



Champalimaud Foundation

António Champalimaud Vision Award Candidate Entry Form

Candidate entry forms must be completed by either a Candidate Group itself or a Nominator. Applications directly from potential awardees should be signed by the submitting candidate group leader(s) on page 5. Nominations should be signed by the nominator on page 6 of the entry form.

In addition please include in your entry a report of the Group's activities (either a text, brochure or annual report) and up to three supporting letters by people not affiliated with the organizations with which the candidates are involved.

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Please submit by mail all materials print typed in English, both in paper and disk/digital form (word.dot or adobe.pdf format), to:

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**Completed Entries must be received in full by the Foundation not later than
December 31st, 2018.**

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Candidate Information

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* Recipients of the António Champalimaud Vision Award will be productive groups rather than individuals. This may involve groups from more than one institution or discipline.

** Group(s) may be affiliated to broader-based organization(s).

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1 Suggested Citation of the Candidates' Contributions

Please provide a suggested citation which succinctly presents the important aspects of the contribution(s) which you propose to be recognized by the award. (50 words or less)

Eyes of the world contributes to the elimination of avoidable blindness in some of the most vulnerable communities in the world since 2001. It focuses on strengthening local eye health services and building local capacities to ensure long-term sustainability and amplify impact.



2 Description of the Candidates' Work

What are the initiatives implemented to provide enduring changes in the visual health of an affected population? Please include background references to socioeconomic and geographic characteristics of the problem in the target population(s), the nature of the activities executed, the length and consistency of these, as well as a description of the methods/procedures used and approaches taken. (400 words or less)

Eyes of the world creates and strengthens public eye health services targeting some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. Eyes of the world's interventions are aligned with the Vision 2020 Initiative and WHO's Global Action Plan against Blindness, and are applied using a gender-sensitive lens. Eyes of the world activities include:

- Building local capacities at all levels of the health system.
- Integrating eye care into public health systems.
- Promoting of an eye-care culture to prevent visual diseases.
- Supporting eye health systems with equipment and supplies.
- Lobbying local authorities to allocate resources to eye health.
- Raising awareness of blindness and visual impairment as major international public health issues.

Most project staff are recruited from the communities where projects are implemented, to support the long-term sustainability. Eyes of the world currently works in Mozambique, Mali, Bolivia, and the Sahrawi refugee camps in Algeria.

- Mozambique is one of the poorest countries in the world, with around 25 ophthalmologists for a population of 30 million people. With one of the largest populations living with HIV/AIDS in the world, ocular health-care has been chronically neglected. Since 2002, Eyes of the world has worked in the Inhambane province, building capacity and providing eye care.
- Mali is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranked 12th in the world for the highest age-standardised blindness and MSVI prevalence. Eyes of the world works in Mopti since 2008, despite the increasing insecurity that has already discouraged the presence of many NGOs. Main activities include provision of direct eye care services and increasing local capacity.
- Bolivia is the poorest country in South America, with one of the poorest cataract surgical rates in the region. Most ophthalmologists work in three of the country's most important cities, leaving rural and a urban populations without eye health services. Eyes of the world work since 2003 is focused on rural and urban areas without ophthalmologists building capacity and providing services.
- The Sahrawi refugee camps (Algeria) are a collection of settlements with a population of around 173,600 people living in the Sahara Desert, one of the most extreme living conditions in the world. Set up in 1975-76, the camps are the most protracted refugee settlement in the world, with most of the original refugees still living there. Since 2001, Eyes of the World has improved sight and eye health of more than 120.051 people.



3 Candidates' Achievements to Date

What is the measurable and/or tangible impact of the candidates' activities in the community/ies affected? What is the impact of the work in the country/region?

The question refers to the perceived achievements: What has been the success of the candidates' activities? Please attempt to provide referenced measures of the local and, if applicable, potential national/international impact of the work undertaken.
(300 words or less)

Eyes of the World's impact is twofold. First, through support to local professionals and health services, 552,835 patients have been treated and 26,460 eye surgeries performed. Secondly, Eyes of the world's activities have increased the capacity to provide eye health services by creating and strengthening the health system jointly with public health authorities.

When Eyes of the world started working in Inhambane (Mozambique) in 2002, there was not a single ophthalmologist. Today, through Eyes of the world's support, Inhambane's population has access to five eye health facilities: Two with surgical ophthalmologists, and three with eye health personnel supervised and supported by the ophthalmologists during surgical campaigns. There are also two optical workshops, one of them run by a women's association.

In Mopti (Mali), there was a single ophthalmologist in the region's capital city in 2008. Currently, the population has access to eight eye health facilities in different locations: Two of them staffed with ophthalmologists, and equipped with an operating room and optical workshop, and the remaining six offering permanent eye care access and regular surgical campaigns.

In El Alto (Bolivia), the second biggest city in Bolivia with a large population living in poverty, Eyes of the world created a network with five ocular health facilities staffed with ophthalmologists. In 2014, the management of the network was transferred to the local authorities, and Eyes of the world is now replicating the successful model in the departments of Oruro and Tarija.

In the Sahrawi Refugee Camps, through Eyes of the world's activities there are now optometrists in each camp and a Sahrawi ophthalmologist since April 2018. Eyes of the world is the only eye health NGO with permanent presence in the refugee camps.



4 Knock-on Effects of the Candidates' Activities

How have the candidates' actions acted as a positive motivation for the local community and/or others involved in developmental projects? Can the implemented efforts provide enduring results and/or launch additional humanitarian efforts?

The question refers to potentially amplifying effects of the activities. These, if applicable, relate to the positive example set by the candidates' work and can be demonstrated through the reaction of the local community and/or the work of other developmental agencies. Such a positive motivational influence could manifest itself in a variety of ways, such as the reproducibility of the candidates' work in other affected areas, the ability to recruit or train further members of the community, engage further local resources or humanitarian aid, or any other insightful approach. (200 words or less)

Eyes of the world has worked for more than 17 years with partners to prevent avoidable blindness and save the sight of hundreds of thousands of people in developing countries. Eyes of the world's theory of change is focused on ensuring its impact will be amplified beyond the project life. The mechanisms described below summarize Eyes of the world's deliberate efforts to maximize the impact on people's lives through good eye health:

- Strengthening the capacity of members of the civil society to prevent and identify cases of eye disease, particularly in the most remote rural areas.
- Strengthening the capacity of local eye-care staff, improving the quality of services provided to the population.
- Engaging the local community (teachers, women's associations, etc) and providers throughout the project life, ensuring ownership and accountability.
- Cooperating and influencing international organizations (such as IAPB, CBM, Light for the World and Lions International) who manage similar eye health services.
- Empowering women by providing access to eye health services and facilitating spaces for social and economic participation.
- Improving literacy and reducing school dropout rates by distributing spectacles to children who need them.

Do you have two more minutes to see a little more about Eyes of the world's work?

<https://www.ullsdelson.org/en/antonio-champalimaud/>

The Candidate Group(s) agree(s), in case of receiving the award, to ultimately inform the Champalimaud Foundation as to how they have effectively used the António Champalimaud Science Award funds.

Candidate signatures

Date

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