met the medical team**

their entourages witnessed the surgical procedure conducted by the medical team in charge of the program. The medical team completed 14 operations on the first day of the operation followed by 17 on the second day and 22 on the third day. Conducted in Weda Hospital, the program is scheduled to be completed on November 15.

PT Weda Bay Nickel (WBN), through the Saloi Foundation, has organized a free cataract eye surgery program for the people of Central Halmahera and surrounding villages. The program was held in collaboration with the District Government of Central Halmahera, the Health Department of Central Halmahera, and Stichting Welzijn Projecten Indonesie (SWPI). The program was also supported by Intertek, Sodexo Indonesia, and LAPI ITB.

In preparation for the program, a screening process was conducted in 12 Central Halmahera health centers from October 28 with the first operation performed on November 4. Prior to the first surgery, an opening event was held in Weda and witnessed by the Vice Regent of Central Halmahera Soksi Hi. Ahmad, the Chairman of the Parliament of Central Halmahera Abdurrahim Odeyani, and other high ranking officers of the Central Halmahera District Government.

Representing the Regent of Central Halmahera, Al Yasin Ali, the Vice Regent conveyed the message of the Regent by expressing appreciation to all parties involved in the program, including WBN, Saloi Foundation, SWPI and other contributors. He further stated that the program is considered as an important achievement for the people of Central Halmahera, as no other health program has gone to such lengths to cooperate with various parties, especially with an international organization. The Vice Regent also expressed the hope of the Regent that the program will run smoothly and achieve the expected targets.



**Patient waited anxiously for their turn**