DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
WE HAVE STOOD BY THE SIDE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE,
TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND.

Support for local health services

Donation of protection and prevention material

Carrying out awareness campaigns

Eye emergency care

Facilitation of patient follow-up

Organization of virtual training

Promotion of basic hygiene habits

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EYES OF THE WORLD
Eyes of the world works to achieve a world where people with visual impairments and without economic resources from countries with a medium or low development index can receive quality ophthalmological care from their health services and create the necessary conditions to reduce the incidence of ocular pathologies in each territory.

Moreover, it raises public awareness about our environment regarding the deficiencies of basic health in those areas.

**MISSION**

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**PRINCIPLES AND ACTION GUIDELINES**

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

Ojos del mundo is a private foundation with headquarters in Barcelona, established on July 9, 2001 and registered in:

- Registry of Foundations of la Generalitat de Cataluña, with number 1568, on July 18, 2001.
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- Register of the Headquarters of Puy-de-Dôme, France, on December 27, 2012.
- Bureau of Associations, Foundations and Professional Associations of Pamplona, Navarra, on November 20, 2013.
- Lafede.cat, organizations for global justice, as an observer member, on June 15, 2019.
Global responsibility for a healthier, safer and fairer world

“No one will be safe until we all are” has been one of the most repeated phrases in recent times. A sentence that seems clear in this current interconnected and interrelated world. The fight against COVID-19 is and has been everyone’s responsibility, a global challenge to tackle from the self-responsibility and collaboration of all countries.

This global dimension, however, contrasts with the historical structural problems of world health that have yet to be solved by public administrations around the world and that the pandemic has revealed: inadequate health systems, gaps in social protection, structural inequalities… Inequality undoubtedly defines the age in which we live.

From Eyes of the world we claim the current moment to combat, from global solidarity, inequities in access to health and compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals in all territories, reinforcing the work we have been doing for the last 19 years, to leave no one behind.

The devastating effect of the virus has also reached us very directly with the death of the Secretary of the Foundation, Vicenç Capdevila Cardona. A very heartfelt loss. On behalf of Eyes of the world Board, we appreciate your involvement and participation in achieving great milestones in the fight against preventable blindness.

The integral conception of health

The COVID-19 pandemic has put health back at the center of our lives and has shown how important it is for people to have access to the prevention and treatment of their health problems.

The comprehensive approach to health that has as its starting point primary care is part of the Foundation’s overall conception of eye health. Since its inception, Eyes of the world has prioritized the formation of local teams to strengthen their capacities and guarantee ophthalmological care for the population at all levels, starting with prevention. And it has contributed to the empowerment of patients and communities in the places where it has ongoing projects.

With the outbreak of the pandemic, our efforts to support public health administrations have become evident and practically in all territories it has been possible to attend to the eye health of people, mainly the care of people, mainly the care of people, mainly the care of people, mainly the care of people, mainly the maintenance of services. Local systems and teams that are also committed to preventing COVID-19.

To eradicate avoidable blindness, it is not enough to send surgical commissions to Mozambique, Mali, Bolivia or the Sahrawi refugee camps. Our commitment to societies goes through the development of comprehensive and integrated health systems, which facilitate quality access for all people to eye health.

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Eyes of the world’s team

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* Composition as of December 31, 2020.
The trained and empowered local health professionals have been key during the pandemic

2020 should have been a year of redefinition for Eyes of the world, of posing new challenges for the future, a year of growth. However, the emergence of the health crisis throughout the world, with great health problems suffered by thousands of people and serious consequences on individual and collective economies, has increased inequalities and the need to review the most immediate objectives of the Foundation.

Thus, Eyes of the world has adapted the activities, processes and management to the situation of each country at all times. The strength of the Foundation has allowed us to continue fighting, attending emergencies, monitoring patients, providing protection material, informing and sensitizing the population, training professionals remotely ... All this is the result of training and empowerment of local teams that we have been carrying out for years. A work that is at the center of our development strategy and that is key to the autonomous and sustainable operation of the health services in each territory. Much of the results achieved this year despite closures and restrictions have been achieved thanks to the effort and involvement of professionals previously trained by the Foundation.

The work activity of the Foundation’s staff and volunteers has also been altered, and they have had to adapt to teleworking, which has meant an added effort to this complicated year, both on a personal and professional level and in the field of education. International cooperation.

Núria Ramon
CEO
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2020 data

- **SAHARA**: Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf (Argelia)
- **BOLIVIA**: Tarija Division and Oruro Division
- **MALI**: Mopti region
- **MOZAMBIQUE**: Inhambane Province
In a context of global health crisis, the Foundation has intensified the fight against inequalities in access to health - but also economic and social - and has addressed the most immediate needs in the territories where it operates, adapting activities, processes and management at all times. The COVID-19 pandemic has put the Eyes of the world intervention model to the test, which since its inception has been committed to the development of communities, the training of health teams on the ground and the empowerment of local authorities. Thus, the value of the work carried out in recent years and the need to continue working for the development of ophthalmology in each territory is evidenced.

Eyes of the world’s quick reaction to an exceptional situation

The coronavirus altered significantly the normal functioning of Eyes of the world, as it did throughout society and the world. Aware of the enormous challenge that this pandemic posed - and has posed for many months - the Foundation has responded to the situation from different angles.

From the very first moment it became aware of the threat that the coronavirus represents, especially in the poorest countries, given the great fragility of their public health systems and the difficulties of access to running water. Eyes of the world has experience in combating infectious eye diseases (such as trachoma), for which guidelines similar to those established to protect against the coronavirus are used: frequent hand washing, avoiding direct contact with people who have been infected, and frequent washing of clothes.

The teams in the different territories where the Foundation cooperates adapted the necessary self-protection measures and offered their support to the local health authorities through actions aimed at preventing possible contagion and providing complete and accessible information to the entire population, especially the most vulnerable people.

Organisationally, office activities were suspended and, from 16 March, the Foundation’s staff and volunteers worked from home to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Online media reaffirmation

The coronavirus scare has forced a large part of the world’s population to stay indoors. In order to take care of their vision at home and avoid eye discomfort, Eyes of the world has reminded them of some basic recommendations, such as controlling exposure to screens and healthy eating to improve eye health.

Specifically, Eyes of the world has taken advantage of its consolidated presence on social networks to disseminate messages about eye care, basic eye hygiene, universal access to vaccination, etc.

In addition, the Foundation has used virtual media to carry out activities, both at headquarters and in the field, which had initially been programmed in face-to-face formats, managing to reach the target population.
For example, in Mozambique, the Foundation has travelled to remote areas of the province of Inhambane to provide the necessary material, in accordance with the planning of the Provincial Health Directorate, and in Mali, thanks to specific funding to combat COVID-19 from the European Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS), Eyes of the world has delivered personal protective equipment and hygiene and hand-washing materials to all the reference health centres in the Mopti region to guarantee the safety of workers and patients. As a result, the health centres have become safe spaces and have been able to serve even more people than initially planned.

Providing resources for telemedicine and virtual training

COVID-19 led to the suspension of all face-to-face training activities. In Bolivia, thanks to the efforts of the entire team, these activities were adapted to digital media to continue offering training to teachers and eye health promoters remotely, through videoconferencing to interact in real time by projecting content, analysing cases and resolving doubts.

In Mali, as part of the project to support local professionals in tackling the pandemic, the Foundation has provided emergency treatment to 817 people and care to a further 1,701 through telephone assistance, as local professionals have been provided with mobile phones to contact patients and monitor cases.

The COVID-19 pandemic has aggravated economic, social, health and gender inequalities around the world. And it has generated specific needs to which the Foundation, thanks to the adaptability of its work teams, has responded in active and continuous collaboration with local authorities to guarantee at least basic ophthalmological care and emergencies, as well as prevention campaigns to combat the coronavirus.

Donation of protective materials for health professionals and for the population

The Foundation has provided protective and preventive material for the technical staff of hospitals and health centres and for patients, which has made it possible to attend to the eye health of the population.

The fight against inequalities, more necessary than ever

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Promoting self-responsibility and awareness of basic virus prevention habits

In all areas of operation, Eyes of the world has disseminated prevention messages and carried out campaigns to reinforce basic hygiene habits. In the Sahara, these activities were carried out by local opticians.

Furthermore, in Bolivia, the messages disseminated by the Foundation on eye health and COVID-19 prevention were used to promote school competitions, in coordination with school management and teachers, aimed at improving the knowledge of children and adolescents in the promotion of eye health and COVID-19 prevention through graphic and audiovisual artistic expressions, such as drawings, stories, songs or games. In Oruro, a contest was organised under the slogan “Learn to create, create to learn”, in which a total of 620 people from 11 educational units participated, and in Tarija the contest was called “Hope for sight” and had 50 participants.

Based on the information on prevention measures against the coronavirus that Eyes of the world sent daily by mobile phone to teachers in some Bolivian schools, the initiative arose in the Carapari educational unit in Tarija to encourage students to make their own reusable masks together with their families. A project to generate a culture of self-protection and responsibility in the face of COVID-19, with personalised designs made with great care and dedication.

Specific attention to the most vulnerable people

With the desire to be close to the population in such complex times as the COVID-19 pandemic, Eyes of the world has carried out actions linked to emotional health in Bolivia, placing special emphasis on prevention and action in situations of risk and domestic violence and offering guidance and support to the most vulnerable people, who in many cases are in a situation of dependency. To this end, specific campaigns have been carried out in Bolivia for people with disabilities, disseminating awareness-raising messages on the radio, on social networks and through personalised calls.

The Foundation has worked to provide basic ophthalmological care and attend to emergencies in some very complicated months, delivering protective and safety material, disseminating prevention and awareness campaigns, and rethinking actions that have had to be adapted to the context of the pandemic, but in no case has it stopped. Because eye health cannot wait.
Eyes of the Sahara

In 2020, despite the pandemic, Eyes of the world has been able to continue to maintain part of the eye care in the Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf. Optometrists and optical assistants have attended consultations in the different wilayas, adapting their schedules to the restrictions at any given time, and Dr. Said, the ophthalmologist assigned by the Ministry of Health, has continued to carry out visits and emergency care.

Throughout the year 2020, it has been possible to maintain a certain degree of normality in consultations and check-ups and 22,250 people (56% women) have been visited, assisted mainly in the regional hospitals of the wilayas and in the hospitals of Bolafia and Rabuni. In nursery schools, 1,171 children aged 3 to 6 years were checked and in primary and secondary schools, 8,229 children aged 6 to 14 years. It is also worth mentioning the basic screening of 59 people in special needs centres, although it has not been possible to send specialists to the field to attend to the more complex cases of diagnosis and treatment. In addition, the head of the Ophthalmology Department and an optometrist examined 51 men in the male penitentiary centre, some of whom were referred to Rabuni Hospital for a more complete examination. In addition, 36 teachers at the Aminetu Haidar educational centre had their eyesight checked.

In December 2020, a humanitarian aid caravan arrived in the camps with equipment and materials provided by Eyes of the world to the Sahrawi Ophthalmology Service: two frontophocometers, a campimeter, seven slit lamps, four projectors, a diagnostic video equipment, two tonometers, two autorefractometers, two ophthalmoscopes, a biometer, a yag laser and three boxes of trial lenses, as well as spectacle frames for prescription, presbyopia glasses, sunglasses, protective glasses, lenses, covers and chamois.

Also in December 2020, the water system of the Rabuni Hospital was repaired, where an optical workshop was installed to enable the immediate production of spectacles.

The Foundation took part in the trip organised by the Ministry of Health to the Tifariti Hospital in the liberated territories to check its facilities and health equipment.

During this visit, the head of the Ophthalmology Department, Hamudi Mojtar, accompanied the Minister of Health and the heads of other medical depart-
ments to visit the new hospital facilities and also to consult with the population living in the liberated territories. Due to the escalating violence of the conflict in this area, the activity did not continue.

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**TRAINING OF HEALTHCARE STAFF**

A nurse from the SADR health system and the head of the Ophthalmology Department have trained 63 emergency health professionals (general practitioners, nurses and auxiliary staff) from all the regional hospitals, Rabuni Hospital and Bol la Hospital in the correct referral of patients with eye pathologies.

**SCHOOL SCREENING AND TEACHER TRAINING**

Unfortunately, among the measures to prevent and contain the spread of the coronavirus, the SADR government opted to close the schools in the Sahrawi refugee camps and Eyes of the world has not had the opportunity to implement the eye check-up campaigns it carries out periodically.

However, the Foundation, aware of the vital importance of detecting any eye problems at school age in order to correct them with prescription glasses or visual therapies and, if necessary, treat them with medication or surgery, has trained 31 school nurses in eye health and paediatric care, so that they can periodically carry out early detection and selection of cases of children requiring ophthalmological attention.

In addition, 137 teachers from schools and secondary schools in the wilayas of Smara, Auserd and Dakhla have been trained. The training was given by the head of the Ophthalmology Department and an optometrist, who provided the teachers with visual health advice to share with the pupils, recommendations for detecting signs and symptoms that may indicate a visual problem, advice on habits for studying better at school and in the jaima, and suggested visual games to play with the children. In this sense, a small book has been produced in which some of the visual games have been printed, and a copy of this book has been given to each teacher.

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**Ensuring eye care in times of COVID-19**

With the support of Eyes of the world, the health authorities in the Sahrawi refugee camps have been able to guarantee ophthalmological care throughout 2020.

The opticians’ surgeries, located in the regional hospitals, have remained open, optometrists have carried out an average of 15 consultations per day and the ophthalmologist of reference, Dr. Said, has also been able to carry out his usual activity.

And this year, more than ever, the importance of maintaining hygienic habits to avoid eye diseases, infections and contagions was emphasised through the local media and using materials and tools that the Foundation had already been working with in the framework of the health cooperation projects implemented in the camps since 2001.
Eyes of Mozambique

In February 2020, the Foundation’s activities in Mozambique started normally, but when a state of emergency was declared in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all activities were suspended and Eyes of Mozambique’s action was focused on supporting the Provincial Health Directorate of Inhambane, until October when the programme’s own activities could be resumed.

The public health network in Inhambane treated a total of 19,066 people in 2020, more than 60% of whom were women. The visits have been carried out during cataract surgery campaigns in the districts and at health fairs, in addition to consultations at the five ophthalmological service points in the province (Inhambane Provincial Hospital and regional hospitals in Chicuque, Quissico, Massinga and Vílankuló).

Intensive weeks of cataract surgery planned at Inhambane Provincial Hospital could not be carried out because of the pandemic, and when hospital activities resumed in October, priority was given to district campaigns. Three cataract surgery campaigns were carried out between October and December: 86 people were operated on at Quissico Hospital in Zavala district, 87 at Massinga Hospital and 92 at Vílankuló Rural Hospital. A total of 456 cataract operations were carried out during the year, 258 on women (57%) and 198 on men (43%).

Although visual acuity screening was scheduled for students in ten schools in the province, the closure of schools in April prevented this activity from being carried out.

Throughout the year, Eyes of Mozambique has purchased equipment and medicines for cataract surgery and protective equipment for district ophthalmology services.
EDUCATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING

In 2020, Eyes of Mozambique participated in two health fairs.

At the health fair for the opening of the school year in Inhassoro, professionals from the Provincial Health Directorate measured the visual acuity of 58 students and 27 teachers and distributed reading glasses. In addition to the attention given to the educational community, around 500 people who also attended the fair were sensitised.

On World Sight Day (9-10 October), consultations and talks were held at the Provincial Orphanage, 37 children and 17 employees of the National Institute of Social Action (INAS) were assessed and awareness was raised about the importance of avoiding eye diseases.

EYE HEALTH TRAINING

Throughout 2020, 24 Maxixe traditional medicine practitioners (13 women and 11 men) have been trained in eye health and the detection of eye pathologies, and have also been instructed on the criteria for referring patients with vision problems to the nearest health units in the province.

In December, professionals from the Inhambane Provincial Health Service, in coordination with the eye health services, trained four technicians and nurses (two men and two women) from the districts of Inhassoro and Mabote to deal with ophthalmology cases in their districts.

The women’s association AMODEVI, which manages the Vilankulo optician’s shop under the supervision of Eyes of the world, has organised training sessions on how to assemble glasses for the women of the association.

FIGHTING FOR GENDER EQUALITY

Ophthalmology staff of the Provincial Health Directorate of Inhambane and staff of Eyes of Mozambique have been trained in gender, gender-based violence and inclusive masculinity by the Mozambican Association HOPEM, Men for Change, whose mission is to implement actions challenging negative masculinities in Mozambique. The objective of the course, which was attended by 12 technicians (10 men and two women), was to provide the knowledge and resources for health technicians to combat gender-based violence by raising awareness among the citizens of the province about diseases and promoting health with equal rights, and thus contribute to increasing the access of women in Inhambane to eye health services and ophthalmic surgery.

Eyes of Mozambique made visits to the integrated care support centres for victims of gender-based violence in Inhambane, Massinga, Vilankulo and Zavala, distributing awareness-raising materials and facilitating women’s contact with eye technicians in their province.

Together with the public health system during the pandemic

During the confinement, and at the request of the Provincial Health Directorate of Inhambane, Eyes of Mozambique provided technical support to the districts with eye health services in the province: Govuro, Mabote, Funhalouro, Zavala, Inharrime, Panda, Homoine and Maxixe. During these monitoring visits, the implementation of protective measures was verified and leaflets on coronavirus prevention were distributed, health services were provided with medicines, goggles and protective masks, technicians were trained and patients were screened.

The Eyes of the world teams took the opportunity to learn more about the situation in some of the more remote districts of the province that do not have eye care services, taking note of their eye health needs and providing educational material on the most common eye conditions.
Eyes of Bolivia

The health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has required rigid quarantines, confinement measures and the prioritisation of care for affected patients and medical emergencies, so that the ophthalmological service of the public health system has not been able to provide regular care. On the other hand, school activities have been suspended since March without any educational alternative from the public education system. Given the impossibility of carrying out face-to-face activities, Eyes of Bolivia has adapted its actions through virtual platforms and has contributed to the prevention of the virus with the provision of hygiene and biosecurity kits.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL AND SURGICAL CARE

A total of 7,918 people (50.1% women) received ophthalmological care in 2020, 4,575 in Oruro, most of them at San Juan de Dios General Hospital and Oruro Corea Hospital, and 3,217 in Tarija, mainly at San Juan de Dios Regional Hospital.

In terms of surgical activity, during the first quarter, a surgical commission was carried out at the Hospital San Juan de Dios Bloque Corea in Oruro. Eyes of the world was in charge of raising awareness and recruiting patients, and surgeons from the National Institute of Ophthalmology and the Bolivian Society of Ophthalmology’s branch in Oruro operated on 51 people (28 men and 23 women). In the second half of the year, the Governor’s Office of Oruro carried out a formative surgical commission in which Dr. Estanislao Titirico, from the Ministry of Health, operated on 23 patients (nine men and 14 women). In Tarija, in coordination with the NGO FUNDESOL, an ophthalmological surgery campaign was carried out at San Juan de Dios Regional Hospital with the participation of Dr. Ángela Mora. A total of 143 cataract surgeries were performed (79 women and 64 men).

In Oruro, 112 glasses have been given to children and 160 to adults with limited resources, and in Tarija, 82 glasses have been given to children and 551 to adults. A total of 580 glasses have been donated (to children and adults) in collaboration with FUNDESOL.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS

Throughout 2020, 276 health professionals have been trained in basic ophthalmology with a focus on intercultural community family health. In Oruro, 156 professionals (53 men and 103 women) from 64 health centres of the Urban Network and the Rural Mining Network have been trained. They determined the visual acuity of 322 students from the San Juan de Dios school in the municipality of Oruro and subsequently provided ophthalmological care and carried out refraction tests on 110 students. In Tarija, 120 primary care health professionals (96 women and 24 men) from the health centres of Tomatitas, Palmarcito
and the Bermejo health network have been trained in ophthalmology.

AWAIRENESS-RAISING IN SCHOOLS

Throughout 2020, a total of 26,151 students have been made aware of eye health, COVID-19 prevention and emotional health. In the first quarter, 2,192 students in Tarija and 571 in Oruro were given talks to promote healthy habits for eye care. From the second quarter onwards, new ways of raising awareness were incorporated through teachers and principals, phone calls, whatsapp groups, videos and school competitions.

As part of the collaboration with the Ministry of Health’s Tele-Health Programme, health personnel trained in basic ophthalmology have raised awareness of eye health care and determined the visual acuity of students from rural communities.

PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY

At the beginning of the year, a gender workshop was held for Eyes of Bolivia staff to develop competencies that facilitate the incorporation of a gender perspective into the Foundation’s activities in Oruro and Tarija.

Throughout 2020, training activities for eye health promoters have been carried out, with a total of 1,035 people trained (500 people in Oruro and 535 in Tarija), both on-site and off-site.

A total of 84,646 people (33,787 men and 50,859 women) have been made aware of eye health promotion with a gender focus through awareness-raising talks and telephone monitoring, as well as through social networks and the media. A total of 58,809 people in Oruro and 25,837 people in Tarija have been reached with gender-sensitive eye health promotion.
Eyes of Mali

Mali’s long-standing political and social instability has been exacerbated by a worsening security situation and increased warfare. The coronavirus has added stress to an already weakened health system.

Despite this context of social and economic crisis, interest in the health of the population has increased and health centres have maintained intense activity. Eyes of Mali has contributed to this by reinforcing ophthalmological services and ensuring adequate protection measures for both professionals and patients.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL CARE AND EYE SCREENINGS

Throughout 2020, 59,713 people were visited, in addition to the students seen as part of the trachoma elimination activities. During regular visits to Sominé Dolo Hospital and referral centres in the districts of Bandiagara, Bankass, Koro, Douentza, Djenné, Youwarou and Mopti, 17,722 people were seen. In addition, 9,372 people were visited during the seven free campaigns to actively search for cases of cataracts and trichiasis carried out by the ophthalmology medical assistants (AMO) and the medico-surgical commissions supported by Eyes of the World in the districts of Bandiagara, Koro, Youwarou, Douentza and Bankass.

Teachers’ strikes and school closures due to the pandemic have made it difficult to screen pupils for refractive errors and low vision. Nevertheless, thanks to the human and material efforts made, 32,619 pupils (15,906 girls and 16,713 boys) in six of the eight districts of Mopti have been tested for visual acuity.

689 corrective glasses were delivered to the optical workshops of Sominé Dolo Hospital in Mopti and Bankass.

SURGICAL ACTIVITY

Despite the political and social situation, 1,877 cataracts were operated on (49.3% in women) at the Sominé Dolo Hospital, in the reference health centres and in the medical-surgical commissions which, thanks to the support of Eyes of the World, have been kept at a reduced price and in some cases have been free of charge for the patients. During 2020, cases of pterygium, trichiasis, evisceration and other eye pathologies were also operated on.
Prior to the surgery commissions, the women of the Coordination of Women’s Associations and NGOs in Mali (CAFO) disseminated the information to other women and, at the same time, an intensive radio campaign was carried out. This year, the use of smartphones has been very useful for ophthalmology technicians and assistants to contact the operated patients, both before and after the intervention.

In 2020, two satisfaction surveys were carried out on people who underwent cataract surgery in the commissions and surgery campaigns, with a satisfaction rate of 97.9%.

**EQUIPMENT AND CONSUMABLES FOR CONSULTATIONS AND OPERATIONS**

With regard to the provision and reinforcement of ophthalmology and optics equipment, the equipment planned for Sominé Dolo Hospital and the Bankass referral centre, as well as for the referral centres in the Mopti region that lack specialised ophthalmological care, especially the one in Youwarou, has been purchased. Some of this equipment was still awaiting delivery at the end of the year. Maintenance and repair work was also carried out on eye care equipment.

**TRAINING IN EYE HEALTH**

In 2020, 29 socio-health agents have been trained in primary eye health to learn how to detect the most common diseases and refer them to specialists. One health worker has completed the final course to graduate as an AMO at the Youwarou health centre and another has been trained in hospital maintenance in Senegal. In addition, the ophthalmologist at Sominé Dolo Hospital has been trained in paediatric ophthalmology, focusing on optometry and strabismus, at a university in Senegal.

**GENDER-SENSITIVE EYE HEALTH PREVENTION**

8,287 people (1,382 men, 5,039 women and 1,866 children) have participated in eye health awareness sessions with a gender approach in the districts of Bandiagara, Bankass and Koro. These sessions, conducted by CAFO women trainers and other women’s NGOs, encourage the population to make greater use of eye care services in campaigns and during medical-surgical commissions. Eyes of the world has supported these women by providing them with equipment to facilitate their awareness-raising and education work.

1,823,565 people received health information through radio, television and the press.

**TRACHOMA CONTROL PROJECT**

The trachoma project has reached 4,863 students (2,443 girls and 2,420 boys) from ten schools in Bankass district in 2020. None of the students treated had active trachoma, but other eye diseases were treated. The project has also conducted lectures on trachoma and equitable access to eye health, in which 302 students have participated, and workshops on basic eye hygiene with a gender approach, with 22 teachers participating. Due to teachers’ strikes and the closure of schools due to the COVID-19 crisis, it has not been possible to hold talks in more schools. On the other hand, with the aim of increasing accessibility to drinking water in the school groups, a drinking water point in the Joseph Yaro school group was rehabilitated and the defective latrines in this same school group and in the Endé primary school were repaired.

Eyes of Mali’s support for COVID-19 attention

Eyes of the world, in agreement with the health authorities and the specific action plans to combat COVID-19 in the Mopti region, has provided the Malian teams with masks, gloves, hygiene and hand-washing equipment. It has also distributed mobile devices to the heads of health units to enable them to carry out telemedicine and thus avoid possible overcrowding in hospitals, which could lead to an increase in contagion. In addition, lenses and frames have been supplied to opticians’ workshops to enable them to deal with emergencies due to loss or breakage.

In this way, the Malian teams have been able to carry out their health work, taking extreme precautions against the coronavirus and treating the urgent eye conditions of a poor population living in one of the most vulnerable areas of the world.
Awareness raising and education for global justice

The establishment of the state of alarm in Spain led to the cancellation of many meetings and awareness-raising activities such as fairs, presentations, exhibitions and other social and cultural activities. However, in order not to lose the opportunity to explain the work of Eyes of the World in the framework of the right to health, to analyse the reality of global inequalities from an inclusive and sustainable perspective and to advance towards social transformation for a fairer and more equitable world, some of the planned face-to-face activities have been adapted and reconverted to virtual formats.

Service-learning for the right to eye health

Eyes of the world changed to a virtual format the collaboration with the organisation Taller de Cinema, which had initially been carried out in person, in a service-learning initiative that unites audiovisual training and the social commitment of secondary school students. The students from Lestonnac school in Barcelona and Bages Sud secondary school in Castellbell i el Vilar learned first-hand about the Foundation’s work to combat avoidable blindness and produced an audiovisual clip to present the challenges promoted by the organisation.

Disseminating eye health with a gender perspective

The traditional solidarity day of the KLINK Gastronomic Society, which this year 2020 was held on 8 July, was reconverted into an intervention by Dr. Arbelaitz addressed in person to a small group of people and virtually to a much larger attendance through social networks. Dr. Arbelaitz presented a series of elements that invite reflection on the inequalities in access to health resources according to the geographical location of people, with an emphasis on the discrimination suffered by women.

Miradas in film festivals

In October, in collaboration with the Zarautz Solidarity Coordinator, the documentary Miradas was screened as part of the Zarautz Cinema and Human Rights initiative, with a large turnout despite limited seating capacity. In addition to the screening of four short films, representatives of the organisations that presented them had the opportunity to exchange impressions with each other and with the audience in an interesting discussion. Kike Otaegi, delegate of Munduko begiaik, and Dr. Ostolaza, volunteer ophthalmologist, spoke on behalf of the Foundation.
Visiting the projects on a different anniversary

Every year, the Foundation celebrates its anniversary with its collaborators, volunteers and members in an emblematic place in the city of Barcelona, but in 2020, due to the restrictions arising from the confinement, this meeting could not be held in person. However, the Foundation wanted to commemorate its 19 years of life by bringing eye health projects closer to all the Foundation’s friends through a video that invited them to visit the places where Eyes of the world has projects underway and learn about some of the actions carried out and the challenges achieved in favour of universal access to eye health.

On the occasion of World Sight Day, Eyes of the world launched a social media campaign to advocate that eye health is key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda. The campaign consisted of a video posted on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter presenting each of the goals along with Eyes of the world’s contribution to leave no one behind.

The Night of the Eyes of the world on streaming

The 19th edition of the Night of the Eyes of the world was held on streaming on 25 November and brought together a hundred people from different organisations. The Chis&Keik workshop in Barcelona was the space where Eyes of the world presented the results of its projects and the challenges achieved during the previous months, in which the pandemic had a devastating effect on the whole world. The journalist Toni Clapés conducted the event in solidarity with the president of Eyes of the world, Rafael Ribó, the vice-president, Borja Corcóstegui, and the general director, Núria Ramon. The restaurateur Xavier Uñó made an exclusive carrot cake that provides provitamin A and has an antioxidant effect on the retina and the crystalline lens, while the singer Silvia Pérez Cruz, for her part, performed live one of her emotional songs. With this meeting, the Foundation wanted to maintain its proximity to its donors and thank them for their collaboration in continuing to guarantee access to eye health for the most vulnerable population.
In 2020, Eyes of the world received two important awards linked to the Eyes of Mali project:
XOVA (Novartis eXcellence in Ophthalmology Vision Award) has contributed 50,000 euros to improving eye health and reducing blindness in the Mopti region, and the L’Occitane Foundation, together with its Spanish subsidiary, has granted 20,000 euros to attend the population’s vision until 2025, as part of its “Caring for Sight” initiative.

Presentation of an awareness-raising day in Pamplona

With the participation and support of the navarrese blind singer Serafín Zubiri, on 10 March the Kalejira Solidaria was presented, a festive tour of the different peñas (group of friends that participate together in local festivities) in each of which a solidarity pintxo-pote (a finger food and a drink) would be offered together with information and an exchange of impressions on different issues related to the fight against avoidable blindness. The day, scheduled for 14 March in Pamplona, could not be held, but the event to present the initiative was in itself an important awareness-raising activity due to the impact it caused among the population and in the media.

Cultural activities to raise awareness of the fight against avoidable blindness

The photographic exhibition “Eyes of Inhambane”, by Elisenda Pons, which shows the difficulties faced by millions of people around the world in accessing their right to quality ophthalmological care, could be visited at the Ubarmin Clinic in Elcano and at the Casa de Cultura in Zizur Mayor, both in Navarre. On the other hand, in November, an exhibition on the sustainable development goals and the right to vision was installed in the very busy Egia passageway - which connects the San Sebastian bus station, the railway station, the Egia neighbourhood and the city centre.

As part of “Music for your eyes”, on 2 January the Kissar Quartet gave a concert at Bilbao Philharmonic Society’s venue, one of the concert halls with the best acoustics in Europe, to benefit the Foundation. With a full house, Munduko begiak brought the reality of avoidable blindness closer to the audience.

Media appearances

Through the intervention of representatives of Eyes of the world, the Foundation’s projects have been made known to the population. Among other media appearances, Patricia Tárraga, coordinator of Eyes of Bolivia, presented the conclusions of the gender diagnosis in Tarija on Xarxa Net and Ràdio 4, and Eric Lavis, coordinator of Eyes of Mozambique, was interviewed on Xarxa Net to explain the use of theatre as a tool for prevention and awareness-raising.
Financial data

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The result of the financial year is transferred to the retained earnings account.
Partnerships

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS

Foundation trustees

Local authorities

Other public bodies

PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS

Collaborating entities
Labsoratories and Other Entities

**Mozambique:**
- Angeli Farmacéutica, Blois Group, Clínica Ubarmín de Elcano, Col·legi Oficial de Metges de Barcelona, Col·legi Oficial d’Òptics i Optometrissites de Catalunya, Colegio de Médicos de Bizkaia, Colegio de Médicos de Gipuzkoa, Laboratorio Théa, Novartis, Quinta Delegación del Colegio de Ópticos-Optometristas, Topcon

**Other entities:**
- Acreca, Asociación de amigas y amigos de la RASD, Auzo Lagun, Banc Sabadell, Bankia, Bidons Egara, Bonita, Bonpreu i Esclat, Bufete Guerrero Castro, CI Burilada FP, Champalimalaud Foundation, Chis&Keik, Clian Holding, Club de Leones, Consorci per a la Normalització Lingüística, Creative Technology Spain, Consorci de la Zona Franca de Barcelona, Departamento de Internet, DKV Assegurances, Fanorsan, Ferror&Ojeda, Fundación Alicia Koplowitz, Fundació Antoni Serra Santamans, Fundació Privada Girbau, Gramona, Grupo Erollia, IDS Servicios y Soluciones Tecnológicas, In Crescendo Group Vocal, MRW, Orbitis, Peña Aldapa, Peña Anañasasa, Peña La Jarana, Peña Oberena, Port de Barcelona, RBA, Sociedad Filarmónica de Bilbao, Sociedad Gastronómica Gazteluleku, Sociedad Gastronómica Klink, Synergic Investigación y Marketing

**The Media**
- ARA, Betevé, El Correo, El Diario Vasco, EITB, Eurotimes, Noticias de Navarra, Diario de Navarra, Gol TV, La Vanguardia, LaXarxa, Mediapro, Onda Cero Radio, AticaFM Radio, Ràdio 4, Xarxanet

**INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)
- Gender and Eye Health Network, IAPB
- World Health Organization (WHO) Alliance for the Global Elimination of Trachoma by 2020 (GET 2020) + International Trachoma Control Coalition (ICTC)
- Mozambican Eye Care Coalition (MECC)
- Vision 2020 Latin America

**COLLABORATIONS ON THE GROUND**

**Sahara:**
- ANARASD, Asociació Río de Oro, Asociación Salud Visual, Medicus Mundi Catalunya and Universidad de Zaragoza.

**Mozambique:**
- Acamo (Association of the Blind and Amblyopic of Mozambique), Acoruza (Community Association of Women of Zavala), Ametrango (Association of Traditional Mozambican Doctors), Anodevi (Community Association of Vilankulo) and Tsinela (Community Association of Massinga).

**Bolivia:**
- Tarija: Asociación Juana Azurduy Yacuiba, Asociación de vendedores y ramas anexas Yacuiba, Organización de peluqueras y peinadoras y ramas afines de Yacuiba, Organización de trabajadoras del hogar 30 de Marzo Tarija, Federación de Mujeres Revolucionarias, Artesanas, Productoras y profesionales Cercado Tarija, Asociación Juana Azurduy de Padilla (Yacuiba), Centro de Rehabilitación Integral (Bermejo), Centro Municipal de Rehabilitación y Capacitación para ciegos (CEMUREC), Bomberos voluntarios Ángeles en el Fuego, Centro de Rehabilitación y Capacitación para personas ciegas (CERECI 15 de Abril) de Cercado, Barrio Arsenio Ortiz Mealla, Organización de mujeres Juana Azurduy de Padilla Cercado.
- Oruro: Asociación de Articular de Mujeres por la Equidad y la Igualdad (AMUPEI), Cáritas Boliviana, Club de Leones, Parteras Tradicionales del Consejo Departamental de Medicina Tradicional Ancestral Boliviana, Cruz Roja (CODEMETRAB) – Filial Oruro, Fundación Sayarí Warmi, Centro Integradto Experimental Boliviano Alemán (CIEBA-ALEMAN), Policía Boliviana Nacional de Oruro, Sindicato de Trabajadoras del Hogar Oruro, Asociación de soldadoras/es de Oruro.
- Mali: CAFO (Coordination of Women’s Associations and NGOs) of Mopti, National Training Centre for Hospital Maintenance Technicians (CNFTMH) of Diourbel (Senegal), National Institute for Training in Health Sciences of Bamako, MSF Spain, MSF France, NGO Al Farouk, radio stations in the districts of Koro, Bandiagara, Bankass, Youwarou and Djenné (radio Koolol Fakala, radio Sindjère, radio Seno, radio Kamba, radio Toguna, radio Jamana, radio Aaba, radio La Voie Baye, radio Dounia and radio Bogrín Berú) and Cheick Anta Diop University in Dakar (Senegal).

**COUNTERPARTIES**

**Sahara:**
- SADR Ministry of Public Health.

**Mozambique:**

**Bolivia:**
- Ministry of Health, National Institute of Ophthalmology, Bolivian Institute of Blindness, Departmental Autonomous Government of Tarija (includes SEDES Tarija and Hospital San Juan de Dios), Departmental Autonomous Government of Oruro (includes SEDES Oruro, Hospital San Juan de Dios, Hospital Oruro Corea and Departmental Social Management Service (SEDEGES) of Oruro), Regional Autonomous Government of Gran Chaco (includes Hospital de Yacuiba Rubén Zelaya and Ophthalmological Centre of the Ministry of Health), Autonomous Municipal Governments of Tarija (Gender Secretariat), Municipal Disability Unit (UMADIS) of the Autonomous Municipal Government of Villamontes, UMADIS Rehabilitation Centre of Caracollo, Corque, Carpi, SLIM Cercado (Municipal Integral Legal Service of the municipality of Cercado), La Merced Women’s Penitentiary Regime in Oruro, San Pedro Men’s Penitentiary Regime in Oruro.

**Mali:**