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MISSION

Eyes of the world seeks to provide quality eye care to visually impaired people living in poverty in the developing world, through their local health services. We also wish to create the conditions necessary for reducing the incidence of eye disease in those countries.

In addition, we aim to raise awareness in our own society about the lack of basic health care provision in the areas in which the project is run.

VISION

Eyes of the world aspires to a world in which no one suffers from avoidable blindness and to contribute, therefore, to making the right to sight a reality.

PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGY

Basic principles

- ▶ Humanity
- ▶ Independence
- ▶ Gender equality and Non-discrimination
- ▶ Altruism
- ▶ Professionalism
- ▶ Transparency

Strategy

- ▶ Permanency
- ▶ Development
- ▶ Cooperation
- ▶ Efficiency



Eyes of the world is a private foundation based in Barcelona created on July 9, 2001 and registered on the:

- Foundations' Register of the Generalitat de Catalunya with the number 1568 on July 18, 2001.
- Non-Governmental Organisations for Development Register, part of the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation (AECID, in Spanish) on May 10, 2004.
- Non-Governmental Organisations for Development Register of the Generalitat de Catalunya International Cooperation Affairs Secretariat with the number 29 on June 19, 2005.
- Basque Country Foundations Register on July 19, 2005.
- Municipal Register of Organisations in Seville, on January 23, 2007.
- Valencian Community Foundations Register on January 29, 2007.
- Register of the Puy-de-Dôme Prefecture, France, on December 27, 2012.
- Assembly of Associations, Foundations and Professional Collegialities of Pamplona, Navarra, on November 20, 2013.

Introductions



We want to go further and have a greater impact

Eyes of the world is already a fully established organisation among our country's international cooperation NGOs. Our work in the Sahara, Mozambique, Bolivia, and Mali has a recognised impact supported by figures like the ones presented in this report. However, we cannot stop here. We want to—modestly—expand our horizons and seek recognition beyond our borders, while increasing our presence in other countries. This is why we made a first approach to starting a cooperation project in Peru.

We also want to be able to have a real impact on the health care systems of the countries where we work by supporting them and making local authorities aware of the importance of eye care, so that they will make it a priority when making health care plans. In addition, we are more focused on making gender equality a reality, especially regarding eye care. We know that investments on women not only have a greater impact on the community but more people benefit from it, starting by their children.

These are our objectives. They are ours and they are shared by our many volunteers, donors, and supporting institutions and enterprises. To conclude, I must salute the work of the professionals here and there who are running our projects day after day and fighting against avoidable blindness in the field.

Rafael Ribó, President



Women and training as drivers for blindness response

Demographic and health forecasts indicate that the number people suffering from eye diseases will almost triple in the next 30 years due to ageing. We are already seeing that the 80% of people suffering from blindness are over 50 and that more than half of them are women, who, in addition, have a longer life expectancy than men. However, health care data shows that women use the health care system less. Current data also demonstrates something as appalling as men receiving twice as much care as women in developing countries.

Therefore, we must work to increase the access women have to health care in order to guarantee gender equality and improve health results. There are studies that suggest that, if cataract surgery was performed on women as often as on men, blindness due to cataracts could be reduced by more than 10%. So, at Eyes of the world, we organise campaigns targeting women, who are often powerful drivers for education and awareness.

While aiming at increasing the access women have to health care, we focus on training local female personnel as a means to empowering them and increasing the impact our projects have on local communities. We encourage their participation in eye health education activities and we work with local women's associations upon the prevention and early detection of eye diseases. Furthermore, we train women in optics, ophthalmology and ophthalmic subspecialties. Every little counts in order to break this vicious circle of poverty, gender, and health problems.

Borja Corcóstegui, Vice President

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Let us keep growing stronger

2017 figures have been similar to those of previous years. Although some institutional contributions have been limited, the fidelity of our private contributors has realised the continuity of successful projects—which already have a long history—that we need to keep alive. Budget containments cannot make us forget all the people benefitting from our projects. We are a completely goal-directed organisation, as proven by the fact that 90% of our budget goes directly to our projects or to fundraising for them. This year, we must highlight the dynamism of the Basque Country delegation, an added value to the traditional actions of the Foundation.

Furthermore, I would like to especially thank the donations to the art fund, that keeps growing year after year and that is not only our heritage but a little great museum showing great pieces of distinguished contemporary artists aware of the importance of sight. It is their way of showing their commitment to our cause, which is supported and encouraged by many people and organisations that constantly help us in our solidarity fight around the globe.

Núria Ramon i Garcia, General Manager

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64,729
people visited
(12,411 children)



4,246
surgeries
performed

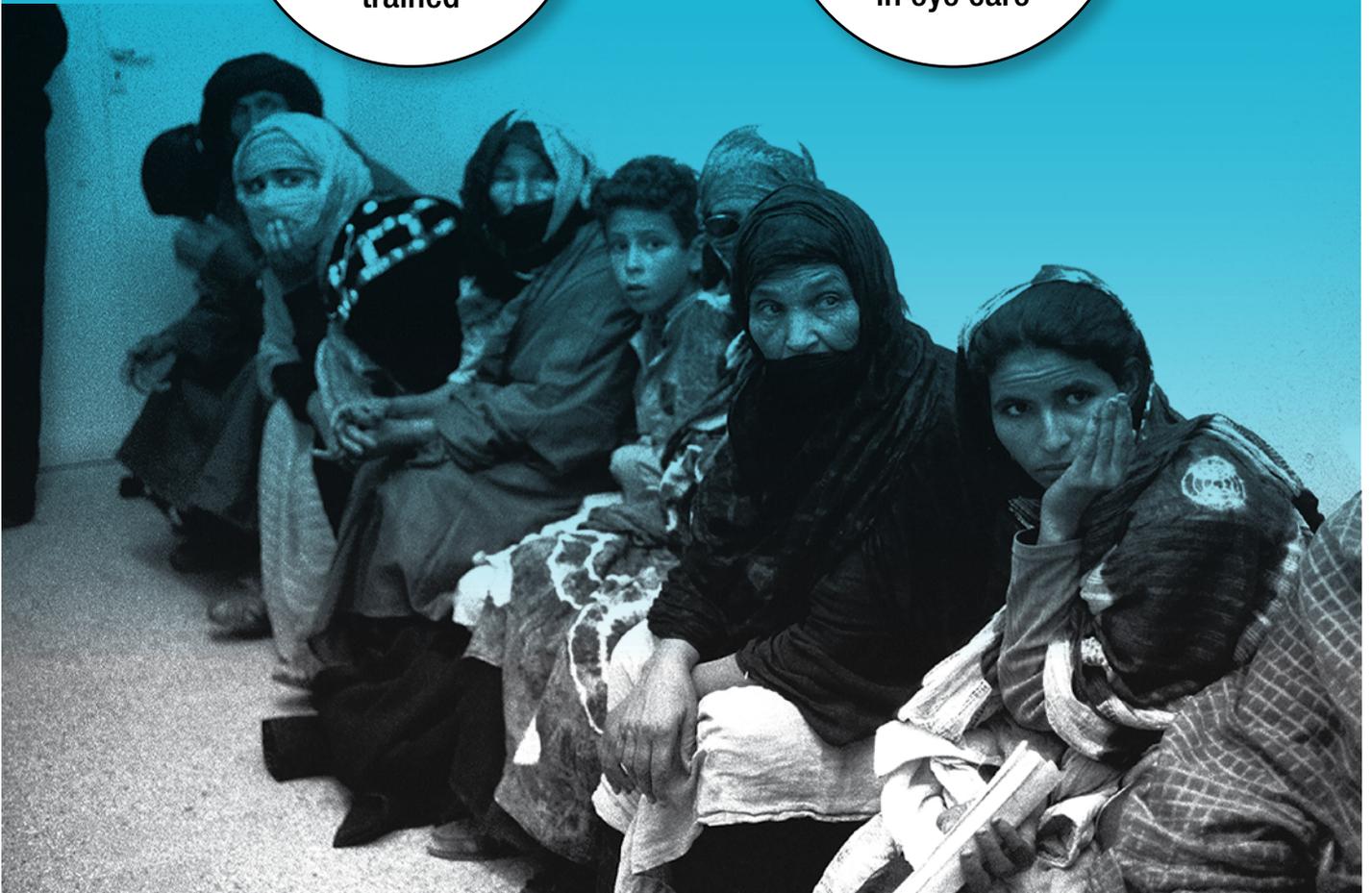
2017 in Figures



1,409
professionals
trained



65,364
people educated
in eye care



Life Stories



Gladys Segovia kept losing her sight and started falling more and more often. She hardly ever left her house for fear of suffering an accident due to her visual impairment. One day, while she was listening to the radio, she learnt about the surgical expedition in Tarija (Bolivia). "Light is back in my life!" she exclaimed after receiving cataract surgery. Gladys regained her autonomy and she is now able to take care of her chickens again.



Diallo Boubacar used to be a security guard at a farm in Bamako (Mali), but bilateral cataracts rendered him blind. Without a job or money to receive surgery, Diallo became indigent and lived in precarious conditions. One day, Diallo met Dr Barry, who told him about Eyes of the world and its work. This is how Diallo was able to receive surgery and recovered his sight. He now tells everyone that it was the happiest moment of his life.



Fousseyni Doumbo is 48 years old and a tradesman in Mali. Fousseyni suffered a gradual loss of vision and he almost went completely blind. His visual impairment prevented him from working as usual. He had lost all hope when he learnt that he had a chance of being treated at Eyes of the world. The day after the surgery, Fousseyni found out that he had recovered his sight! He was able to go back to work, regain his self-confidence, and improve his quality of life.



Felipa Romero lives in Tarija (Bolivia). She had to quit her job as a baker when she lost sight in her left eye. She thought it was caused by ageing and she was scared of going to the doctor. Little could she imagine the turn her life would make after being treated by the Eyes of the world medical expedition. Her first words after the surgery were "I can see perfectly! I can see perfectly! Thank you so much, doctor! I will bake so many pastries in my oven without tripping over cans! And to think I was so scared of the surgery! Thank God for your help!"

Significant Initiatives

Opening the world's eyes to gender equality

Gender equality is one of the basic principles of Eyes of the world. In order to have a greater impact in this respect, in 2017, we have created the Gender Strategy 2018–2021. The Gender Strategy 2018–2021 is a document that sets forth the Foundation's strategic plans regarding cooperation, gender and health, as well as its commitment to the eradication of all forms of discrimination against women. The Strategy was created as a result of the conclusions of a study on gender integration carried out by an external consulting firm in cooperation with Eyes of the world. The study had with the following objectives:

- Integrating a gender equality perspective into our development cooperation projects in order to overcome the barriers limiting women's access to eye care or to lead them towards empowerment and autonomy.
- Integrating a gender equality angle into our educational and communication campaigns for development focusing on a non-sexist use of language.
- Promoting gender equality in human resources and operational management in the head office and on the ground.

We will continuously carry out follow-up evaluations of the Gender Strategy 2018–2021 to guarantee proper implementation and target achievement.



Evaluating the situation of eye care in Peru

In May, the Foundation made the first evaluation of the needs of the people in Peru and the viability of an ophthalmic cooperation programme there. During the visit to the country, both health care authorities and eye care representatives expressed a great interest in benefitting from an Eyes of the world programme.

In September, Paco Sanz, the Foundation's Chief of Programmes, and Patricia Tárraga, the Programme Coordinator for Eyes of Bolivia, made a second trip to the country and visited the region of Puno. During the visit, they were able to start designing the project, as they visited health centres and met with local ophthalmologists and the region's eye care coordinators. After the visit, it was concluded that, although the region of Puno has well-prepared specialists, there is a clear lack of equipment, medical supplies and glasses, among other materials essential to carry out visitations, screenings, treatments and surgeries. As a direct consequence of this lack of materials, there is a long cataract surgery waiting list and a significant number of children with refractive defects.



State of eye health in Mozambique

In 2017, we learnt the results of the Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness (RAAB) performed by Eyes of the world and the Provincial Directorate of Health of Inhambane in 2016. The study, that assessed three thousand people over 50, concluded that the 0.8% of the population of Inhambane is blind. This percentage is of 0.1% in Spain. According to the study, in 58% of cases the blindness was caused by cataracts that could have been surgically removed. Furthermore, the proportion of mildly or severely visually impaired women and blind women is higher than that of men.

After learning these results, Eyes of the world reviewed the country's action plan and discussed eye care improvements with the Mozambican Ministry of Health and the Provincial Directorate of Health of Inhambane. The improvements agreed upon are a gradual increase of the number of professionals in the eye care system by incorporating 3 ophthalmologists, 10 technicians and 3 optometrists by 2021. They will all receive proper training to perform their tasks, which will include visiting 30,000 patients and performing 1,500 cataract surgeries per year. Moreover, Eyes of the world has taken joint action with women's associations to improve eye care in rural areas. The women in the associations will be trained to identify cataracts and refractive defects so that they may refer patients to close eye care facilities. This training aims at making eye care more accessible in rural areas.



Looking at eye health: the Vision Atlas

The IAPB Vision Atlas is a global comprehensive database of the burden of blindness and visual impairment published every five years since 1990 by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness. In 2017, the IAPB published 2015 results offering detailed information by country. Countries are grouped into 21 regions. Furthermore, the 2015 report places a strong focus on gender issues.

The data reported in the Atlas is alarming: 75% of blindness cases could be easily prevented or cured and at least a third of them are due to unoperated cataracts. Furthermore, blindness and severe visual impairment due to cataracts is more common among women than men, the Vision Atlas concludes. More specifically, the 55% of people suffering from visual impairments are women. Although it is a complex issue influenced by the fact that life expectancy is longer among females, one of the factors contributing to this higher percentage of visually impaired women is that, in developing countries, they have less access to health care.

In addition to reporting current figures, the IAPB Vision Atlas provides projections of the evolution of eye health until mid-21st century based on UN demographic growth projections. The 33% population increase between 2015 and 2050 together with ageing will significantly increase the incidence of visual defects and blindness. According to the latest data, there are 253 million visually impaired people. However, estimates indicate that there would be 703 million visually impaired or blind people by 2050.



More and better eye care in the SAHARA



21,295
people visited
(7,136 children)



400
surgeries
performed



144
professionals
trained



4,080
people educated
in eye care



MAKING EYE CARE MORE ACCESSIBLE

In 2017, the Eyes of the Sahara programme increased its activities significantly: **21,295 people**—10,376 men and 10,919 women—were visited and **400 surgeries** were performed—201 on men and 199 on women.



From January 13 to April 10, ophthalmologist María Sanchidrián visited the Sahrawi refugee camps, which she had already visited in 2016. During her visit, she visited the refugees in the camps and trained the optometrists and technicians of the optical workshop of the Ophthalmology Department. In four months, Dr Sanchidrián visited 1,390 people and performed 20 surgical procedures, as they were particularly complicated.

This visit and daily ophthalmic care activities were complemented by **3 medical and surgical expeditions** that visited the region on January, October, and December. During the expeditions, 1,929 people were visited and 380 surgical procedures were performed. The first and the third expeditions visited the Bola Hospital, and the second one visited the National Hospital in Rabuni. Eye screenings were performed at the *wilayat* prior to the expeditions. Moreover, there were additional screenings at the Rabuni and Bola hospitals prior to the December expedition, which offered separate consultations, as the visiting team was mixed and included.

In addition, Eyes of the Sahara rehabilitated the consultations in Auserd and Smara, the workshop in Smara, and updated the consultation in Dajla.

On November 2017, two specialists visited the *wilayat* and performed visual screenings in primary and secondary schools assisted by the *wilayat* specialist, and the school nurses and teachers. In total, **6,817 children were screened**: 3,104 boys (45.53%) and 3,713 girls (54.47%).

Furthermore, the Foundation appeared 23 times on the media to give the Sahrawi information on the programme and on eye health.



INFLUENCING LOCAL EYE CARE POLICIES

Eyes of the world participates in several coordination meetings organised by the Ministry of Public Health: the health care updating board, the board of the National Hospital in Rabuni, the medical supplies committee, and the health education actions coordination committee.

In 2017, Eyes of the Sahara participated in the commission for the revision and elaboration of the new Sahrawi Pharmacopoeia.





PROMOTING THE TRAINING OF LOCAL PERSONNEL

In a place where there is a continued lack of ophthalmologists, general practitioners need to diagnose and treat eye diseases. Therefore, receiving and refreshing training in this matter increases their confidence and helps them improve the quality of eye care services. This is why Dr Sanchidrián taught **eye care workshops for general practitioners, nurses and auxiliary nurses**. Moreover, during the December expedition, Dr Sanchidrián taught a course on eye disease diagnosing in which 8 GPs, 6 technicians in ophthalmology and 5 nurses participated.



Furthermore, Eyes of the world organised a **paediatric ophthalmology course** for the members of the Ophthalmology Department (11 optometrists and one auxiliary nurse). In December, the paediatric ophthalmologist of the medical expedition further

trained two specialists so that they could follow up on patients autonomously.



In February, the chief of the Ophthalmology Department taught a three-day eye care seminar at the camps' nursing school. The course was attended by 23 students—9 men and 14 women. Moreover, the Smara optometrist taught an optometrics refresher course attended by 12 optometrists and 2 auxiliary nurses.

In 2017, the specialist from the Smara *wilayat*—supported by the chief of the Department and the Eyes of the Sahara coordinator—educated the Saguia El Hamra and Río de Oro Youth Union and Student Union (23 men and 69 women) on basic eye care, treatments and warning signs

THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST HAS BEEN VERY WELCOME BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POPULATION.

IN 2017, THE NUMBER OF CONSULTATIONS INCREASED AN 18%. THE NUMBER OF PROFESSIONALS TRAINED WAS INCREASED BY 50%. AND WE DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EDUCATED IN EYE CARE.

TRAINING LOCAL PROFESSIONALS NOT ONLY ALLOWS THEM TO IMPROVE AND ACQUIRE SKILLS BUT ALSO EMPOWERS AND MOTIVATES THEM.

Women, our main focus in MOZAMBIQUE



17,394
people visited
(3,453 children)



532
surgeries
performed



155
professionals
trained



9,212
people educated
in eye care



MAKING EYE CARE MORE ACCESSIBLE

In 2017, vision screenings carried out at schools and health fairs prior to surgical campaigns reached the following figures: **17,394 people visited of which 9,518 (almost 55%) were female.**



Regarding surgical campaigns, the Inhambane province ophthalmologist carried out a cataract surgical campaign in Massinga—interrupted by a cyclone that affected the province—and another one at Inhambane's hospital. Furthermore, Eyes of the world sent a me-

dical and surgical expedition led by Dr Carlos Móser to the hospital in Inhambane. A Mozambican ophthalmology resident joined the expedition in order to improve her surgical techniques. The members of the expedition carried out the maintenance of surgical equipment and performed 264 cataract surgeries. The number of **surgeries performed** overall in 2017 is of **532**—299 men and 233 women.

Inhambane's 2016 RAAB results showed that one of the main avoidable blindness causes are refractive defects. Therefore, carrying out vision screenings at primary schools has become a priority, as they allow us to detect refractive defects early. In 2017, 8 schools from the districts of Homoine and Jangamo and from Inhambane city were visited. Out of the 696 people visited at the schools, 390 were students, 200 teachers, and 106 students' relatives. During the school visits, in addition to the vision screenings and the training of teachers, theatrical plays were performed to educate both the children and their teachers in eye health and basic eye hygiene. On top of that, they are informed of the existing optician's in the area and of the eye care facilities at the rural hospitals in Chicucue, Massinga, and Vilankulo.



Educational plays at schools and educational activities at the Maxixe and Vilankulo health fairs prior to the surgical campaigns educated **9,212 people** in eye health: 3,779 women, 3,657 men, and 1,776 children.

This year, the **optical workshop in Vilankulo** celebrated its first anniversary and presented excellent results: 292 glasses and 152 reading glasses sold at affordable prices and 11 glasses donated to people without means. Moreover, the optical workshop not only covers the needs of the people with refractive defects in the area but also favours gender equality, as the workshop is managed by the AMODEVI women's association that is accompanied, trained, and supervised by the Foundation.



PROMOTING THE TRAINING OF LOCAL PERSONNEL

Eyes of the world makes the **training of local professionals a priority**. Therefore, a vision screening course was organised during the second quarter of 2017. The course was attended by 21 nurses from Inhambane and 2 electromedicine technicians. In addition, a basic ophthalmology course was organised to train 43 general practitioners working in rural areas, as the responsibility of diagnosing eye diseases and referring patients to specialized eye care facilities falls on them.

Moreover, an ophthalmic nurse and an optometrist from the Inhambane

Hospital trained 88 teachers in the use of the optotype to measure visual acuity. In turn, each trained teacher trains other teachers from the same school or from neighbouring schools, so that they may perform a preliminary vision screening and send Eyes of the world a list of students with visual acuity problems.



INFLUENCING LOCAL EYE CARE POLICIES

Eyes of the world regularly joins the national and regional meetings on ophthalmic care and the National Strategic Social and Health Plan for the Inhambane region. Moreover, it is also an active member of the Mozambican Eye Care Coalition (MECC). The MECC enables communication and cooperation with the Mozambican Ministry of Health and helps establish common strategies. The issues addressed by the MEEC include the lack of human resources—a problem that worsened this year, as the provincial ophthalmologist resigned and the position re-

mained vacant at the end of the year. Also, in 2017, the provincial manager of ophthalmology changed. The new manager, Mr Pereira, had been given a grant by Eyes of the world and the Community Eye Health Institute of Cape Town in order to receive training in eye care services management at the Institute.

Furthermore, Eyes of the world helps with the data management of the province to create statistics and detect ophthalmic care needs.

UNCORRECTED REFRACTIVE DEFECTS ARE THE MAIN CAUSE OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE WITH A 4.1% PREVALENCE.

ONCE MORE, OVER HALF OF THE PEOPLE VISITED AND EDUCATED IN EYE HEALTH HAVE BEEN WOMEN.

THE OPTICAL WORKSHOP IN VILANKULO PRODUCED EXCELLENT RESULTS IN ITS FIRST YEAR.

Working with local authorities to build a sustainable eye care system in BOLIVIA



6,994
people visited
(217 children)



981
surgeries
performed*



1,006
professionals
trained



21,137
people educated
in eye care

* Surgeries performed by the surgical expedition, the Tarija Hospital, and the National Ophthalmology Institute (INO, in Spanish)



MAKING EYE CARE MORE ACCESSIBLE

In 2017, Eyes of Bolivia contributed to the improvement of the eye care services in the departments of Tarija and Oruro, the municipalities of Ckochas and Chayanta in the department of Potosi, and the municipalities of Sucre, Culpima and Padilla in the department of Chuquisaca. The Foundation also carried out a preliminary study of Chuquisaca's eye care services to consider designing a long-term ophthalmic cooperation programme in the region.

Throughout the year, **6,994 people were visited**—2,900 male and 4,094 female. 5,171 people were visited at the Tarija consultation, 708 at rural health centres in Tarija, and 399 during the INO's medical expeditions to Ckochas and Chayanta, in the department of Potosi, and to Toledo, in the department of Oruro. The remaining 716 visits were carried out during training sessions at primary care centres in the departments of Oruro and Chuquisaca.

981 surgical procedures were performed in 2017. Among them, it is well worth mentioning the 68 cataract surgeries performed under the supervision of the Surgery Diplomat during his training expedition financed by Eyes of the world. A further 248 surgeries were performed at the Tarija Hospital and 665 during INO visits to rural communities.



Due to the **Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities** organised in the departments of Oruro, Tarija, and Chuquisaca in cooperation with the Foundation, in 2017, 781 teachers—209 men and 572 women—were trained in visual acuity measuring techniques and 18,853 students were educated in eye care through seminars, school competitions, and a walk organised on World Sight Day.

Furthermore, we organised mass media awareness-raising campaigns in the departments of Oruro, Tarija, and Chuquisaca. The Ministry of Health led the awareness-raising campaigns at a national scale. In total, these media campaigns reached 315,028 Bolivians.



INFLUENCING LOCAL EYE CARE POLICIES

Eyes of the world is a member of the National Committee for Eye Health and against Blindness. Moreover, the Foundation has been consulting in the designing of the **National Eye Care Plan**. In addition, we support the Eye Care Department in the revision of the **Optics and Optometry Degree** syllabus together with our international consultants.





PROMOTING THE TRAINING OF LOCAL PERSONNEL

As a result of our relationship with the INO and the Faculty of Medicine, in 2017, we organised the **third two-week training course Diploma in Cataract Surgery performed with the SICS technique** (Small Incision Cataract Surgery). The course was taught by Argentinian doctors Alfredo Stone and Paula Arancibia. The first week of the course was attended by three INO resident doctors and the second one was attended by two resident doctors and two ophthalmologists. Thanks to the course, an ophthalmologist who had not performed surgeries in seven years could start performing them again.

During the Ministry of Health and INO medical expeditions to rural areas, **primary ophthalmic care courses** were taught to 219 GPs, nurses and auxiliary nurses from 13 health centres located in the departments of Potosi, Oruro, Chuquisaca, and Tarija. In addition, medicines, reading lenses and sunglasses were given to the patients who were visited during the training sessions.

Furthermore, Eyes of the world has continued **financing** Dr Ángela Mora's fellowship, who has been receiving training in ophthalmology at a Paraguayan high-level institution specialised in cataract surgery and community care since 2016.

EYES OF THE WORLD CARRIED OUT AN EYE HEALTH DIAGNOSIS IN CHUQUISACA BETWEEN JULY AND OCTOBER.

51% OF THE PEOPLE WHO BENEFITED FROM EYE SURGERIES AND 72% OF TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WERE WOMEN.

DR MORA'S TRAINING IN PARAGUAY WILL GIVE HER THE NECESSARY COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE KNOWLEDGE TO PRACTICE IN BOLIVIA.



Bringing ophthalmic care closer to people in MALI



19,046
people visited
(1,605 children)



2,333
surgeries
performed



104
professionals
trained



30,935
people educated
in eye care



MAKING EYE CARE MORE ACCESSIBLE

In 2017, one of the main objectives of Eyes of Mali was to make eye care accessible to regions where there had been no ophthalmic care for a very long time. In total, **19,046 people**—8,377 men, 7,445 women, and 3,224 unclassified people—received eye care. 4,830 people received eye care during the **anti-cataract campaigns and surgical and medical expeditions** in the districts of Bandiagara, Koro, Douentza, Djenne, Youwarou, and Tenenkou. In order to support eye care consultations, all eye care facilities have received the necessary medical supplies and equipment. Furthermore, it is well worth mentioning that during the Youwarou, Tenenkou, and Koro expeditions 468 women, who had not been able to receive primary eye care due to financial, geographical or sociocultural reasons, received the attention they needed. In 2017, 722 glasses were distributed.



Regarding surgical activities, **2,333 eye surgeries were performed**. 1,904 surgical procedures were cataract surgeries—703 of them were performed on women and 441 of them on people not classified by sex. The aforementioned surgeries were performed at the Somine Dolo Hospital in Mopti and at the CSRef in Bankass during the Eyes of the world surgical and medical expeditions to Koro and Tenenkou as well as during three joint medical expeditions with the NGO Al Frouk and the Orange Mali Foundation. Moreover, we must highlight the Eyes of the world **awareness-raising campaign** aimed at informing and communicating with people through local authorities, community agents, and traditional and religious leaders as well as through informative ads broadcast on local radios.

Furthermore, we updated the **ophthalmic and optical equipment** at the ophthalmology units of the CSRef in Bankass and the Somine Dolo Hospital in Mopti. We also donated ophthalmic and optical equipment to all CSRefs and CSComs in the Mopti region. Moreover, Eyes of the world donated a motorcycle, a fridge, IT equipment, office supplies, and other materials used in awareness-raising activities to the Coordination of Feminine Associations and NGOs (CAFO, in French) in Mopti.



In March, a biotechnician and the electrician from the African Institute of Tropical Ophthalmology (AITO) carried out the maintenance of the medical equipment at the CSRef in Bandiagara and the Somine Dolo Hospital. Moreover, the Bankass optical workshop was able to open for business thanks to the equipment donated in 2016.

Once again, **women and children were the main targets** of our eye care educational campaigns and activities. Education in eye care places a strong focus on gender equality and is carried out by CAFO trainers. In 2017, **30,935 people** were educated in eye care—15,496 women, 5,682 men, and 9,757 children.



PROMOTING THE TRAINING OF LOCAL PERSONNEL

During the last few years, Eyes of the world focused on retina specialty training. Now that we have achieved our objectives regarding this specialty, we have started focusing on the training of **paediatric ophthalmology** professionals. Dr Fatoumata received training in paediatric ophthalmology at the consultation of Dr Noguier in Barcelona, at the Sant Joan de Déu Children's Hospital, and at the Barcelona Institute of Ocular Microsurgery.

Furthermore, 28 ophthalmologists and AITO resident doctors, seven of which were women, attended the videoconference graduate training course in paediatric ophthalmology "Congenital lacrimal obstruction during childhood" taught by Dr Prat.

In 2017, we trained **75 health professionals**, 13 of which were women:

- 67 public health agents, 13 of which were women, were trained in primary eye care at the districts of Djenné, Koro, and Bankass.
- One health agent was trained and certified as an ophthalmology medical assistant.
- One health agent received training in equipment maintenance.
- Six ophthalmology medical assistants and ophthalmology technicians received training in the proper use of ophthalmic equipment.

THERE HAD BEEN NO ACCESS TO EYE CARE IN YOUWAROU AND TENENKOU FOR 10 AND 5 YEARS, RESPECTIVELY.

WOMEN LEAD EYE CARE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS.



INFLUENCING LOCAL EYE CARE POLICIES

In 2017, Eyes of Mali renewed agreements with the Regional Council of Mopti, the AITO branch in Bamako, the Regional Directorate of Health in Mopti, the CAFO in Mopti, the Somine Dolo Hospital, and the National Programme of Eye Health. Moreover, the External Follow-up Committee ensures that local authorities and civil society organisations own and follow the programme.



IN A COUNTRY WHERE HALF OF THE POPULATION IS UNDER 15, FOCUSING ON PAEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY IS ESSENTIAL.

Making our Work Visible

The Night of the Eyes of the world

Once again, Eyes of the world held its traditional solidarity dinner, The Night of the Eyes of the World—a fundraising event to continue fighting avoidable blindness. On its 16th edition, the gala was held at the Edifici del Rellotge (Clock Building) of the Escola Industrial (Technical School of Industrial Engineering) of Barcelona. During the event, Eyes of the world defended the Universal Right to Sight and presented the new edition of the Vision Atlas, which includes updated data on avoidable blindness in the world and alarming forecasts urging the international health community to act swiftly. On this occasion, the event was hosted by journalists Lidia Heredia and Queco Novell. Attendees also enjoyed the Andrea Motis performance featuring Joan Chamorro and Josep Traver.



“We’re all eyes” at the Sitges Film Festival

The Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival invited the Foundation once again as a beneficiary organisation on its 50th anniversary. During the festival, attendees were encouraged to follow @ullsdemon on Instagram and/or Twitter. For every new 50 followers, Gas Natural Fenosa financed 10 cataract surgeries in Mozambique. Our goal was for 100 unnecessarily blind people to regain their sight and we are happy to inform that we more than reached it.



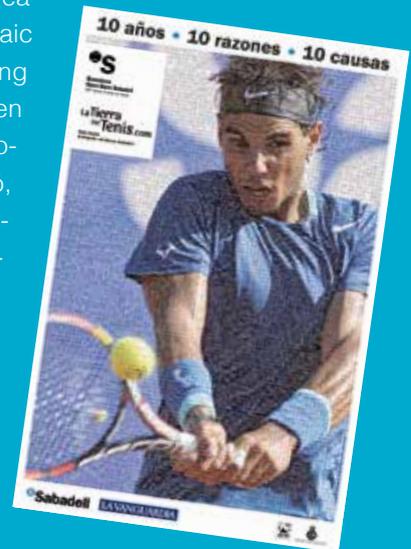
Moreover, thousands of fantastic eye badges (Eyes of the world badges) were given out to attendees so that they could share their pictures on social media with the hashtag #somtotulls (we're all eyes) in order to raise awareness on avoidable blindness.

Every little counts

Eyes of the world was able to reach more people thanks to crowdfunding. In 2017, Eyes of the world enjoyed the support of several private organizations. Some of the most significant campaigns are those of General Optica—destining all profits from the sale of a magnetic glasses case to the fight against avoidable blindness,—the Repsol Foundation—donating over 4,000 euros to the Tarija region in Bolivia after a voting on the Eyes of Bolivia programme carried out on the website “Más que palabras” (More than words),—Banc Sabadell—donating a euro



for every picture uploaded on Facebook favouring Eyes of the world to create a solidarity mosaic of Rafa Nadal during the Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell, Trofeo Conde de Godó, —and Hospes Hotels—making a donation to Eyes of the world for every online reservation.



Educating for development

Raising awareness on the precarious ophthalmic situation faced by many in developing countries contributes to making this health problem visible, engaging the civil society in critical thinking regarding global inequalities, and adding supporters to our project. Therefore, Eyes of the world organised several awareness-raising activities such as the projection of the documentary Mirades (Looks), a CreaRSA and Marc Vilarnau production about the work of the Foundation in Inhambane (Mozambique). In 2017, the documentary was projected at the Singuelín-Salvador Cabré Library in Santa Coloma de Gramenet.



On the month of June, Eyes of the world, in cooperation with DKV Seguros, presented the itinerant photographic exhibition “With other eyes” at the IMED Hospital in Elche. The exhibition includes pictures by Manel Esclusa and Elisenda Pons documenting our work all over the world.



Euskadi commits to making eye care accessible to all

In 2017, the Foundation Eyes of the world / Munduko begiak organised several fundraising activities to raise funds and make our work to fight avoidable blindness in developing countries visible.

In Bilbao, the fundraising concert “Música para sus ojos” (Music for their eyes) featuring Goiargi Abesbatza and the Lubilo Bilbao Abesbatza choirs was organised. In Hondarribia, the gastronomic society Klink organised, for the second year in a row, a solidarity lunch attended by 100 people. This lunch contributed to our establishing links with attendees and institutions to improve eye care for children in Mozambique.



Over 70 people joined a solidarity walk from Donostia to Pasaia, including a visit to the Albaola Maritime Factory, that the Foundation organised on World Sight Day. The event ended with a solidarity lunch at the Pasaia Port Transport Cooperative courtesy of Guipuzcoan organisations and volunteers.

Art for eyes

VISIONS, an art fund made up of pieces by over 80 artists from different disciplines that Eyes of the world started in 2008, kept growing this year by incorporating four artists to its collection: Cristina Iglesias, Daniel Ciancio, Clàudia Valsells, and Lydia Delgado. VISIONS keeps growing and growing thanks to the charitable donations of artists believing in the Universal Right to Sight as well as thanks to the engagement of Marta Serra, a volunteer who works for the art fund and contacts artists, reproduces pieces, and manages the donations.



Our Finances

INCOME

PUBLIC	530,466.86 €
Foundation patrons and institutions	153,200.00 €
Cooperation Grants	377,266.86 €
PRIVATE	699,905.74 €
Companies and organisations	468,010.77 €
Supporters	31,801.00 €
Occasional donors	30,038.97 €
The Night of the Eyes of the world	122,000.00 €
Art fund	48,055.00 €
TOTAL INCOME	1,230,372.60 €

EXPENSES

ACTION PROGRAMMES	1,116,002.68 €
Cooperation and development	993,319.98 €
Eyes of the Sahara	332,718.13 €
Eyes of Mozambique	212,415.70 €
Eyes of Bolivia	244,445.33 €
Eyes of Mali	203,740.82 €
Raising awareness	122,682.70 €
FUNDRAISING	152,945.12 €
ADMINISTRATION	162,117.31 €
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,431,065.11 €

The fact that the Foundation has sufficient patrimony has allowed it to continue normally with its activity, despite finishing the year with a deficit.

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**INFORME DE AUDITORÍA DE CUENTAS ANUALES ABREVIADAS
 EMITIDO POR UN AUDITOR INDEPENDIENTE**

Al Patronato de la FUNDACIÓ ULLS DEL MÓN

Opinió

Hemos auditado las cuentas anuales abreviadas de la FUNDACIÓ ULLS DEL MÓN (la Entidad), que comprenden el balance abreviado a 31 de diciembre de 2017, la cuenta de pérdidas y ganancias abreviada, el estado de cambios en el patrimonio neto abreviado y la memoria abreviada correspondientes al ejercicio terminado en dicha fecha.

En nuestra opinión, las cuentas anuales abreviadas adjuntas expresan, en todos los aspectos significativos, la imagen fiel del patrimonio y de la situación financiera de la Entidad a 31 de diciembre de 2017, así como de sus resultados correspondientes al ejercicio anual terminado en dicha fecha, de conformidad con el marco normativo de información financiera que resulta de aplicación (que se identifica en la nota 2 de la memoria) y, en particular, con los principios y criterios contables contenidos en el mismo.

Fundamento de la opinión

Hemos llevado a cabo nuestra auditoría de conformidad con la normativa reguladora de la actividad de auditoría de cuentas vigente en España. Nuestras responsabilidades de acuerdo con dichas normas se describen más adelante en la sección *Responsabilidades del auditor en relación con la auditoría de las cuentas anuales abreviadas* de nuestro informe.

Somos independientes de la Entidad de conformidad con los requerimientos de ética, incluidos los de independencia, que son aplicables a nuestra auditoría de las cuentas anuales en España según lo exigido por la normativa reguladora de la actividad de auditoría de cuentas. En este sentido, no hemos prestado servicios distintos a los de la auditoría de cuentas ni han concurrido situaciones o circunstancias que, de acuerdo con lo establecido en la citada normativa reguladora, hayan afectado a la necesaria independencia de modo que se haya visto comprometida.

Consideramos que la evidencia de auditoría que hemos obtenido proporciona una base suficiente y adecuada para nuestra opinión.

Aspectos más relevantes de la auditoría

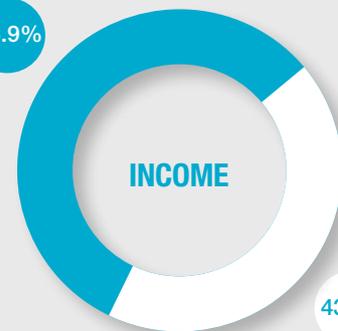
Los aspectos más relevantes de la auditoría son aquellos que, según nuestro juicio profesional, han sido considerados como los riesgos de incorrección material más significativos en nuestra auditoría de las cuentas anuales abreviadas del periodo actual. Estos riesgos han sido tratados en el contexto de nuestra auditoría de las cuentas anuales en su conjunto, y en la formación de nuestra opinión sobre éstos, y no expresamos una opinión por separado sobre esos riesgos.

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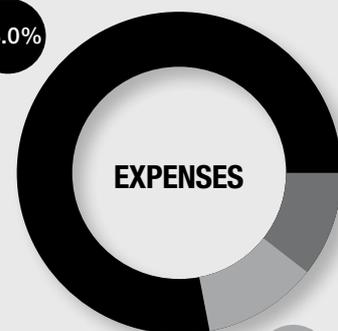


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FUNDRAISING

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Our Partners and Supporters

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION BODIES

FOUNDATION SPONSORS



LOCAL AUTHORITIES



OTHER PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS



PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS

PARTNERS



HEALTH CARE LABORATORIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Abbot Medical Optics, Angelini-Farmacéutica, Bausch&Lomb, Bloss Group, Centre Òptic Teixidó, Colegio de Enfermería de Gipuzkoa, Colegio de Médicos de Gipuzkoa, Col·legi Oficial d'Òptics i Optometristes de Catalunya, Col·legi Oficial de Metges de Barcelona, Consorci Sanitari Integral, Dicograf, Essilor, Esteve, Etnia Barcelona Foundation, Farmacia Alba, Hospital IMED Elche, Indo, Laboratorio Aragón, Laboratorios Théa, LCA Pharmaceutical, Leocadio Ramos Suministros Ópticos, OftalTech, Pharmaboz, Sofymed, Suministros Hospitalarios, Topcon, +Visión Grupo Óptico

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Agora, Betevé, Biblioteca Singuerlín-Salvador Cabré, Bidons Egara, Bonita, BRL Bearings, Broadcaster, Bufete Guerrero Castro, Calburg, Clían Holding, Club Esportiu ONCE, CreaRSA, Codorniu, Consorci per a la Normalització Lingüística, Departamento de Internet, El Consorci de la Zona Franca, Escola Industrial de Barcelona, Escuela Internacional de Protocolo, Fanorsan, Ferrer&Ojeda, Festival Internacional de Cinema Fantàstic de Catalunya, Fundació Abertis, Fundació Alicia Koplowitz, Gran Teatre del Liceu, Grupo Hoteles Ercilla, Hospes Hoteles, IDS Servicios y Soluciones Tecnológicas, La Vanguardia, Losveintiochofilms, Museu Nacional d'Art Contemporani, MRW, Permondo, RACC, RBA, Ricoh España, Sociedad Gastronómica Klink, Synergic Investigación y Marketing, Techno Trends, TICNOVA QUALITY TEAM, TwentyTú Barcelona, Xevi Estudi, +Gráfica

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)
- IAPB Gender Equality and Eye Health Network
- World Health Organisation (WHO) Alliance for the Global Elimination of Trachoma by 2020 (GET 2020) + the International Coalition for Trachoma Control (ICTC)
- Mozambique Eye Care Coalition (MECC)
- VISION 2020 América Latina

PARTNERSHIPS ON PROJECT SITES

- **Sahara:** ANARASD, Asociación Río de Oro, Asociación Salud Visual, Kabara Lagdaf, Medicus Mundi Catalunya, Regional Health Secretariat of the Government of Castile and Leon and University of Zaragoza.
- **Mozambique:** Acamo (Associação dos Cegos e Ambliopes de Moçambique), Acomuza (Associação Comunitaria de Zavala), Ametramo (Associação dos Medicos Tradicionais Moçambicano), Amodevi (Associação Comunitaria de Vilankulo), NISA (National Institute for Social Action), and Tsinela (Associação Comunitaria de Massinga).
- **Bolivia:** Bolivarian Caritas, Federación de Juntas Vecinales (FEJUVE) of Tarija, Federación Nacional de Ciegos de Bolivia (FENACIEBO), Fundación Vision, Bolivarian Institute for Blindness (BIC), NGO Aprecia, NGO Charity Vision, Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), Ágora Project, Bolivarian Ophthalmic Society (SBO, in Spanish), Un Solo Corazón Volunteers, and members of the National Eye Health and Fight against Blindness Committee (Lion Club, Rotary Club, Coroico Hospital, among others).
- **Mali:** CAFO (Women's NGOs and Associations Coordinator) in Mopti, Orange Mali foundation, and NGO Al Farouk.

COUNTERPARTS

- **Sahara:** Ministry of Public Health of the SADR.
- **Mozambique:** Ministry of Health and Provincial Directorate of Health of Inhambane.
- **Bolivia:** Ministry of Health, Autonomic Departmental Government of La Paz (including SEDES La Paz and National Institute of Ophthalmology), Autonomic Departmental Government of Chuquisaca (including SEDES Chuquisaca), Autonomic Departmental Government of Oruro (including SEDES Oruro), Autonomic Departmental Government of Tarija (including the Regional Hospital of San Juan de Dios and SEDES Tarija), Autonomic Municipal Government of Caracollo, and Autonomic Municipal Government of Tarija.
- **Mali:** Les Yeux du Monde – Mali Association, African Institute of Tropical Ophthalmology (AITO) in Bamako, Regional Council of Mopti, Regional Directorate of Health in Mopti, Somine Dolo Hospital in Mopti, National Programme of Eye Health, Reference Health Centres (CSRef, in French) in Bandiagara, Bankass, Koro Ténenkou, Youwarou, Djenné and Douentza, and Training Academies in Douentza and Mopti.

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