COMMITMENT TO EQUITY

EYES OF THE WORLD  ANNUAL REPORT  2019
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. Furthermore, it works to 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 healthcare services in those areas.

**VISION**

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

**PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGY**

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Eyes of the world appreciates the contribution of all those who, either with photographs or information, have documented the Foundation’s activities.

Eyes of the world is a private foundation with headquarters in Barcelona, constituted on July 9, 2001 and registered in:

- Register of Foundations of the Generalitat de Catalunya with the number, on July 18, 2001.
- Register of Non-Governmental Organisations for Development of the Generalitat de Catalunya, Secretary for International Cooperation, with the number 29 on June 19, 2005.
- Basque Register of Foundations, on July 19, 2005.
- Register of the Puy-de-Dôme Prefecture, France, on December 27, 2012.
- Assembly of Associations, Foundations and Professional Associations of Pamplona, Navarra on November 20, 2013.
- Catalan Federation of NGO’s for Development, Peace and Humans Rights.
Introductions

Community based eye care

The Eyes of the world strategy is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and is based on three essential pillars: the right to health, community action and sustainability. Under these premises, we are moving towards our main objective: reducing economic, social and gender inequalities in the field of health, and moving towards the eradication of preventable blindness, which in turn leads to poverty. A goal shared by all of us who are part of Eyes of the world, the operational and management team, the partners and volunteers and the institutions and entities that believe in our project and make it grow from year to year.

This 2019, despite the difficult political and social situation in the territories in which we work, which has forced us to modify and, in some cases, postpone some of the activities that we had planned, we can be satisfied with the results achieved, with our participation in the community and our impact on the strengthening public health systems, so that they are efficient and comprehensive.

After 18 years of activity, today we are an international ophthalmological care organization of reference, and our contribution to the improvement of access to eye care in camps for refugees in the Sahara, Mozambique, Bolivia and Mali is notable.

And by improving eye health, we are certainly helping to reduce poverty, improve inclusive education, promote skilled work and advance gender equity.

Rafael Ribó
President

Training and empowerment: the keys to advance the fight against blindness

According to estimates made by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, 36 million people in the world are blind (avoidable blindness in 75% of cases) and 217 million people suffer from severe or moderate visual impairment. On the global scene, the clear link between blindness and poverty should be emphasized, as well as the higher incidence of eye diseases among women, representing 55% of cases of visual impairment.

Based on the recognition of gender inequalities and the conviction that women are the main guarantee of improving the health and well-being of the community, one of our priorities in recent years is the fight for gender equity and the women’s empowerment. In this regard, throughout 2019, we have carried out gender diagnoses in Mozambique and Tarija (Bolivia) and we plan to carry them out in Mali and the Sahara. The results of these studies will undoubtedly allow us to improve the approach to inequalities in eye care.

Training is also fundamental for the development of the communities in the territories where we operate; thus, we have professionals who bring their experience and solidarity to the training of professionals from other countries, travelling in the field or via videoconferencing courses. The Foundation also offers training grants to local health personnel.

And thanks to our powerful network of collaborators, we look ahead to meet new challenges and achieve our organization’s foundational goals.

Borja Corcóstegui
Vice president
We are Eyes of the world

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* Composition at December 31st 2019
Our contribution to the eradication of blindness

This year is to conclude the Strategic Plan 2015-2019, which has been our road map for the past five years, and the results of the past year contributed to meeting the challenges we had set ourselves for this period. The activity data for 2019 are clearly positive: we outnumbered people treated compared to the previous year, and thanks to the local staff training, we managed to improve the quality of surgical interventions and obtain a good visual acuity of the operated eyes. In addition, Eyes of the world has achieved greater involvement of local health authorities and enhanced the active role of the population in relation to their health through promotion and sensitization activities, focusing on the most vulnerable group.

Social media, where we gain presence and visibility (with more than 50,000 followers), have been an ideal channel for generating contacts and synergies with our environment, and have allowed us to extend social awareness in relation to the universal right to health, the understanding of the causes of avoidable blindness, the promotion of the Sustainable Development Goals, etc. through participatory campaigns.

Throughout 2019, we consolidated our headquarters in the Basque Country -with activity also in Navarre- which has woven an important network of professionals who offer us support in the execution of programmes; institutions and collaborating entities, and a team of volunteers who does essential work for visibility and awareness of universal access to eye care.

Núria Ramon
CEO

VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS
### 2019 Summary

#### Data 2019

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**Countries and Regions Assisted:**
- **SAHARA**
  - Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf (Algeria)
- **Mali**
  - Mopti Region
- **Bolivia**
  - Department of Tarija and Department of Oruro
- **Mozambique**
  - Province of Inhambane
With women’s eyes

The Foundation, together with the other international organizations that lead the Gender and Eye Health Network of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, is positioned as an engine of progress with the will to transform the power structures, which lead to gender inequity, in the framework of eye health.

With the aim of integrating the gender perspective, both at the organizational and strategic level, in all phases and areas of action, Eyes of the world develops the Gender Strategy 2018-2021. In 2019, specific efforts were made to carry out gender diagnoses in the territories where the Foundation works; and to plan and implement specific activities to promote women’s and girls’ access to eye health, as well as communication, education and awareness actions, with special attention to the image and non-sexist language, and also to the organizational culture.

Completion of the Strategic Plan 2015-2019

The Strategic Plan 2015-2019 sets out the objectives of Eyes of the world in two areas: the reduction of avoidable blindness and the growth and impact of the Foundation’s actions. The results obtained are very satisfactory: over these five years, Eyes of the world has managed to assist for 23% more people than expected, and the quality of eye care has increased, both in the satisfaction of the treated patients and in the visual acuity obtained. Regarding the growth of the Foundation, not only have private funding been increased, but also a greater presence has been achieved on social media; and the strengthening of the structure and network of volunteers.

Education strategy for global justice

In 2019 it has begun the implementation of the Global Justice and Transformative Education Strategy 2019-2021, whose objectives are to promote the commitment of citizens to eye health, to make known inequalities and to generate critical attitudes and behavioural changes. For this purpose, awareness, training and research actions are carried out, such as film-forums on the documentary Gabor; fairs and informative events, talks, seminars and courses in training centres under the slogan “Opening Eyes to the world: Disability and Overcoming”. We also participate in the international initiatives of the World Health Organization and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness aimed at a global understanding of eye health and an analysis of the challenges of the coming years.
Munduko begiak, speaker of the right to sight in the Basque Country and Navarre

Munduko begiak focuses awareness actions in the Basque Country and Navarre with a large network of volunteers involved in the preparation and implementation of projects. This network of volunteers organises different transformative education activities and for global justice; and publicizes the objectives and results achieved by the Foundation on the ground. In 2019, Munduko begiak continued to generate financial support for projects and to increase the number of awareness and education actions for global justice, with an impact on more than 12,000 people.

Sahara: empowerment of women and civil society

In 2019, several activities were carried out aimed at the transmission of knowledge and the creation of an eye health network within the work with civil society, especially with women’s associations and associations of mothers and fathers of students (AMPA, in Spanish).

Three training courses on eye health have been conducted with two associations working with vulnerable groups (Basmat Khayr and NOVA) and with Saharawi Women at the Wheel, which promotes the acquisition of driving licences for women and safe transport. The women participants received theoretical and practical training in the visual acuity testing and eye cleaning, and on the functioning of the Ophthalmology Department. Thanks to the training, more cases were referred to the health system by these associations.

On the other hand, talks were organized to the mothers of the AMPA of the wilaya of Laayoune on eye hygiene, care of eye pathologies, warning signs and referral.

Mozambique: promoting gender training

Following the recommendations of the gender diagnosis carried out at the beginning of the year in access to eye health in the province of Inhambane, 15 professionals of the Ophthalmology Service of the province were trained in gender and gender-based violence, the staff of Eyes of the world in Mozambique (four people) and two people from the theatre group Xirfridjelo in 2019. The Tsinela women’s association in Massinga were also identified for gender training.

In addition, each sensitization activity through the theatre emphasizes the importance of eliminating gender differences, and the importance of girls attending school is emphasized in schools.
Mali: progress towards the elimination of communicable diseases

Eyes of the world works to achieve the goal of ending communicable diseases by 2030 (UN SDG 3.3) and in 2019, for the first time, it incorporated elements related to water supply and basic hygiene equipment into its strategy for the eradication of trachoma in Mali. Specifically, in addition to actively searching for cases of trichiasis among the population of the Mopti region and operating patients who required it, the Foundation has launched a strategy to reduce the transmission of the disease in two schools in the district of Bankass. Thanks to the construction of a well, the rehabilitation of the existing one and the improvement of the latrines, the Foundation ensured the students’ access to drinking water so that they can clean their faces and eyes and thus avoid repeated infections. The Foundation has also strengthened sensitization activities in both schools.

Tarija: alliances to strengthen the programme

In 2019, an interinstitutional cooperation agreement was signed with the Municipal Government of Carapari for a period of two years, for which the municipality made a provision of glasses for students and included a budget for eye health in the Municipal Plan 2020. An agreement has also been compromised with the Sub-Autonomous Government of Gran Chaco Yacuiba, which provides for an economic contribution by the Government of Gran Chaco to eye health.

In addition, in the pursuit of the sustainability of the programme in the region of Yacuiba, the allocation of budget items for the year 2020 was monitored in the Sub-Governorate’s Annual Operational Plan.

Oruro: “Healthy Schools” Pilot Program

Thanks to the partnership among the Autonomous Departmental Government of Oruro, the Departmental Health Service of Oruro and Eyes of the world, the “Healthy Schools” pilot program has been developed in 14 municipalities. Under the program, the healthcare personnel have provided medical care—including eye health—to children in schools and have supported the development of family and community plans to promote healthy habits. Under the “Healthy Schools” program and along with trained teachers, the follow-up on the identification of visual acuity in schools and the identification of visually impaired children have been carried out.
Eyes of the Sahara

We empower local capacities to make eye health more accessible

**OPHTHALMOLOGICAL CARE AND SURGICAL ACTIVITY**

Eyes of the Sahara assisted a total of 27,211 people (of which 54% women), the higher figure in recent years. These check-ups were developed in the consultations in the public network of eye health, located in the regional hospitals of wilayas, in the Rabuni National Hospital and in the Bola Hospital, as well as in the check-ups for minors carried out in educational centres (nurseries, primary and secondary schools).

Dr. Sanchidrián performed a stay of three months, during which she carried out accompanying consultation and surgical training to Dr. Said, who is a Sahrawi ophthalmologist incorporated into the Ophthalmology Department in May 2018. In addition, she strengthened training in ophthalmology for health personnel, screened children and visited people with special needs as well as victims of war and mines. During her stay, she carried out a total of 1,167 consultations.

With regards to surgical activity, in 2019, 200 surgeries were performed: 116 surgeries during the surgical commission in October in the Bola Hospital, 54 surgeries in the surgical training commission and 30 surgeries throughout the stay of Dr. Sanchidrián.

A second surgical commission for adults and minors was scheduled for the end of the year, but it was postponed for safety reasons and following the recommendations of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation.

In 2019, in addition to the surgical training for the local ophthalmologist, a training for local optometrists in optical correction for minors was carried out, in which six opticians participated.

**EYE CARE CHECK-UPS OF MINORS**

During the year, 10,017 minors were examined, both in nurseries and in primary and secondary schools, with the participation of the team of optometrists and assistants of the Ophthalmology Department as well as its head and, in some cases, school nurses and teachers. Cases requiring a more complete examination were referred to Dr. Sanchidrián. In school check-ups of the wilayas of Laayoune, three displaced trainers collaborated to carry out the training in pediatric refraction.
EDUCATION AND SENSITIZATION IN EYE HEALTH

Eyes of the world carries out information, education and communication activities, many of them aimed at greater participation in the eye health system of the most vulnerable groups, particularly women and minors. In 2019, in this regard, 80 women from three entities and 87 primary school teachers were trained with the support of an optometrist and the head of the Ophthalmologist Department. In addition, 15 women from the National Union of Sahrawi Women were trained in business management. Five optical technicians also received training in optical correction as part of an activity carried out by the University of Zaragoza.

Sensitization messages were launched through the media, which also reported on the surgical commission, the training commission and the check-ups of minors in primary schools.

PROTECTION TO THE WOMEN’S RIGHT TO EYE HEALTH

Eyes of the world gives special importance to the gender-sensitive approach and has designed several actions to improve women’s right to access eye health. Efforts have been made to identify new women’s groups and local associations with which to collaborate. Specifically, 34 women from the Association of Mothers and Fathers of Students (AMPA) of the wilaya of Laayoune were involved in an activity which resulted in the transfer of information and the referral of people with visual needs to the health network.

Eyes of the world actively participates on all coordination platforms of the Ministry of Public Health.

REINFORCEMENT OF OPHTHALMIC AND OPTICAL INFRASTRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT

In order to reinforce the infrastructure of the health network, minor maintenance work was carried out in doctor’s offices and in Rabuni National Hospital, and they were provided with equipment, consumables and ophthalmic and optical materials.

In terms of medicines, 300 Timolol eye drops were produced in the drug laboratory and work has been done to introduce Latanoprost - a new drug to treat glaucoma - into regional hospital pharmacies.

A feasibility study of a treatment for diabetic retinopathy and a referral and counter-referral system for regional clinics and hospitals was also conducted in 2019.

Three months of training and accompaniment

María Sanchidrián is an ophthalmologist and began her collaboration with the Foundation in 2015. Over the past few years, she has made several stays in the Sahrawi refugee camps, where in 2019 she spent three months accompanying the local ophthalmologist in consultations and interventions. On a personal level, Dr. Sanchidrián defines her experience as “One of the best projects in which I have had the opportunity to collaborate, since it has allowed me to focus on lines of work with greater dedication, such as the training of health personnel, chronic pathology and institutional reinforcement.”
Eyes of Mozambique

We move forward in promotion and access of women and girls to eye health

VISITS AND SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS

In 2019, the health network of the Province of Inhambane assisted 30,501 people (58% were women) who were visited at five points of care (Provincial Hospital of Inhambane and regional hospitals of Chicuque, Quissico, Massinga and Vilankulo) during cataract surgery campaigns in schools and as part of health fairs.

Surgical activity has increased considerably thanks to the incorporation of an ophthalmologist and the carrying out of four cataract surgery campaigns, as well as two intensive weeks of surgery in the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane. It should be noted that of the 905 who underwent surgery, 52% were women.

125 people (70% women) were visited at the elderly support centre; 156 people, at the provincial orphanage. Visits were also made to battered women’s shelter.

TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS AND PRACTITIONERS OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

One of the Eye of the world’s priorities is to strengthen local capacities, so training is essential. In 2019, Dr. Tapuwa Gundana spent the last four months of residency at the Institute of Ocular Microsurgery in Barcelona, and Dr. Mariamo Abdala -head of the National Ophthalmology Plan of Mozambique- and Dr. Assane -ophthalmologist of the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane- received training in cataract and refractive surgery in the European School for Advanced Studies in Ophthalmology (ESASO) of Switzerland. Furthermore, Dr. Assane was formed in surgical techniques in Swaziland, while the provincial head of ophthalmology in Inhambane, Perreira Rumeque, was trained in management and monitoring of surgical quality.

Moreover, four surgical technicians from the districts and an optician were trained at the workshop of the Vilankulo Rural Hospital (with support of AMODEVI association) to reinforce the optician’s shop of the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane.

Thirty-three practitioners of traditional medicine were also trained to identify and refer patients to provincial points of care.
SCREENING AND SENSITIZATION IN SCHOOLS

Eyes of the world helps to fight avoidable blindness in childhood through teacher training (183 throughout the year) in the use of visual acuity charts and the practice of school check-ups. During 2019, 10,995 students from ten schools in the province of Inhambane (two in each district) were screened. As a result of this screening, a total of 1,544 people (1,283 students and 261 teachers), 57 % of whom are girls and women, had their eyesight checked.

Eyes of Mozambique participated in two health fairs organized by the Provincial Directorate of Health (one of them on World Sight Day and the other dedicated to glaucoma), during which 402 people were visited.

On the occasion of the distribution of glasses in schools, eye health promotion and sensitization activities were carried out with the aim of creating good habits and eye health care.

PROVISION OF MEDICAL DEVICES AND GLASSES

The need for devices in the districts has been assessed together with the provincial director of ophthalmology. For that reason, medicines and devices for school screening and cataract surgery have been acquired. Equipment has also been purchased.

During the health fairs, school check-ups and consultations in the districts, Eyes of the world has delivered 301 glasses, 160 of which were manufactured in the optician’s shop of Vilankulo, which operates autonomously at both financial and management level and distributed a total of 468 glasses in 2019. Regarding optician’s shop of Inhambane, it has distributed 172 glasses.

PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY

Eyes of the world work based on the human rights and gender-sensitive approach. Thus, all Foundation agreements and conventions with counterparts include a clause to eliminate gender inequality. Furthermore, reports always disaggregate data by sex, all sensitization material includes gender approach and specific training is also given to the staff of the Ophthalmology Service and that of Eyes of the world. A women’s association in the district of Massinga, the Tsinela Association, was also trained through theatre techniques.

In total, 35 persons have received gender training.

In addition, the importance of girls attending school is emphasized and in all sensitization activities through the theatre, which brought together a total of 1,050 people in 2019, emphasis is placed on the importance of fighting gender inequalities. In order to improve women’s access to eye health, a care space is provided to receive children who accompany their mothers who undergo cataract surgery.

Between January and March 2019, a gender diagnosis was made that Eyes of the world shared with counterparts. The conclusions of the report suggest a need to make health resources accessible to women, to fight ophthalmological illiteracy through awareness actions, to provide training in eye health for men, to promote the autonomy and empowerment of women, and to foster an equal attitude, without differences of treatment, on the part of health professionals.

The Ocular Albinism of Jerome

Jerome Angelo is 8 years old and studies at the Matingane school (Massinga, Inhambane). He suffers from albinism, a common anomaly in Mozambique, where there are an estimated 20,000 people affected. It was during a school check-up campaign that Jerome’s ocular albinism was detected, which mainly affects the eyes and does not manifest in the skin or hair. The Foundation provided him with sunglasses and examines periodically his eyesight. Jerome is a very intelligent child and feels lucky to be able to attend school.
**Eyes of Bolivia**

We overcome the difficulties of the context to achieve significant changes in eye care

**OPHTHALMOLOGICAL AND SURGICAL CARE**

During 2019, 8,527 patients (48% of which were women and girls) received ophthalmological care in Oruro, 7,434 of them in San Juan de Dios and Oruro Corea hospitals, and 1,093 during trainings in health centres. This total includes the care of 407 people with disabilities. In Tarija, 5,978 people were assisted (55% women and girls), including 3,403 in the Hospitals of Tarija and Yacuiba, and 2,575 during the visit of mobile teams, including refractive consultations.

The socio-political context, marked by the presidential elections, the change of government and the 80-day medical strike, has made it difficult to carry out the planned surgical activity. In Tarija, 86 surgeries were performed, 71 in the operating room equipped by Eyes of the world in the San Juan de Dios Regional Hospital in Tarija and 15 in the Ophthalmological Centre in Yacuiba. One of the outstanding actions regarding the surgical activity was the training commission of cataract surgery carried out in August, where three ophthalmologists were trained, 165 patients were assisted, and 47 surgeries were performed. In Oruro, Eyes of the world collaborated in the organization of a cataract surgical commission led by the National Institute of Ophthalmology (INO, in Spanish) in coordination with the municipality of Corque in which nine cataracts were operated.

Thanks to the support of Eyes of the world, Dr. Angela Mora completed her residency in ophthalmology at the Catholic University of Paraguay and at the end of the year she undertook all the necessary procedures before the Ministry of Health to join the public health system of Tarija during 2020.

**VISUAL ACUITY TESTING AND SENSITIZATION IN SCHOOLS**

Eyes of Bolivia trained a total of 1,303 teachers in visual acuity testing (933 in Tarija and 370 in Oruro), who together with an optometrist checked the eyes of 13,727 students (9,399 in Tarija and 4,328 in Oruro), 48.5% of them were women and girls. Following this screening and in coordination with the Ministry of Health, ophthalmologists visited 1,730 students (56% girls) and 1,599 students, including children with different abilities, were given glasses.

Throughout 2019, a total of 5,097 students in Oruro and 12,309 in Tarija attended talks promoting healthy habits for eye care. The sensitization was carried out by staff from Eyes of the world and, in the case of Tarija, also by nursing students from Juan Misael Saracho University.
**TRAINING IN BASIC OPHTHALMOLOGY**

In Oruro, 181 professionals from 20 health centers were trained in basic community ophthalmology, who refined their skills to diagnose and treat the most common eye diseases, to promote eye health at community level and to monitor the adherence of the glasses delivered. In Tarija, a total of 162 health professionals were trained in basic ophthalmology and provided ophthalmological care to 1,187 patients with different eye pathologies.

In 2019, a total of 2,945 glasses were delivered and, thanks to the monitoring actions with teachers and parents, 80% of adherence to the use of glasses in children was achieved (1,078 glasses delivered).

**GENDER EQUITY IN EYE HEALTH**

In both Oruro and Tarija, recreational areas have continued to be implemented to facilitate the care, in other words, for the care of children of women who were visited and trained.

In 2019, talks on gender-sensitive eye health care were promoted in women’s organizations with the participation of 1,422 people, 745 of which were trained as eye health promoters. In Tarija, for the training of promoters, Eyes of Bolivia coordinated with the Federation of Neighbourhood Boards, the Gender Secretariat of the municipality of Tarija and more than 20 women’s organizations. These health promoters were in charge of sensitization talks aimed at the population, which cover topics such as the importance of women’s access to health services or the possibility of making use of recreational areas. In Oruro, 4,531 were sensitized; 4,548, in Tarija.

In 2019, a sensitization talk was carried out with 12 students of the Technical University of Oruro on prevention and visual acuity testing in order that these students can train teachers next year.

A gender study has been carried out in the department of Tarija, from which a series of recommendations were put forward to address the barriers that limit women’s access to health services from inclusive masculinities, a concept that advocates a personal change in men towards equal positions aimed at achieving a social model that is fair to all.

**RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNTERPARTS**

A 2018 management and 2019 planning report were shared with all actors involved in eye health to pool the activities carried out by Eyes of the world, as well as to engage them in the implementation of the program. Additionally, Eyes of the world signed an agreement with the Municipal Government of Carapari (Tarija) and the basis for an agreement with the Sub-Autonomous Government of the Gran Chaco Yacuiba were established.

Thanks to an inter-institutional alliance led by the Autonomous Departmental Government of Oruro, the “Healthy Schools” pilot program was launched to ensure that health personnel provide comprehensive medical care in schools, including eye health.

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“Now I explain to everyone how to be careful with their eyes.”

Madelin Mamani is 10 years old and studies at the Uru Uru 2 School in Oruro. When her teacher performed the visual acuity test on students, she detected that Madelin had refractive errors. She received eye care from Eyes of the world and was given prescription glasses that changed her life; not only did her vision improve, but also Madelin has become a spokesperson for eye health and now encourages her classmates to take care of their vision.
36,179 PEOPLE ASSISTED
(49% women),
14,401 of which were examined
(51% girls)

1,575 SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS
(44% women)

194 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED
(23% women)

33,966 PEOPLE SENSITIZED
(42% women)

Eyes of Mali

We reach the most vulnerable population so that no one stay behind

EYE CARE

Despite the fragile political and social situation and the security and economic problems facing the country, 36,179 people (49% women) were assisted throughout the year: 16,612 in regular consultations at the Sominé Dolo Hospital in Mopti and in the referral centres in the territory, 5,148 in the campaigns for the active search of cataracts cases carried out by Ophthalmic Medical Assistants (AMO, in Spanish) and 12,478 students (50.5% girls) in school campaigns. Schools check-ups in Koro, Bandiagara, Djenné, Mopti and Bankass to identify refractive errors and low vision -some of which had to be annulled because of the war and the teachers’ strike- were carried out by senior technicians and AMO. In addition, as part of efforts to fight trachoma, 1,923 minors and 18 patients with trichiasis were examined.

In 2019, two satisfaction surveys were carried out (in the medical-surgical commission in Bankass and in surgery campaigns in Koro), showing a satisfaction rate of 95.7% with the treatment.

SURGICAL ACTIVITY

The total number of cataracts surgery in 2019 was 1,520 (46%, women). The surgical activity was carried out in the Sominé Dolo Hospital, in the referral centres of Bankass and Mopti and in the campaigns of advanced cataract surgery conducted by the ophthalmologist of the Referral Health Centre (CSRéf, in Spanish) in Bankass and that of the Sominé Dolo Hospital. Three of these campaigns were free in the districts of Ténenkou, Youwarou and Bankass, and 14 at a reduced rate in the districts of Bandiagara and Koro. In addition, 51 people underwent surgery for other diseases.

REINFORCEMENT OF HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPHTHALMIC EQUIPMENT

Eyes of Mali contributes to the health structures having the necessary equipment and consumables for the implementation of the planned consultation and surgery activities. For that, ophthalmic and optical equipment were given and reinforced to the referral health centre (CSRéf) of Bankass and the Sominé Dolo Hospital (fixed ophthalmology centres) as well as the CSRéf of Mopti. The African Institute of Tropical Ophthalmology (AITO) was also provided with ophthalmic and optical equipment.
**EYE HEALTH TRAINING**

Regarding training, Eyes of Mali provided training in primary eye health for 14 healthcare social workers from Djenné, Koro and Bankass, where there were health centres without eye care that were able to add eye health to community care and thus detect the most common diseases, including cataracts and trichiasis. In addition, a health worker (assigned to the CSRéf in Youwarou, an isolated area and that until 2017 did not have eye care) completed the last course to graduate as an ophthalmic medical assistant, and another health worker from Mopti Hospital completed the third year of training in hospital maintenance.

In 2019, two training sessions out for 72 AITO students in pediatric ophthalmology, specifically in the detection and treatment of childhood strabismus, and a training course for three pediatric ophthalmologists were also carried. Also, thanks to the support of the Foundation, the ophthalmologist of the Mopti Hospital has started his specialization in pediatric ophthalmology in Senegal.

**PROGRAMME TO FIGHT AGAINST TRACHOMA**

In order to contribute to the global eradication of eye diseases, the trachoma control programme was implemented. Under this programme, ophthalmic medical assistants visited 1,923 students (989 girls and 934 boys) from two school groups (Joseph Yaro from Bankass and Amene Kodio from Tori). 16 trichiasis surgeries were performed, and the pharmacy of the Bankass referral centre was equipped with medicines and consumables. Furthermore, 86 teachers (68 men and 18 women) and 16 parents were trained in primary eye health, and sensitization actions were carried out through two local radio stations and school notebooks with eye health messages for 750 children. Teachers gave 47 sessions on eye diseases - focusing on trachoma - to 2,802 children, and medical assistants gave two conferences on trachoma to 1,878 students. In addition, and to a very significant extent, a well was created, and drinking water points were installed in schools, as well as improvements were made to ensure eye hygiene in the educational community. All in accordance with the SAFE strategy (acronym stands for “surgery, antibiotic, facial cleanliness and environmental improvements”) defined by WHO.

**IMPROVEMENT IN PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION OF EYE HEALTH**

28,536 people (24,078 women and children) participated in sensitization sessions on eye health with a gender approach carried out by women trainers of the Coordination of Women’s Associations and NGOs in Mali (CAFO). CAFO women organized a training workshop on eye health promotion for several dozen women, who also disseminated prevention messages to the population of their own community.

Health information disseminated through radio, television and the press reached 400,008 people.

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**Kelly Coumba and her “miracle”**

Kelly is 55 years old, lives in Ténenkou and sells spices in the market. She completely lost her sight of both eyes due to cataracts. Her daughter had to always be by her side to guide her. During a trachoma screening and treatment campaign, the Eyes of the World team visited her and encouraged her to undergo surgery by assuring her that she would be able to see again. And so it was. Kelly now sees perfectly; she has been able to resume her daily activities autonomously and rebuild her life. That’s why she keeps repeating: “It’s a miracle!”.
Eyes of the world has created the “Foods for eye health” initiative to promote good eating habits in our environment aimed at improving eye health and, at the same time, promote critical attitudes and changes in the values and behaviours of the citizenship to move towards a more just and equitable world that guarantees access to eye health for all people, especially women and girls. Within this initiative, a campaign was launched through social media and, on the occasion of Saint Lucy’s Day, patron saint of eye health, the “Sant Antoni see it!” action was organized.

On October 24, the 18th solidarity dinner The Night of the Eyes of the world was held. The Foundation organizes every year this solidarity dinner with the aim of raising awareness about the Universal Right to Sight and raising funds for its ophthalmological cooperation projects. The Miramar Hotel in Barcelona was the emblematic setting of the event presented by journalists Núria Solé and Ricard Fernández Deu. Attendees were able to enjoy some fragments of the play *Maremar* performed by the Dagoll Dagom theatre company.

“Music for your eyes” was born in 2017 to spread the work of the Foundation through a quality musical offer and, at the same time, to mobilize the public in favour of the fight against avoidable blindness. In 2019 volunteers took on a new role, acting not only as supporters but also as protagonists of activities and presentations. Within the framework of “Music for your eyes”, four concerts were organized: in the Church of Las Mercedes (Las Arenas - Getxo), in the Church of Carmen de Indautxu (Bilbao), in the Church of the Servants of Mary (Portugalete) and in the Church of the Trinitaries Algorta (Getxo).
Participation in fairs and sensitization events

Eyes of the world celebrated World Sight Day by organizing sensitization activities aimed at making known violations of the right to sight and access to eye health. In Donostia, the situation of Sahrawi refugees was specifically addressed, and in Barcelona, a street event was organized, and the doors of the Foundation’s headquarters were opened. In addition, Munduko begiak participated in events such as the EHU-UPV Volunteer Fair in Donostia to sensitize the university community; the International Day of Peace in Irun and the Alternative Economy Fair, with the Zarauzko Solidaritate Koordinadora. The Klink Gastronomic Society again offered a solidarity meal in Hondarribia, this year under the slogan “An optical biometer for Mozambique”.

Talks and presentations on the causes and consequences of avoidable blindness

Over the year, Eyes of the world organized several talks and presentations such as the presentation on the gender diagnosis made in Mozambique by the Foundation and which was made by Guillermo Martínez-Pérez, co-author of the study, at the General Hospital in l’Hospitalet; the presentation of the Mali project at the Medical Association of Gipuzkoa, by Dr. Nagore Arbelaitz, ophthalmologist and volunteer; or the talks of María Tavera, programme coordinator of Eyes del Sahara, under the theme “Woman, Blindness, Poverty”.

Another way to explain the Foundation’s projects is through the image. In that regard, Eyes of the world brought the reality of avoidable blindness in disadvantaged environments to various groups through the screening of the documentary Gabor in various spaces and entities in Catalonia and the Basque Country; and the “Eyes of Inhambane” exhibition, with photographs by Elisenda Pons, at the Hospital Complex of Navarre and at the Ubarmin Clinic of Navarre.
The more we’re seen, the more people will be able to see

Eyes of the world has continued to improve and update its website, in which it included a section on eye health and pathologies, and intensified its presence on social media, with a community of more than 50,000 followers, more than 24 million reactions and 4.77% engagement rate. Some of the online communication initiatives aimed at raising awareness and transforming society in favour of the right to sight and global justice were: “Eyesight without blindness” linked to the Bolivian project, which was a campaign to disseminate healthy eating habits with the support of nutrition influencers; messages on the importance of water in eye hygiene; and an action to make known the Sustainable Development Goals, with which Eyes of the world aligns its actions.

VISIONS, a transformative art fund

The VISIONS Art Fund was created with the aim of raising awareness of the inequalities that exist in the world, especially in eye health, mobilizing the public and obtaining funds for the development of the Foundation’s programmes. The Art Fund has more than 90 works donated by artists of different genres and is managed with the support of Marta Serra, volunteer of Eyes of the world. In 2019 several works were added to the collection: the sculpture La Barca del món (9 copies), by Josep Maria Riera i Aragó; the series of 9 photographs Los Hijos de las Nubes (5 copies each), by Manel Esclusa; the photograph Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 copies), by Joan Fontcuberta; and the painting Estàtic capvespre, by Francesc Arumi. From May 28 to June 25, the Sala Parés in Barcelona hosted an exhibition of the works of the Art Fund.
Economic Data

INCOME

PUBLIC
- Foundation patrons and institutions: 702,143.40
- Cooperation grants: 145,000.00

PRIVATE
- Companies and organisations: 920,022.36
- Supporters: 552,226.17
- Occasional donors: 47,137.19
- The Night of the Eyes of the world: 138,000.00
- Art fund: 148,550.00

TOTAL INCOME: 1,622,165.76

EXPENSES

ACTION PROGRAMMES
- Cooperation and development: 1,283,361.94
- Eyes of the Sahara: 1,159,113.19
- Eyes of Mozambique: 310,529.14
- Eyes of Bolivia: 224,657.50
- Eyes of Mali: 363,301.98
- Global Justice Education: 260,624.57

FUNDRAISING
- 190,752.46

ADMINISTRATION
- 167,393.16

TOTAL EXPENSES: 1,641,507.56

The result of the financial year is transferred to the retained earnings account.
Partners and Supporters

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION BODIES

FOUNDATION SPONSORS

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS

OTHER PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

PARTNERS
HEALTH CARE LABORATORIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Acocafarma Distribución, Alliance Healthcare España, Angelini Farmacéutica, Bausch&Lomb, Bloss Group, Clínica Ubarnín de Navarra, Col·legi Oficial de Metges de Barcelona, Col·legi Oficial d’Óptics i Optometristes de Catalunya, Colegio de Enfermería de Gipuzkoa, Colegio de Médicos de Bizkaia, Colegio de Médicos de Gipuzkoa, Complejo Hospitalario de Navarra, Consorci Sanitari Integral, Farmacia Alba, Fuscarm Vision, Hospital Universitario de Donostia, Hospital General de l’Hospitalet, Johnson&Johnson Vision, MedicalMix, Laboratorio Araújo, Laboratorio Théa, LCA Pharmaceutical, Leocadio Ramos Suministros Ópticos, Oftaltech, Pharmaboz, Presbiciavistacansada.com, Sofymed, Suministros Hospitalarios, Topcon

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
- International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)
- Gender Equality and Eye Health Network (IAEHN)
- 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

PARTNERS IN PROJECT LOCATIONS
- Sahara: ANARASD, Rio de Oro Association, Salud Visual Association, Regional Health Secretariat of the Government of Castilla y León, Medicus Mundi Catalunya and University of Zaragoza.
- Mozambique: Acamo (Associação dos Cegos e Ambliopes de Moçambique), Acomuza (Associação Comunitaria de Zavala), Ametramo (Associação dos Médicos Tradicionais Moçambicanos), Amodevi (Associação Comunitaria de Vilankulo) and Tainela (Associação Comunitaria de Massinga).
- Bolivia: PG (Assembly of the Guarani People) community Yaku - IguaGuá, APG community Sachapera, 6 Abril Association, Article of Articulation of Women for Equity and Equality (AMUPEI), Economic Association of women of the municipality of Padcaya, Association of the Yacuiba Women’s Federation, Juana Azurduy Association, Bolivian Caritas, Lions Clubs, CCIMCAT (The Tarija Education and Research Centre on Rural Women), National Committee for Eye Health and Fight against Blindness, Women’s Coordinator, Damas voluntarias de la Liga del Quemado, Federation of Neighborhood Boards (FED&JUVE) of Tarija, Vision Foundation, Bolivian Institute of Blindness (IBC), Mujeres en Acción de Tarija y Bermejo, Bagallera Women, Women workers of EMAT (Municipal Cleaning Company of Tarija), NGO Aprecias, 12 Agosto Organization, Bartolinas Sisa Organization, Barrio Lapachal Organization, Organización de Mujeres de Barrios, organization of rural women Los Sotos, women’s organization Primero de Mayo, Panamerican Health Organization (PAHO), Traditional Midwives of the Departmental Council of Traditional Bolivian Ancestral Medicine, Pro Mujer Tarija, Ágora Project, Bolivian Society of Ophthalmology (SBO) and Septapas.
- Mali: CAFO (Coordination of Women’s Associations and NGOs) in Mopti, MSF Spain, MSF France and NGO Al Farouk.

COUNTERPARTS
- Sahara: Ministry of Public Health of the SADR.
- Mozambique: Ministry of Health, Provincial Directorate of Education, Provincial Directorate of Gender, Children and Social Action (DPGCAS) and Provincial Directorate of Health of Inhambane.
- Bolivia: Ministry of Health, National Institute of Ophthalmology, Autonomous Departmental Government of Oruro (including Departmental Health Service in Oruro, San Juan de Dios Hospital and Oruro Corea Hospital), Autonomous Regional Government of the Gran Chaco (including Hospital de Yacuiba Rubén Zelaya and Ophthalmology Center of the Ministry of Health), Autonomous Municipal Governments of Tarija (Gender Secretariat), Caracollo, Santiago de Andamarca, Corque, Huanuni, Carparí, El Puente, SLIM Cercado (Municipal Integral Legal Service of the municipality of Cercado), Vice-Ministry of Equal Opportunities.