Eyes of the World works to achieve a world in which people with visual impairments and without economic resources of developing countries can access quality ophthalmological care from their health services and create the necessary conditions to reduce the incidence of eye disease in each territory.

Similarly, it sensitizes the public opinion of our environment regarding the deficiencies of basic health services in those areas.

Eyes of the World aspires to a world where there are no blind people unnecessarily and to contribute, therefore, to make effective the right to vision.

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**PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGY**

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- 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

Eyes of the World appreciates the contribution of all the people that, either with photographs or information, have documented the Foundation’s activities.

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**Introductions**

**Firm steps forward**

What was born with great enthusiasm as a modest initiative to improve eye care of people with visual impairments in countries with precarious health systems, has been consolidated as a great project of international solidarity. What was a welfare has become a profoundly social and humanistic project, increasingly aware of the close relationship between poverty and poor health, as the World Health Organization (WHO) clearly identifies. An idea emerged here, that the volunteers and partners, and the companies and institutions that are added, make possible for us to extend our activity to many more people in this globalized world.

Today it is no longer possible to say that we don’t know the problems of all corners of the world nor can we hide our heads before the immensity of the shortcomings thinking that the justice and fairness challenges surpass us. There is a need to act tenaciously, with the available tools. And ours are detailed in this report, with a diverse mobilization capacity, from volunteering and local assistance professionals to the media, from companies to generous artists, from small local entities to public bodies. Among all, we show the ability to add an implication that makes us optimistic about overcoming the binomial visual disability and poverty.

**We face the challenge of assisting half a million people**

We must insist that more than 75% of blindness can be cured or – and we would like to emphasize in this – prevent. From Eyes of the World, we are working on training local professionals and collaborators and receiving more donations (material, economic or time). But we can’t fail to remember the link between blindness and poverty and to break this circle we are increasing the initiatives to empower women since we have seen that they are the main change agent in the well-being and health of the family. They are the best speaker of information and education for health in their environment and who best uses the solution of a personal health problem for the benefit of the family and community.

We have now set ourselves a great challenge to treat in the next five years as many people as we have attended since we were constituted in 2001. But we are not content – and it is not minor – to perform more surgeries to people with cataracts, increase check-ups and alleviate vision problems that affect difficult individual situations. What we really want is to contribute to a collective challenge, that makes real the right to receive health care and the equality of opportunities to access it, and where poverty is not the first limitation to a decent life and avoidable diseases. We also want to involve the health services of the countries where we are present, and we do it from our work field, the eye health, and from this enthusiastic, supportive, professional and international organization that is Eyes of the World.
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* Composition at December 31st 2018
Sharing and enlarging this good cause

We have a duty to a good cause, a solidary and international cause, and although sometimes the circumstances might not be entirely favorable, we don’t stop. We would have always liked to perform more interventions, assist more people, to train more specialists, and provide more lessons people. We would have loved receiving more contributions and commitment from additional companies and institutions. But the work we summarize in these pages is our response, to the volunteers and to permanent and occasional collaborators who will always have the gratitude of everyone who this year has benefited from it in the Sahara, Mozambique, Bolivia and Mali and the new generations that will do so in the future. A contribution that we want long-term and sustainable.

To be able to ensure this continuity and to increase the focus on eye care and the training of professionals, as well as information activities for the population, it’s necessary to get more resources, and therefore it is necessary to be insistent and convincing with our citizens. This is being done today through social media, which help us to be more direct and closer to inform about our work. I would also like to highlight the roots of the project in the Basque Country, which deepens the awareness of the right to vision in that territory.

A good cause that we invite you to share to make it truly global.

Núria Ramon, CEO
2018 Summary

Data 2018

- **People Assisted**: 97,403 (51,454 women and 45,949 men)
- **Surgical Interventions**: 2,198 (1,046 women and 1,152 men)
- **Professionals Trained**: 468
- **People Sensitized**: 33,751

**Locations**:
- **Bolivia**: Department of Tarija and Department of Oruro
- **Mali**: Mopti Region
- **Sahara**: Camps for refugees in Tindouf (Algeria)
- **Mozambique**: Province of Inhambane
With women eyes

Eyes of the World is defined by its commitment to the most vulnerable population who suffer from avoidable blindness and with the equitable and sustainable human development. Is due to this reason that it places gender at the center of processes and ongoing projects of cooperation. Development efforts are more effective if they take into account gender inequalities.

Throughout 17 years of experience, both in the camps of the Sahara and in Bolivia, Mali and Mozambique, we have found that women are the core that hold families together. But even then, they have fewer opportunities to access the right to eye care because of social barriers and gender roles. The data indicate that 55% of the world’s population with severe visual impairments are women.

After a process of analysis, study and training in gender perspective that culminated in 2017, Eyes of the World has launched the Gender Strategy 2018-2021, which affects the cooperation projects of the Foundation, in communication and education for the development and management of the organization.

Eyes of the World has created a communication manual on gender equity and in 2018 has begun to train all its team in the use of non-sexist language and to review all online and offline content to ensure a gender perspective.

GENDER STRATEGY 2018-2020

1. Guarantee an equal access to eye health
2. Encourage women’s individual and collective empowerment
3. Make gender diagnosis
4. Improve gender knowledge in local working groups
5. Include the gender perspective in communication
6. Implement a gender-focused sensibility in all areas of our Foundation
Munduko begiak, deep-rooted throughout the Basque Country

Munduko Begiak is in full growth in the Basque Country. In 2018, several Basque companies and organizations joined the project, either with financial contributions, volunteering, or cession of resources. Thanks to this involvement, it has been possible to carry out various awareness and education actions for global justice, both in the Basque Country and in Navarre, where the Foundation has had a first-year presence. Munduko Begiak has also increased its presence in Basque cooperation organizations and federations (such as the Pro Africa Group) and has obtained the support of new volunteers and collaborators, which has strengthened its roots in the territory.

Sahara: incorporation of a new Sahrawi ophthalmologist

In 2018 Dr. Said (Saharawi ophthalmologist trained in Algeria) joined the health system, which has allowed the Sahrawi population refugee in the Tindouf camps to be assisted and receive ophthalmological treatment at any time of the year. Dr. Said has been providing care three days a week at the National Hospital of Rabuni, and since he joined until the end of the year, he has performed 1,367 visits.

Eyes of the World collaborates by accompanying the new ophthalmologist and providing the economic incentive, in addition to donating medicines, consumables materials, and equipment to facilitate their work.

Mozambique: model lessons and check-ups in schools

In 2017, training in visual acuity testing was provided to teachers in the Homoine district. Initially, two professors were trained from each of the 24 areas of pedagogical influence (there are three or four schools in each zone). Each trained teacher instructed other teachers in their area.

Thanks to this training, during the first semester of 2018 the teachers examined a total of 21,596 students, 6% of which were sent to medical office. Finally, 1.2% of the children and members of the educational communities were treated by the local ophthalmologist of the identified eye diseases.

Prior to eye examinations, sensitization was promoted with theatrical performances.
Mali: local medical-surgical committees

In 2018, the formula that allows the realization by local professionals of medical-surgical commissions within the region has been consolidated. In 2017 the commissions had already been carried out in the districts of Youwarou and Ténenkou, and in 2018 they were carried out in Douenza, Koro and Bandiagara. The goal of this initiative is to increase the number of patients receiving cataract surgical care and to do so at meager prices. In fact, in 2018 it has been possible to reduce the cost of cataract surgery by almost half (60% of the cost is related to the renewal of medicines and consumables, and the remaining 40% is for the organization of the medical commission). The proximity of ophthalmological care allows minimizing the costs of transport, accommodation, and maintenance of patients.

In Koro, 67 patients had surgery with the support of Eyes of the World, which donated surgical kits and other medications for cataracts treatment. In the health care center of Bandiagara, 79 patients had surgery, and in Douenza 340 patients (200 free interventions and 140 at a reduced price).

Eyes of the World offers logistical support to local health authorities and provides resources and equipment to carry out campaigns.

Bolivia: training of an ophthalmologist in Paraguay

The ophthalmologist Ángela Mora was awarded a scholarship by Eyes of the World to be trained at Fundación Visión of Paraguay, a center with a high surgical level and community focus. The studies that Dr. Mora began in 2016 concluded the first semester of 2019. Eyes of the World has taken care of the enrollment and housing / maintenance costs since the second year of education and, once completed, it is expected that Dr. Mora will be incorporated into the health care system of the Tarija Department.

Bolivia: surgical commission in Oruro

In March had been carried out – in coordination with the Departmental Health Service of Oruro, the General Hospital San Juan de Dios and the National Institute of Ophthalmology (INO, in Spanish) – a instruction week in cataract surgery with SICS technique, a small incision and sutureless technique recognized by the World Health Organization as the most appropriate surgery in developing countries. Dr. Rainald Duerksen Paraguayan ophthalmologist, director of Fundación Visión, participated as a trainer, and surgery was performed in 16 people with low economic resources, nine of whom were women. This action allowed to improve the surgical skills of the ophthalmologists of the Oruro Department and two residents of the INO. Eyes of the World provided all surgical consumables and medicines, in addition to providing preventive material and disseminating information about the commission through social networks.
Eyes of the Sahara

Eyes of the World began its activity in the camps of the Sahrawi refugee population, in Tindouf, in 2001. Since then, in addition to a strict assistance intervention, the Foundation has contributed to the creation of an eye health network and improvement of the infrastructure. The year 2018 has been a year of little ophthalmological activity in the camps, mainly due to the lack of funding, but there has also been progress in the strengthening of eye care services.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL CARE

In 2018, 12,035 people were assisted in the Sahrawi camps, 51% of whom were women. In the eye health revision to students of elementary schools, the percentage of girls is also higher: a total of 385 children have been attended, 56% of whom have been girls. And five of the six surgical interventions that have been performed have been on women.

STRENGTHENING EYE CARE SERVICES

Apart from supporting the ophthalmological and optical care done by the staff of the Ophthalmology Department, Eyes of the World has contributed to improving the organization and management of health care services in the camps.

Since May, it is offered permanent ophthalmological assistance to the population thanks to the incorporation of Dr. Said into the health care system, an ophthalmologist from the Ministry of Public Health of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), to improve consultation tasks in the National Hospital of Rabuni. This incorporation represents a substantial change in the improvement of visual health care in the Sahrawi refugee population camps since the population can receive ophthalmological care at any time of the year. Eyes of the World accompanies the specialist in his medical practice and provides his economic incentive, in addition to medicines, consumables, and equipment to facilitate his work.

In November, the Ministry of Public Health of the RASD again appointed Hamudi Mojtar responsible for the direction of the National Ophthalmology Department, in which he had been incorporated in 2001 as an optometrist. Since then he has worked in the Department of Ophthalmology, where he has carried out different functions, from an optometrist in the optic of the National Hospital of Rabuni to head of the department for five years.

SUPPORT FOR THE EYES OF THE SAHARA PROGRAM

In October, a new medical supervisor was incorporated into the Eyes of the Sahara program, Dr. Mónica Lecumberri; a Catalan ophthalmologist who graduated in Medicine and Surgery who works with the Foundation since 2014.

The changes in public structures, together with the daily effort of the Eyes of the Sahara project, represent an advance for the refugees in the Tindouf camps, who are suffer visual impairment, so they can receive quality and permanent ophthalmological care by local health care services.

Eyes of the World has participated in the coordination platforms organized by the Ministry of Public Health - the
updating meetings of the health sector and the medicines platform – to favor coordination and transparency in the actions carried out. In these meetings, the heads of the Ministry and representatives of the international organizations and agencies bring together the activities they carry out to coordinate in each area. The Foundation also participated in the health consultation roundtable on December 1st and 2nd of 2018.

In June 2018 a humanitarian aid caravan arrived with a significant amount of material, presbyopic glasses and equipment for diagnosis and workshops donated by Eyes of the World.

GENDER APPROACH

In 2018, the Health Ministry approved a gender and health plan that has led to the creation of a gender and health committee in which a group of 12 women participated, all workers of the Health Ministry in different specialties, one of them is an optical assistant of the Ophthalmology Department.

The Gender and Health Plan 2018-2020 aims to achieve equality of opportunity and non-discrimination in the recognition, guarantee, and provision of the right to health care of the Sahrawi refugee population and it contributes to incorporate the gender perspective in the Sahrawi health policy.

“Professionally, volunteering has given me experience on how to work with the minimum means; personally, it has allowed me to get to know very real problems, but also very alienated to our day to day here in Spain.”

Mónica Lecumberri is an ophthalmologist and medical supervisor of the Eyes of the Sahara program.

PEOPLE ASSISTED

12,035
(6,221 women and 5,814 men),
of which 385 under-aged
(217 girls and 168 boys)

SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS

6
(5 women and 1 man)

PEOPLE SENSITIZED

946
Eyes of Mozambique

The Eyes of Mozambique program, initiated in 2002, works on overcoming the difficulties and barriers that frustrate access to eye care for the population of the province of Inhambane, located in the south of the country. Eyes of the World promotes prevention and early detection activities of eye diseases, intending to reduce the incidence of avoidable blindness in this territory, and brings eye care closer to the communities, always from a gender perspective, given that almost 60% of blind people in the country are women.

**OPHTHALMOLOGICAL CARE**

Eye health care services in the province of Inhambane attended 27,841 people in 2018, 57% of whom were women.

A total of 379 eye surgical procedures were performed (49% women), 64 of which were included in the ordinary activity of Vilankulo Hospital. Between October 28th and November 4th, a surgery campaign was carried out in the district of Massinga, organized by the Provincial Directorate of Health, with the participation of the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane and Massinga Hospital and logistical and coordination support of Eyes of the World. In this initiative, which was aimed to bring eye care to the population, 57 patients had surgery (44% men and 56% women), and 500 were assisted in total.

The fact that during most of the year there was no ophthalmologist in the province increased the waiting list for the interventions of the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane and only one of the two intensive weeks planned, between December 10th and 22nd, became possible to organize, in which surgery was performed in 79 people (46% women and 54% men), and space was set up with educators to facilitate the assistance of patients who have minors in charge, mainly women, to the ophthalmology consultations or the eye health revision.

It is also worth to highlight the campaign in which the South African NGO Doctors for Life performed surgery in 179 people with the equipment provided by Eyes of the World.

**OPTICAL ASSISTANCE AND EQUIPMENT**

To improve optical care in the province, in 2018 different actions were taken, such as the technical and management supervision of the Vilankulo optics workshop, which has allowed to prove that it works correctly and is economically sustainable. Eyes of the World has also enabled the reopening of the Hospital of Inhambane workshop with the delivery of optical material and has equipped Zavala’s office, which started to work in May 2018.

In the last years, constant work has been done with Mozambican public health administrations to ensure that all statistical data are collected disaggregated by gender and age to identify areas where there are inequalities.

The provincial health head officer, together with the Eyes of the World coordinator, has determined the needs of medicines and medical material, and the Foundation has provided the necessary material to guarantee the care assistance in the districts.

In 2018, 691 glasses were delivered, 46 of which were donated to students with refractive problems in families that could not afford them (63% girls and 37% boys).

“**The Optical Workshop reduces distances – the movement of people from their place of residence to the optic – to obtain glasses and facilitates access to the solution of refractive errors. The province also has an impact on the gender perspective: the Optical Workshop is managed only by women. This shows society that we, women, can have a positive impact on the development of the area.”**

**Maria Helena Filipe Duzenta** is the administrative secretary of the Optical Workshop of Vilankulo, the first optical workshop in East Africa, fully managed by women.
EYE CARE CHECK-UPS IN SCHOOLS

The eye health revision of children through a visual acuity test is a priority strategy since it allows to detect refractive problems early. Furthermore, seeing correctly is the first step to facilitate the schooling of children and reduce school dropout. In this sense, in 2018 the teachers of the Homoíne schools -that in 2017 were trained in basic eye revision- have practiced a visual acuity test to the 21,596 students of the district and they have made a first selection of 2,392 students and members of educational communities, 1,564 of which have been reviewed by health care personnel to confirm the diagnosis and provide the appropriate treatment.

Previously, three sensitization sessions had been carried out in which 3,000 people participated (2,500 women and 500 men).

REINFORCEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE PROVINCE

After practically one year without ophthalmological care in Inhambane, Dr. Assane finally joined in April 2018, and in November Dr. Pae Tongy, a North Korean specialist, began working at the Inhambane Hospital, who later joined the Hospital of Vilankulo.

PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY AND ATTENTION TO ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE GROUPS

Thanks to an agreement with the National Institute of Social Action, in 2018, attendance was provided to the most vulnerable population. At the orphanage, the prison and the elderly support center, a total of 132 people have been assisted, and 43 glasses have been donated.

Albinos suffer from several visual impairments and are often subject to social discrimination because of their physical appearance. During the visit to the orphanage of Laura Vicuña (Inharrime), 70 girls and 36 boys were attended (10 were albinos). Besides, it was established that consultations on albinos at the Inhambane Hospital should be facilitated on Fridays.

Throughout the year, Eyes of the World has trained the Community Association of Women of Zavala (ACOMUZA) in theater and awareness techniques to raise awareness among the communities of the district about eye care and how gender roles affect access to women to health care services.

Since 2017, the Eyes of the World agreements and conventions with counterparts include a commitment clause on gender equality. In 2018 this clause was included in the agreement with the National Institute of Social Action (to provide healthcare assistance to the beneficiaries of the Institute) and with the Provincial Directorate of Health of Inhambane and the Hospital (to improve the performance of its optical workshop). An agreement has also been signed with the Ministry of Gender, Childhood and Social Action for the empowerment of women.
Eyes of Bolivia

Eyes of Bolivia began the activity in 2003 with the goal of improving the conditions of access to eye care in the city of El Alto and in the rural communities of La Paz and created an ophthalmological care network that, since 2013, it’s already in the hands of the local health authorities. The same year, Eyes of the World contributed to the constitution of the National Committee for Eye Health and Fight against Blindness and later to the Area of Eye Care of the Ministry of Health. The replication of the El Alto project took place in 2014, when the first eye care actions were launched in the Department of Tarija, and in 2016 in Oruro, wherein 2018 a specific program of actions has been initiated. In both Tarija and Oruro, there is a strong involvement of the partners and a close relationship with the population and local authorities and the community.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL CARE

In 2018, 5,669 people were visited in Tarija, 3,452 visits took place at the Hospital of Tarija, 1,364 in the Hospital de Yacuiba, 551 in the health care centers of the municipalities of El Puente and Cercado, 257 during the surgical commission in the Hospital of Tarija and 45 in the Association of the Down Center. In Oruro, the total number of people assisted was 3,790: 2,728 in the San Juan de Dios Hospital, 69 during the surgical commission, 422 in the Hospital Corea, 241 during the training of healthcare personnel in the municipalities of Huanuni and Oruro, 42 in the ophthalmological center, 110 in the Abya Yala school and 178 during the campaign of the National Institute of Ophthalmology (INO, in Spanish) with the support of Eyes of the World.

Throughout the year, teachers have performed a visual acuity test to 2,073 students (49% girls and 51% boys) from 15 schools in Tarija and 202 (54% boys and 46% girls) from Abya Yala School in Oruro.

As a result of the reviews, Eyes of the World has contributed to the endowment of 817 glasses (521 in Tarija and 296 in Oruro) to students and people with limited resources and different degrees of disability.

Regarding surgical activity, in 2018 in Tarija 226 cataracts were intervened. In Oruro, 53 people had undergone surgery: during the training week of cataract surgery, 16 patients were operated, all of them from rural areas, and 37 in the INO surgical commission.

TRAINING OF HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL

In Tarija, 72 professionals (67% women and 33% men) from four healthcare centers have been trained in basic ophthalmology with a focus on family and intercultural community health, to improve their abilities in the detection of patients with visual impairments. In the Department of Oruro, 24 healthcare professionals (67% women and 33% men) belonging to the municipalities of Huanuni and Oruro (17 and 7 health professionals respectively) have been trained. During the training, 241 people have been attended, 81 of whom suffer disabilities.

During the Tarija cataract surgery training committee, a pediatric ophthalmologist from INO, two doctors from the Ministry of Health and two nurses were trained in the SICS technique (small incision cataract surgery) and during the surgery training committee training in Oruro, five ophthalmologists and two residents of the INO were also trained in the SICS technique.

The support to the international training in ophthalmology of Dr. Ángela Mora has also continued, who is expected to join Tarija’s public health system in 2019.

SENSITIZATION IN EYE CARE AND GOOD HABITS

In 2018, 6,894 students were sensitized with eye healthcare talks: in Tarija, 5,487 students from 22 schools and, in Oruro, 1,407 students from four schools. Also, 1,378 people (969 in Tarija and 409 in Oruro) have participated in different activities and talks on prevention and eye hygiene where the emphasis has been placed on the gender approach.

Approximately 60,000 people have been informed through local media about the work of Eyes of the World and its occasional activities.
On the occasion of World Sight Day, in the municipality of El Puente (Tarija), drawings and graffiti competitions were held (242 participants) and an eye health fair (427 visitors), and in the city of La Paz it was organized walk in which 500 people participated.

**GENDER APPROACH**

In eye care training (both among health and education personnel) there is more participation of women than men, which shows that when training is done in the workplace (school or healthcare center), the involvement of women is guaranteed. On the other hand, regarding the awareness activities of the students, boys predominate, which reflects the difference between men and women regarding the right to education. The Eyes of Bolivia team has participated in a workshop organized by the NGO Solidar Suiza to assess the incorporation of the gender approach in the daily work of the Foundation. It has also been created a manual explicitly aimed at the training of eye care promoters that it has been shared with women’s associations.

To these actions are added the talks for the promotion of eye care with a gender focus and the implementation of a portable care space, so the children are taken cared of allowing their parents (usually the mother) to receive ophthalmological assistance.

On the other hand, in 2018 Eyes of the World has signed agreements with the women’s associations CCIMCAT, Mujeres en Acción and Casa Vida, and has presented a proposal of intervention in the micro-financial Pro Mujer to train eye care as promoters, women that are part of village banking groups.

*For Pacesa Lupaty it became hard to decide to undergo surgery, and she didn’t do it until she had to stop going to the market because she could not distinguish the buses. After surgery, Dr. Duerksen took off the ocular protector and asked her: “Can you see me?” She answered (blushed): “Yes Doctor, such beautiful eyes you have!”.*
Eyes of Mali

The main objective of the Eyes of Mali program is to fight avoidable blindness and bring ophthalmological attention to the largest number of people possible in the Mopti region. Currently, the political and social situation of the country is very unstable, and poverty is becoming more and more accentuated. Despite the context of insecurity that exists, Eyes of the World manages to provide assistance and training activities with the local team and Malian professionals and supports local institutions.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL CARE

In 2018, 45,995 people (of whom 50.1% are women) received ophthalmological care within the Eyes of Mali program. In the regular medical visits of the Somine Dolo Hospital, centers of reference and community health centers in the Bandiagara, Bankass, Koro, Douentza, Djenné and Mopti districts, 17,570 people have been assisted. 4,580 people have also been visited during the campaigns for the active search of cataracts cases and trichiasis of Koro and medical-surgical commissions financed by the Foundation in the districts of Bandiagara, Koro, Douentza, Mopti, and Djenné.

SURGICAL ACTIVITY

As for surgical activity, in 2018, 1,534 eyes were intervened. In the Somine Dolo Hospital, 489 cataracts have been intervened and 433 in the Bandiagara health center. Eyes of the World has organized a total of six commissions in the health centers of reference of Bandiagara, Koro and Douentza, where the following number of surgeries have been performed, 79, 67 and 340 waterfalls, respectively. The Somine Dolo Hospital ophthalmologist and the ophthalmology medical assistant at the Mopti center have also intervened 40 cataracts. Apart from cataracts, 86 interventions of other pathologies have been practiced.

For the population to go to the health check-ups, the commissions are not only made known in the health centers, but they are also announced through social mobilization campaigns on the radio and in the most popular religious centers. In this regard, the role of women in the Coordination of Associations and Women’s NGOs in Mali is essential for raising awareness among the population.

Eye care training

In 2018, a total of 76 professionals were trained in several aspects related to eye care.

On the one hand, 24 sociosanitary agents have been trained in basic eye care; this training has allowed them to acquire the necessary ophthalmological knowledge to detect the most common diseases, among them cataracts and trichiasis. On the other hand, they have learned to use different ophthalmological materials, the eyelid eversion technique, and the appropriate procedures to be able to determine each case of eye injury.

Throughout September, continuous post-graduate training on pediatric nystagmus was taught in which 42 ophthalmologists and residents of the Institute of Tropical Ophthalmology of Africa participated.

Additionally, Eyes of the World has also provided financial support for a health agent from the Youwarou center to complete his final year as an oph-

87% of patients who undergone surgery in 2018 were checked-up during the three months following the intervention.
Apart from technical training, in December, a session was held on the application of the gender approach in the projects addressed to the Eyes of the World local team. Six men and two women have participated.

SENSITIZATION

Eyes of the World has organized and coordinated various awareness activities on eye care and prevention for the population. A total of 21,533 people have been sensitized by the trainers of the Coordinator of Associations and Women’s NGOs in Mali in the districts of Bankass and Koro.

DONATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT

Eyes of the World has donated different materials and equipment for the surgeries and also to support the socio-cultural activities of the Coordinator of Associations and Women’s NGOs in Mali. Additionally, a biomedical technician has been responsible for the maintenance and repair of eye care equipment and has provided training on the operation of the devices.

The rehabilitation of the optical workshop has concluded with the transfer of the equipment to a new building and its implementation for the assistance of the population.

Three of the six existing collaboration agreements, the Somine Dolo Hospital, the Regional Council of Mopti and the Coordinator of Women’s Associations and NGOs in Mali de Mopti, include a clause for the reduction of gender inequalities.

“I can’t read or write well without glasses, and they have helped me improve school grades. When I wear the glasses that the Eyes of the World doctors gave me, I can see what the teacher writes on the board, I can write without difficulty and watch TV without my eyes crying.”

Adama Ouédraogo is a student at the school in Koro (Mali).
Dissemination and Transformative Education

The tasks that Eyes of the World carries out on the ground and the awareness-raising initiatives that promotes from the headquarters and the different areas, are aimed at the generation of changes and just living conditions for all people and education for global justice. In particular, all transformative education and communication activities of Eyes of the World are oriented towards social change, in a coherent way with a human rights, gender, and sustainability approach.

The Foundation also leads efforts to make visible the connection between the situation of the populations with which it works on the ground and the existing reality in its environment. And it favors personal and collective implication in the universal right to the vision promoting the activism of the citizenship.

Apart, Eyes of the World makes an essential institutional commitment to networking and platforms, aware that the eradication of poverty and the right to see can’t be achieved in isolation. Collaboration and participation with other organizations and public and private institutions are especially evident on the ground.

The campaign 500.000 + 500.000 is a solidarity call to fight avoidable blindness. In five years, Eyes of the World intends to treat half a million people, the same number that the Foundation has attended since it was created, in 2001.

To make it possible, both recognized personalities and anonymous people who have suffered visual impairments appeal to the commitment of the whole society through comments, videos, and photographs.

The beginning of the campaign took place in October, with a presentation to the media with the participation of Josep Maria Pou. It was also broadcast in The Night of the Eyes of the World and the World Sight Day, through several placements in the media, online and offline. The campaign 500.000 + 500.000 is also present on the Eyes of the World website and on social media through videos directed by Isaki Lacuesta, where personalities such as the actors Lluís Homar, Alicia González Laa, Núria Prim, and Mariona Tena, and many other anonymous people have shared fears and hopes in relation to the loss of vision through the hashtag #nodejardever.

+ 2,720,000 mentions in written press
+ 5,700,000 mentions in digital press
+ 16,000 interactions on Instagram
+ 17,000 interactions on Twitter
+ 180,000 interactions on Facebook
On June 18th, 2018, Professor Serge Resnikoff gave the lecture “Poverty and visual disability: the challenge of ending avoidable blindness” in cycle Current Affairs of Palau Macaya. The event received the support of the Obra Social “La Caixa” and the Club Roma. Professor Resnikoff is an international expert in global public health, ophthalmology, and eye healthcare. Throughout his presentation, he raised the challenge of bringing ophthalmological attention to the most vulnerable population, within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.

En 2018, Eyes of the World has been awarded the Anesvad Prize for Innovation and the Natura Prize, which differentiates projects that fight to build a better world. Furthermore, the workers of Ferrovial have become involved to help the access of the students to eye care and have contributed with the money collected in the campaign “Together we add to the Eyes of Mali project.”

Through the VISIONS Art Fund, made up by almost 90 works by more than 70 solidarity artists and with the support of Marta Sierra, Eyes of the World manages to raise awareness about the existing inequalities in the world in eye care, mobilize citizens and capture resources for the implementation of projects. In 2018, the Art Fund grew with contributions from Ignasi Aballí (Intent de reconstrucció, 15 copies), Sergi Aguilar (Nansa, 10 copies) and Jaume Plensa (Janus, 11 copies). A sample of VISIONS could be seen between the 19th and 29th September at the Marlborough Gallery in Barcelona.

The 17th edition of The Night of the Eyes of the World held on October 25th at the Foyer del Liceu in Barcelona, brought together 160 people that enjoyed the musical intervention of the soprano Adriana de León and the prestigious Cosmos Quartet. During the solidarity dinner, which was presented by Raquel Sanz and Jordi Bosch, the results of the projects of Eyes of the World were announced.
The initiative “Glasses for Mozambique”, framed in the gastronomic event organized in Hondarribia on June 16th by the Klink Gastronomic Society, and the commemoration of World Sight Day on October 20th in Donostia and the International Day of Peace in Irún have been three of the actions promoted by Munduko Begiak in favor of the universal right to vision. Eyes of the World has also made multiple talks and presentations throughout the year in different scenarios, such as Catalonia, the Basque Country, and Navarra.

In 2018, Munduko Begiak strengthened the initiative “Music for your eyes” to approach the Basque population through a musical interpretation; Two concerts have been organized: one in Bilbao, on October 6th, with the participation of the Chamber Music Association of Bilbao, and the other in Zarautz, on December 15th, with the collaboration of three groups of Zarautz Abesbatza. Munduko Begiak has also participated in the initiative “Fair Saturday” and has been the beneficiary entity of the 5th edition of the solidarity Christmas concert of Orona Fundazioa held at the Kursaal in Donostia.

The exhibition “Eyes of Inhambane” by Elisenda Pons, which collects snapshots of the work of Eyes of the World in Mozambique, has been seen twice in 2018: in May at Arma Plaza Fundazioa in Hondarribia and in December at Orona Fundazioa in Hernani.

In 2018 various online communication initiatives have been promoted to reach more people and boost the commitment of the population in favor of the universal right to vision. With the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness the campaigns #makevisioncount and #eyehealthforall have been disseminated through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and it has also been incorporated the section “With the eyes of a woman” in both on the website and the newsletter of Eyes of the World, with specific contents of gender and visual health.
Economic Data

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Partners and Supporters

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION BODIES

FOUNDATION SPONSORS

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS

OTHER PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

PARTNERS
HEALTH CARE LABORATORIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Angelini-Farmacéutica, Bausch&Lomb, Bloss Group, Brill Pharma, Colegio de Enfermería de Gipuzkoa, Colegio de Médicos de Bizkaia, Colegio de Médicos de Gipuzkoa, Col·legi Oficial d’Optics i Optometristes de Catalunya, Consorci Sanitari Integral, Farmacia Alba, Johnson&Johnson Vision, Laboratorio Aragó, Laboratorios Théa, LCA Pharmaceutical, Leocadio Ramos Suministros Ópticos, Medical Mix, OptalTech, Pharmaboz, Sofymed, Suministros Hospitalarios, Topcon

OTHER ORGANISMS


MEDIA


INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

· International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)
· Gender Equality and Eye Health Network (IAPB)
· World Health Organization (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 IN PROJECT LOCATIONS

· Mozambique: Acamo (Associação dos Cegos e Ambliopes de Moçambique), Acomuza (Associação Comunitária de Zavala), Ametramo (Associação dos Medicos Tradicionais Moçambicano), Amodevi (Associação Comunitária de Vilankulo), NISA (National Institute for Social Action) and Tsinela (Associação Comunitária de Massinga).
· Bolivia: Boliviana Caritas, Vice Ministry Coordinator of Women in Equal Opportunities, Federación de Juntas Vecinales (FEJUVE) in Tarija, Fundación Visión, Bolivian 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 and members of the National Eye Health and Fight against Blindness Committee (Fundación Visión, Rotary Club, Coroico Hospital, among others).
· Mali: CAFO (Women’s NGOs and Associations Coordinator) in Mopti, MSF España, MSF France and NGO Al Farourk.

COUNTERPARTS

· Sahara: Ministry of Public Health of the SADR.
· Mozambique: Ministry of Health and Provincial Directorate of Health of Inhamban.
· Bolivia: Ministry of Health, National Institute of Ophthalmology, Autonomic Departmental Government of Oruro (including headquarters in Oruro and Hospital San Juan de Dios), Autonomic Departmental Government of Tarija (including Regional Hospital San Juan de Dios and Tarija headquarters), Autonomic Departmental Government of Caracollo and Municipal Autonomic Government of Tarija.
· Mali: Association Les Yeux du Monde - Mali, 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 (CSRref) in Bandiagara, Bankass, Koro, Djenné and Douentza and Training Academies in Douentza and Mopti.