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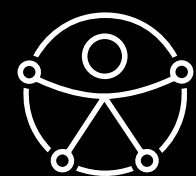


REPORT 2024



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Eyes of the world works to achieve a world in which 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 eye pathologies in each territory. It also raises public awareness in our environment regarding the deficiencies of basic health in those areas.

VISION

Eyes of the world envisions a world in which no one is needlessly blind, the right to sight is effective and everyone has the opportunity to realise their full potential.

PRINCIPLES AND ACTION GUIDELINES

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

- › Humanity
- › Independence
- › Equal opportunities and gender equity
- › Altruism
- › Professionalism
- › Transparency

ACTION GUIDELINES

- › Permanence
- › Development
- › Cooperation
- › Efficiency

PRESENTATIONS

MORE RESOURCES FOR A FAIRER FUTURE

RAFAEL RIBÓ | President



The world is rife with conflicts and confrontations that take away lives, ravage territories and severely hinder access to medical services. Tragic realities that cause damage to health infrastructure, interrupt treatments and aggravate the visual health of the most vulnerable populations, jeopardising our solidarity missions. While such events spark outrage, they also lend meaning to our efforts and commitment. **The international cooperation in the struggle against avoidable blindness is a symbol of global unity and peace.** In times like the present, restoring people's eyesight and lives, offering hope and strengthening the social fabric in conflict areas requires even greater strength.

Over the past year, our teams have done an extraordinary job and succeeded in surpassing our objectives. Furthermore, **Eyes of the world managed to increase its resources thanks to greater support from local governments and companies.** Over 50% of the funds implemented in 2024 stemmed from calls organised by major public funders and cooperation agencies. We also consolidated our commitment to securing multi-year funding: 80% of the funds collected went to projects with a duration of more than one year. We also succeeded in strengthening the loyalty of the companies that support us year after year. Organisations and associates which, despite the turbulent times, endorse our mission. Because we dream of a peaceful future. And a world with more open eyes is a fairer world.

IN CONSTANT MOVEMENT

BORJA CORCÓSTEGUI | Vice president



Planning our action strategy is made more complicated due to the transport issues experienced by the population in the areas in which we cooperate: if vulnerable people cannot come to us, then we must go to them. As a result, in 2024, **Eyes of the world directed more resources and efforts towards mobilising its teams and reaching more neglected areas.** In addition to the numerous visits by the mobile optician's to the rural districts of Inhambane in Mozambique, we also went tent to tent to visit the Sahrawi refugee population living in the camps. Not to mention the outstanding work of the Bolivian eye health promoters charged with covering the country's most remote communities. And, in Mali, the numerous free consultation and surgical campaigns intended for people displaced by internal conflicts.

Movement, progress and evolution also define the **training given to local specialists to ensure qualified and efficient care.** Of the many activities carried out this year, three are of particular note: the extension of the surgical training programme in the WetLab in Bolivia to doctors from across the country; Dr Carlos Móser's journey to Mozambique, during which he showed local professionals how to use the new equipment; and the visit by Dr Bamanta, an ophthalmologist from Mali, to India to master the cataract surgery technique known as phacoemulsification.

An incredible training programme aimed at developing the skills of a consummate team of professionals.

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THE WAY FORWARD

ANNA BARBA | Director



Underpinning Eyes of the world’s ophthalmological cooperation projects are substantial efforts aimed at strengthening the public health system, with a view to ensuring a long-term impact. In this regard, we deploy strategies and action plans in numerous regions. A clear example are the **School Eye Health Plans in Bolivia**. Schools are the ideal setting for the early detection of impaired vision, and the aim of these plans is to encourage local governments to allocate funds for various initiatives: to train teachers how to conduct visual acuity tests, deploy specialised mobile brigades, distribute prescription glasses and organise talks for students and their families with prevention advice. The implementation of these plans in 2024 proved successful and is still ongoing, as the objective is to incorporate them into all schools in Oruro and Tarija.

The year also saw the launch of Mozambique’s new **National Ophthalmology Plan**, which was developed to ramp up assistance coverage through measures such as the inclusion of eye health in the Ministry of Health’s programmes, additional training for local professionals and infrastructure upgrades.

Eyes of the world also teamed with local authorities to lay the groundwork for the **RAAB** (Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness) **surveys** that are due to be conducted in Bolivia and Mali in 2025, and which will serve to define comprehensive strategies in conjunction with all stakeholders working to improve eye health.

2024

BOLIVIA

Tarija, Oruro, La Paz and Santa Cruz departments

SAHARA

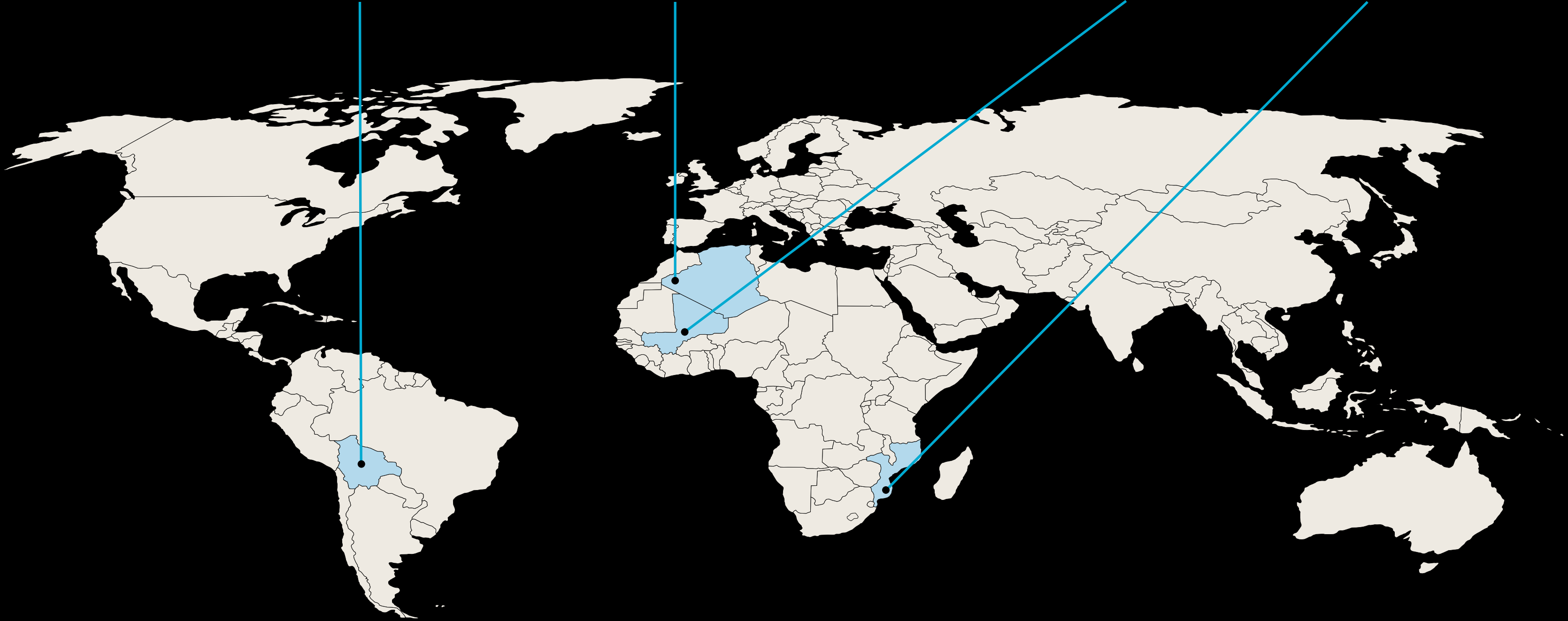
Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf (Argelia)

MALI

Mopti Region

MOZAMBIQUE

Inhambane Province



163,418

PEOPLE ASSISTED

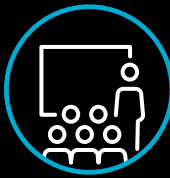
113,562 adults (56% women)
49,856 minors (50% girls)



8,148

SURGERIES

52% women



1,717

TRAINED
PROFESSIONALS

52% women



58,529

PEOPLE MADE
AWARE

58% women

1,200,900

PEOPLE IMPACTED BY
LOCAL MEDIA

A LOT TO BE SEEN, A LOT TO BE SAID

The progress made by Eyes of the world within the framework of ophthalmological cooperation has earned it a place of authority in global conversations on eye health. Its experience and commitment played a vital role in the Foundation's participation

in several international congresses and meetings in 2024, thereby demonstrating its institutional strength and sharing its perspective and position on several major current issues.



THE CONTRIBUTION OF TECHNOLOGY

This past February, Eyes of the world was present at the **Mobile World Congress** in Barcelona, where it outlined and discussed, alongside other organisations from the business world and academia, innovation and digital transformation in eye health within the field of cooperation.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

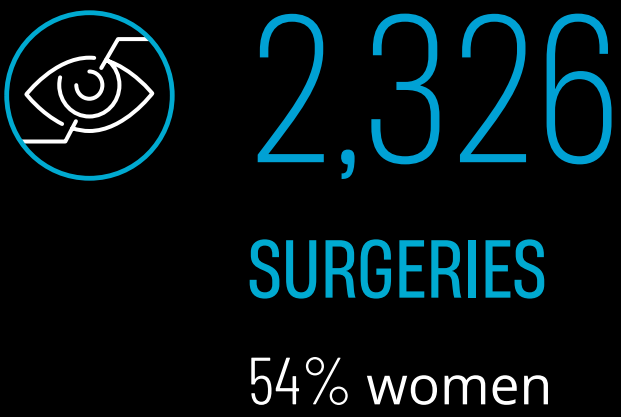
The Foundation attended **2030 IN SIGHT LIVE, the IAPB's (International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness)** flagship event, held in Mexico in June, where representatives delivered a lecture on the misconceptions surrounding climate change and eye care.

THE PROMOTION OF TRAINING AND GENDER EQUALITY

In September, Eyes of the world also took part in the **Congress of the ESCRS (European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons)**, one of the biggest in the world, with two symposiums: one on the Foundation's surgical training initiatives, such as the successful WetLab in Bolivia; and another outlining its strategy for promoting equal access to cataract surgery.

EYES OF THE SAHARA

The chief aim of ensuring equal access to health care in Sahrawi refugee camps was reinforced by the consolidation of the Béchar Ophthalmology House and the creation of the Gender and Eye Health Unit in the Ophthalmology Department, thanks to which major steps forward were made in integration and equal opportunities.



THE VISION OF...

BRAHIM ALI SALEM

"I can finally go back to school"

Brahim is 11 years old and lives in the Aaiun wilayah. During the eye test campaign conducted at his school by the Eyes of the world team, he was diagnosed with a serious eye condition in the form of a conjunctival lesion. Thanks to this early diagnosis, he was referred to the ophthalmology centre in Rabouni, where, following exhaustive tests, he was immediately sent to the hospital in Béchar for surgery. There he underwent a surgical excision, and a biopsy was performed on the removed tissue. He was later evacuated to Algiers, where he was treated for several months prior to his discharge. Brahim is very happy, as in addition to improving his eyesight, the surgery has also made it easier to learn.



CONTENT

IMPROVED CARE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Permanent care in Béchar

The home for the sick in Béchar was key to providing permanent specialised and comprehensive care to the Sahrawi population, handling emergencies, treating pathologies and performing surgeries. In 2024, a series of major changes resulted in more efficient and higher quality care: the service was relocated to a larger and better equipped centre, with new coordination staff and modern tools and procedures for managing appointments, following up with patients and communicating. The number of people who received care in Béchar was very high: 1,784 patients (928 women).

Renewed facilities

During the year, upgrades were performed at several care centres, ranging from spatial refurbishment to the purchase of new equipment and specific environmentally friendly actions: insulation of consultation rooms and workshops, improved energy systems, LED lighting, new water pumps and an optimised waste sorting and management system.



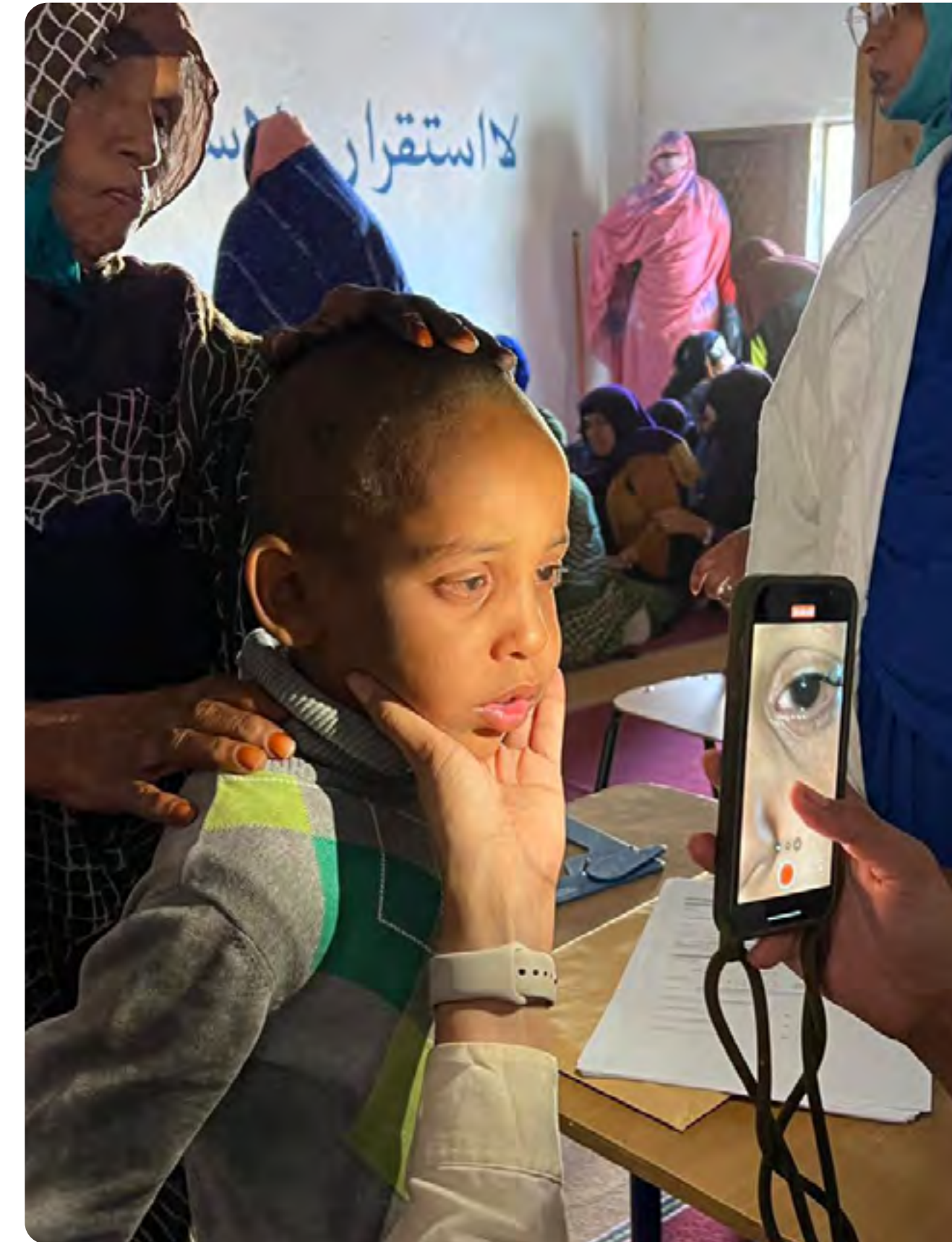
EYE TESTS AT ALL SCHOOLS

Students' eyesight

Eye tests were performed at children's centres, secondary schools and all Koranic schools in Bojador, Smara, Auserd, Dajla and Aaiun, reaching a total of 8,423 girls and 7,851 boys. Any cases presenting evidence of an eye condition were referred to the clinics in the wilayahs or the National Hospital in Rabuni. Eye tests were also performed at the special education centres in each wilayah. During the summer, tests were conducted on the teenagers and young people who study outside the camps and return home for the holidays.

Teacher training and health plans

As part of the eye tests performed at nursery and primary schools, the optometrists provided eye health and condition detection training to 302 female teachers and 45 male teachers. Eye Health Plans were also drawn up to define the needs and procedures of each school and were presented to the school management team, nurses and optometrists from the wilayah.



ON-SITE VISITS FOR VULNERABLE COLLECTIVES

Home visits

The partnership with the Basmat Khayr Women’s Association was crucial to providing care to the most vulnerable people who are unable to access services through the eye health network. The cases identified were referred to the clinics in each wilayah. A transportation system was also developed to transport people without resources, while, in the case of people with reduced mobility, an optometrist conducted visits at the tents with portable equipment. A total of 910 people (76% women) had their eyesight checked.



Tests in the prison and women’s shelter

With a view to providing accessible and people-centred eye care, professionals were also sent to the men’s prison and women’s shelter, where tests were performed not only on the women but also on their babies and the shelter staff.



GENDER-SENSITIVE EYE HEALTH PROMOTION

Talks and information sessions

Eyes of the world organised activities at schools in all wilayahs to stress the importance of eye care and of wearing glasses, with a gender component aimed at promoting equality and eradicating stereotypes.

In partnership with the Basmat Khayr Women's Association, talks on eye health, which included visual acuity tests and the distribution of glasses for presbyopia, were arranged in the dairas. Other initiatives included promotional and glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy prevention campaigns at dispensaries.

Media coverage

Radio clips and television adverts were aired on Sahrawi national television, in addition to several interviews, two of which with the head of the Gender Unit, and a report on the efforts to identify vulnerable cases in the tents.



LOOKING AHEAD

NEW VISUAL THERAPY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

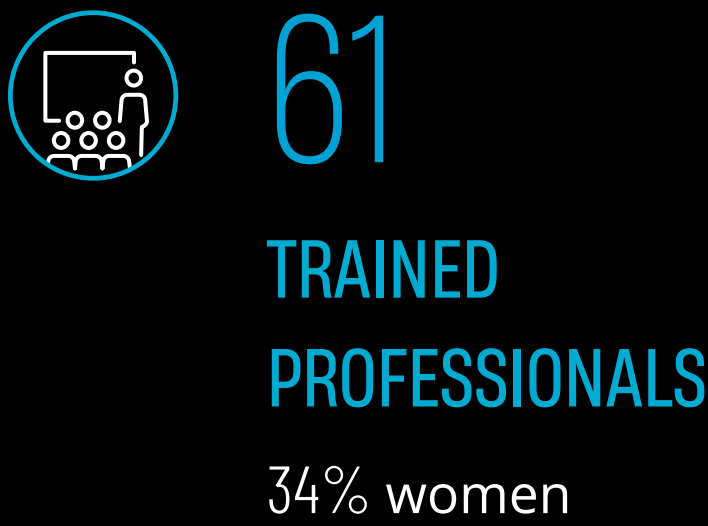
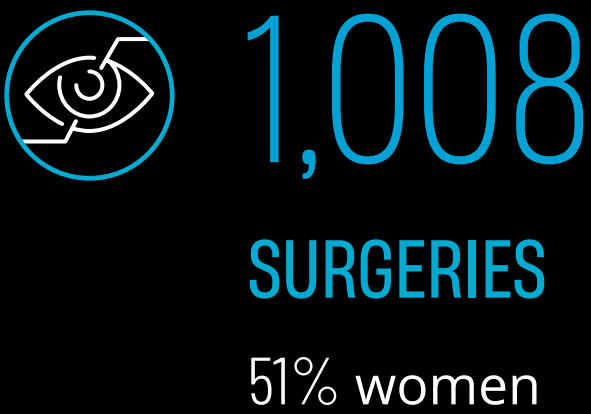


2024 saw the launch of a new visual therapy service at the Bachir Saleh National Hospital's Ophthalmology Centre, for which specific fixtures, fittings and material were purchased. The aim of this process is to re-educate and train the children's visual system to improve abilities such as focus, eye coordination and spatial perception. As part of this service, an

optometrist specialised in this type of service performs an exhaustive analysis of the patient's vision, designs a personalised treatment plan and supervises the visual therapy sessions and progress. This new service represents a major step forward in ophthalmological care for children, as it significantly improves the quality of life of girls and boys with impaired vision.

EYES OF MOZAMBIQUE

In 2024, the partnership between Eyes of the world, the Government and local communities and partners proved crucial in raising the population’s awareness of the importance of eye health, expanding ophthalmological service coverage in rural areas, training health workers and securing new medical equipment.



THE VISION OF...

EDNÉCIA DE JESUS

"There's no reason
to be afraid of
wearing glasses"

Ednécia is 7 years old and lives in the country's Funhalouro district. She began to experience discomfort, redness and itching in her eyes at a young age, symptoms which grew worse after she started school, resulting in eye pain, constant tearing and difficulties seeing the blackboard.

Ednécia was diagnosed with allergic conjunctivitis and a refractive defect. Thanks to a visit by Eyes of the world's mobile optician's to her community, she was able to purchase glasses at a subsidised price. The visual correction substantially improved her academic performance and personal development. Today, she encourages her classmates not to be afraid of or embarrassed about wearing glasses, as "they help you see everything more clearly."



MOBILE CARE AND SURGERIES

Continuous visits by the mobile optician's

In efforts to improve eye health in rural communities, the mobile unit travelled to 13 districts and performed eye tests on 4,787 people (66% women). These visits served to diagnose pathologies that were treated with medication, cases of cataracts for which surgery was requested and individuals with refractive errors, to whom 411 pairs of glasses were distributed at a reduced cost.

Surgeries and donated materials

To bridge geographical divides, cataract surgery campaigns were undertaken in 5 districts, thanks to which 483 people underwent surgery (55% women). The mobile surgery campaign at the Inhassoro Health Centre was a pioneering experience in the performance of operations at centres far removed from the provincial hospital, without a permanent operating room. Technical and logistical support was also provided to the Provincial Health Service, donating the material required to perform 525 eye surgeries.



TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY

Technical capability and knowledge building

Dr Carlos Móser, the project's medical supervisor, travelled to Mozambique to upgrade the skills of local workers and teach 3 ophthalmologists, 7 ophthalmology technicians and 3 optometrists how to use a tonometer and Ocufty to perform tele-diagnoses and, in general, how to detect and select cataracts, glaucoma and refractive defect cases. To do so, 3 tonometers, 4 retinoscopes and 2 direct ophthalmoscopes were donated.

The rest of the equipment from the districts and provincial hospital were revised during the training provided to 10 maintenance professionals, with the support of Bloss, to ensure the sustainability of the system and care quality.

Multidisciplinary skill building

Other training initiatives included sessions on business management for the team from AMODEVI to develop a business plan for the mobile optician's, human rights and health training for health specialists and training for traditional medicine practitioners in basic eye health, in order to identify and refer people with vision problems.



AWARENESS-RAISING AND PREVENTION

Radio campaigns

The radio is a medium through which it is possible to reach more people and successfully highlight the importance of eye health. Three radio programmes were broadcast on local stations in Maxixe and Vilankulos, informing thousands of people on topics such as the symptoms and treatment of certain eye conditions and the importance of using and maintaining glasses, as well as providing information on the ophthalmological services available in the province.



Dissemination of messages through plays

In Quissico, Massinga and Maxixe, plays were staged in busy public spaces and in the local languages to address the importance of eye care, the dangers of being treated by traditional healers and the need to learn new behaviours that help eradicate domestic violence.



PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY

Deconstruction of stereotypes

Mass media have proven highly effective in promoting different forms of masculinity and combating gender inequalities. In cooperation with the HOPEM Network, 3 television programmes and 20 radio debates were organised to discuss inequality and encourage men to take a stance against gender violence. Numerous participatory talks and sessions were also held as part of the Men in the Kitchen project, to get men involved in domestic chores.

New community mentors

This year, 12 men were selected from the community and trained as mentors. After completing their training, they undertook 780 dialogue sessions on issues related to gender and the importance of facilitating access to eye care for women and girls. This helped significantly improve attitudes towards positive forms of masculinity.



LOOKING AHEAD

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW OPHTHALMOLOGY CENTRE



On 12 June, the ceremonial placing of the first stone for the future Ophthalmology Centre at the Inhambane Provincial Hospital took place. This project will make it possible to house and expand all ophthalmological services (consultation rooms, operating rooms and optical care) under one roof. At present, these services are dispersed, limiting the efficiency and

quality of the care provided. The new building, the centre of reference not only for Inhambane but also other districts from provinces such as Gaza, will help respond to the growing demand, offering more precise diagnoses and advanced treatments in a more accessible and functional environment.

EYES OF BOLIVIA

In Bolivia, the project focused on ramping up ophthalmological care in the rural areas of Oruro and Tarija, prioritising the identification of cases of impaired vision among vulnerable populations, such as peasant farmers and indigenous communities, to provide medical and surgical treatment and optical correction.



34,817

PEOPLE ASSISTED

16,958 adults (57% women)

17,859 minors (49% girls)



732

SURGERIES

52% women



1,541

TRAINED
PROFESSIONALS

55% women



39,830

PEOPLE
MADE AWARE

57% women

120,100

PEOPLE IMPACTED BY
LOCAL MEDIA

THE VISION OF...

MARIO CASTO

"I was reborn"

Mario lives with his family in Oruro. His eyesight had been worsening for two years when he was diagnosed with cataracts in both eyes. However, due to a lack of resources and his reluctance to undergo surgery, he decided to move to the countryside with his wife. The situation soon became unsustainable, with Mario becoming virtually blind, leading him to entertain thoughts of taking his own life. It was then that he was encouraged to return to the hospital, where he was informed about a surgical commission organised by the National Institute of Ophthalmology (INO), with support from Eyes of the world. Having assuaged his doubts and fears, he agreed to undergo surgery on his right eye in July and on his left eye in September. Ever since he regained his sight, he feels rejuvenated and extremely grateful, as he has been able to resume work and once again drive his truck.



A FOCUS ON RURAL AREAS

On-site eye checks

This year, the project centred around addressing the obstacles that hinder access to eye health among the peasant and indigenous populations in rural areas, such as a lack of information and insufficient resources to cover travel expenses. To remedy the situation, actions were coordinated alongside the Ministry of Health and Sport and the Departmental Health Service (SEDES) to mobilise health workers and bring ophthalmological care to remote areas. Altogether, in 2024, 34,817 eye consultations (53% women) were conducted through the public health system.

More and better trained professionals

To reach the greatest number of people and bolster care in rural communities, basic eye health training was provided to 300 primary care workers (56% women). A rise was also seen in the number of eye surgeries performed (732 in total), thanks to the 4 female ophthalmologists and 2 male ophthalmologists who received training as part of the 2nd training cycle in the WetLab in Oruro. Their incorporation into the surgical commissions significantly increased the country's surgical quality.



EARLY DETECTION AT SCHOOLS

New Eye Health Plans

Eyes of the world met with various community leaders, school boards, students, faculty and health workers to identify the needs and draft School Eye Health Plans, securing municipal budgeting to ensure project sustainability. Altogether, 37 schools were given support in the development and implementation of their plans: 13 in Tarija and 24 in Oruro.

Skill building among teachers and screenings

To continue to reinforce the detection of eye problems in the classroom, 1,012 teachers (578 women and 434 men) were taught how to conduct visual acuity tests, which were performed on 12,129 students from 138 schools. As part of these actions, lenses were donated to 2,454 people, among students and adults. The distribution of glasses to girls and boys was accompanied by talks aimed at teaching families how to use and monitor the use of the lenses correctly.



GREATER KNOWLEDGE ON EYE HEALTH

Combating misinformation

Awareness-raising activities were organised to provide information on the benefits of cataract surgery: television interviews, talks at fairs and health centres, dissemination of videos and the distribution of informational material. Mass media such as TV, radio and social media were also used, to inform on the treatment of refractive errors. Numerous awareness-raising campaigns were also conducted at schools with a view to fostering good eye health habits.

World Vision Day

This year, World Vision Day revolved around child eye health. Oruro played host to an event that brought together 1,070 people, encouraging girls and boys to reduce their screen time, play outdoors and take care of their eyes. In Tarija, 6 educational units took part in a drawing competition, and 300 people in a fun walk. La Paz was the setting for a health fair held at INO headquarters, with the participation of the National School of Health. During the event, 800 students underwent an eye examination, and 42 pairs of glasses were donated.





GREATER PARTICIPATION AMONG WOMEN

Fantastic work by associations and health promoters

Talks on eye health were organised for 250 women's association members, providing knowledge on how to prevent and detect eye conditions and promoting access to eye health in an inclusive and equal manner. Cooperation agreements were entered into with these associations to train 74 new eye health promoters, who conducted visual acuity tests in their communities and talks aimed at raising awareness of the importance of eye care.

Strengthening the gender perspective

The Foundation's entire team in Bolivia benefited from intensive training on gender issues, which helped broaden their understanding of the defence and promotion of women's rights and make headway in the struggle for gender equality in eye health.



LOOKING AHEAD

CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW RAAB SURVEY

In 2024, the initial planning of the RAAB (Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness) survey, led by the Ministry of Health and Sport, was performed. The Ministry arranged meetings with all major eye health stakeholders in Bolivia (INO, the Bolivian Ophthalmology Society and the 9 SEDES) to define key aspects and the implementation timetable. Eyes of the world funded the process and offered

technical assistance. The survey is due to be conducted in 2025 and will include the securing of an ethical endorsement and team training, making it possible to obtain up-to-date and reliable data for shaping public policy on eye health, promote equal access to ophthalmological services and bolster the strategies aimed at preventing avoidable blindness in Bolivia.



EYES OF MALI

With health structures in disrepair due to the energy crisis and the damage suffered as a result of armed conflict and the devastating floods, the project in Mali continued to make efforts to reduce the barriers hindering access to health and increase ophthalmological care in the Mopti region.



31,950

PEOPLE ASSISTED

25,541 adults (52% women)

6,409 minors (48% girls)



4,082

SURGERIES

50% women



114

TRAINED
PROFESSIONALS

35% women



14,324

PEOPLE
MADE AWARE

64% women

811,000

PEOPLE IMPACTED BY
LOCAL MEDIA

THE VISION OF...

KADIDIA GORO

"Now I have
a business and
a future"

Kadidia lives in Koro, is blind in one eye and has experienced epileptic fits since she was a child. Unable to provide for the basic needs of her three children and purchase antiepileptic drugs, she asked for help from the women's association in her village. Through the association, she benefited from the funds that Eyes of the world allocates to help vulnerable women engage in income-generating activities. She used the micro-credit to launch a street vending business that has improved her living conditions and enables her to obtain resources to care for her health and that of her family.

CONTENT



INCREASED TECHNOLOGY IN CLINICS AND OPERATING ROOMS

The efficiency of tele-consultations

Transport issues have forced us to reinforce the primary level of care, comprised of community health workers, therapists and traditional herbalists. Their involvement, in conjunction with trained women from local associations, helped improve and increase the early detection and referral of eye conditions. These individuals were provided training, consultation tools and mobile telephones to conduct tele-consultations with specialists and speed up the referral process.



Medical and surgical care

In addition to visits to homes and health centres, bi-monthly cataract surgery campaigns were organised, along with campaigns for people displaced by internal conflicts. A new record was set in 2024, with over 4,000 surgeries performed in Mopti. To improve the quality of the operations, efforts were directed towards expanding the use of the Boost Cataract app and MicroRec system, which helps monitor surgeries performed at the Sominé Dolo Hospital in Mopti. All required medication and medical consumables were donated, and 1,275 pairs of glasses were handed out.



FROM BASIC TO SPECIALISED TRAINING

Eye health training

50 community health workers took part in training sessions on the use of consultation equipment, vision problem detection and referrals to ophthalmology units, in addition to learning local languages to facilitate communication with patients. 20 women from the women's associations in Bankass and Bandiagara received training in basic eye care and gender equality in access to health.

Skill building

Dr Bamanta, an ophthalmologist at the Sominé Dolo Hospital in Mopti, travelled to the Indian city of Solapur to take part in a practical training session on the application of phacoemulsification in cataract surgery. He also paid a visit to the IOTA University Hospital Centre in Bamako to learn more about the use of skiascopes in determining the refractive state of the eye and paediatric surgery, as well as how to screen, interpret functional tests and monitor glaucoma.



DISSEMINATION OF EYE HEALTH IN VILLAGES

Women, powerful spokespeople

Over the course of the year, several different awareness-raising activities intended for vulnerable groups were organised. Of particular note is the work done by women from women's associations in the neighbourhoods and cultural centres, who raised awareness about prevention, eye care and care services, with a focus on gender equality. Several radio stations also broadcast educational messages and calls encouraging people to become involved.

Presence at schools

As part of the events organised for World Vision Day, 3 major schools were chosen as settings for raising the awareness of thousands of students on the importance of eye health, through talks, videos and publicity materials such as caps, T-shirts and leaflets. Large-scale murals with eye charts were also painted on the walls of 10 schools in Mopti and Douentza to promote self-assessments among students and teachers.



COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



Renewable energy for the ophthalmological operating room

To combat the frequent blackouts, fuel shortages and high cost of generators, a number of improved and sustainable solutions were implemented. At the Sominé Dolo Hospital in Mopti, 20 solar panels were installed to provide energy to the ophthalmological operating room, two consultation rooms, a room for minor operations and an office. Efforts were also made to optimise the temperature inside the operating room and the air conditioning system.

Improvements to the health centre in Koro

18 solar panels with storage capacity were installed to supply energy to the ophthalmological operating room and the adjacent maternity ward. Other modifications made to promote environmental sustainability include the purchase of a new energy-efficient air conditioning system and improvements to the capacity and provision of drinking water.

LOOKING AHEAD DECENTRALISATION AND A BROADER SCOPE OF INTERVENTION

While the situation of people displaced by internal conflicts has stabilised, the number of reception centres continues to rise. To cover the large demand for eye care in the region of Mopti, the focus has turned to solutions which help expand the project's scope: the incorporation of more professionals into the health system, the

purchase of all-terrain vehicles to facilitate staff and patient transport, more care and awareness-raising campaigns and the launch of a new strategy comprised of mobile teams and the future opening of decentralised clinics to reach the greatest number of vulnerable people.



TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNICATION

ART, ATTRACTING GAZES

The Visions art collection includes works of art donated by renowned artists to raise funds in the struggle against avoidable blindness and raise the profile of Eyes of the world's endeavours. 2024 saw the incorporation of two pieces of pottery by Santi Moix, 'Artefact' and 'Remains of a Shipwreck', and the limited edition '3 Shades of Hydrangea' by Jaume Plensa.

Art was also present at the ESCRS Congress in Barcelona, with the unveiling of the artwork entitled 'Gaze Machine: Your Gaze, Their Vision', by Eyes of the world. Created by the conceptual artist Solimán López, it captures the gazes of the



participants and not only turns them into a piece of digital art, but made it possible to perform 240 cataract surgeries in Mozambique. It was also featured in the IMMENSIVE exhibition at the Espronceda Institute of Art and Culture.



EDUCATION FOR CHANGE

Our efforts to raise awareness at secondary schools continued with several projects. In Donostia, 200 students from the Peñaflorida Secondary School launched a campaign in favour of universal access to eye health, while at the Claret Askartza School, the older students created panels to inform the younger students about the importance of vision around the world. In Navarre, students from CI Burlada and CIP Huarte came up with healthy recipes that promote eye care as part of the 'Cook for Your Eyes' project. And, in Catalonia, students from 6 secondary schools shot short films to lend Eyes of the world's work greater prominence as part of the Film Workshop's 'React' programme.

AWARENESS-RAISING INITIATIVES

In 2024, the right to vision was promoted through various actions. Charitable concerts under the name Music for Your Eyes were organised in Zarautz, by Ortzian Ensemble; in Donostia, with the Musikene Symphony Band; and, for the first time, in Navarre, in cooperation with three choirs. Eyes of the world also took part in solidarity and volunteering fairs in Zarautz, Azkoitia and at the University of Deusto; solidarity events were held in Donostia and Hondarribia; the Eyes of Inhambane exhibition visited Bilbao; and the documentary *Gabor* was shown in Montmeló. The Foundation also received proceeds from the CTC Solidarity Weekend tournament held at the Royal Tennis Club in Barcelona.



STRENGTHENING TIES

Eyes of the world celebrated its 23rd anniversary at La Model in Barcelona, a former and highly symbolic prison facility, bringing together volunteers, contributors and donors to share its projects aimed at transforming lives.



The Foundation's challenges and achievements were also a topic of discussion at Eyes of the world Night. 215 people attended this charitable dinner held in the paranymp at the Industrial School in Barcelona, during which they learned about the precarious situation of eye care in many parts of the world, and which raised €130,000 for cooperation projects.

INTERACTION, TRUST AND EMPATHY

Our social media presence remained constant, with campaigns such as #VisionDeFuturo (Future Vision), with interesting stories from Malian women; #CocinaParaTusOjos (Cook for Your Eyes), on the benefits of a healthy and sustainable diet for eyesight; the dissemination of the importance of caring for and checking eyesight with #SaludOcularParaTodxs

**¿Cómo puedes prevenir
o retrasar las cataratas
y la degeneración macular?**



(Eye Health for All); and the post entitled 'Data that spark outrage', as a call to combat alarming statistics. The connection with the audience proved highly dynamic, as evidenced by the numerous interactions with the content, with positive and encouraging comments.



FINANCIAL DATA

REVENUE

€2.546.766

Public	(€) Revenue
Foundational institutional trusts	€145,000
Cooperation grants	€1,328,874
Sensibilization grants	€42,966
Other public grants	€42,993
Total public	€1,559,833
Private	(€) Revenue
Companies and entities	€570,498
Individual members	€27,735
One-off donors	€119,758
The Eyes of the world Night	€125,900
Art collection	€100,000
In-kind donations	€43,042
Total private	€986,933

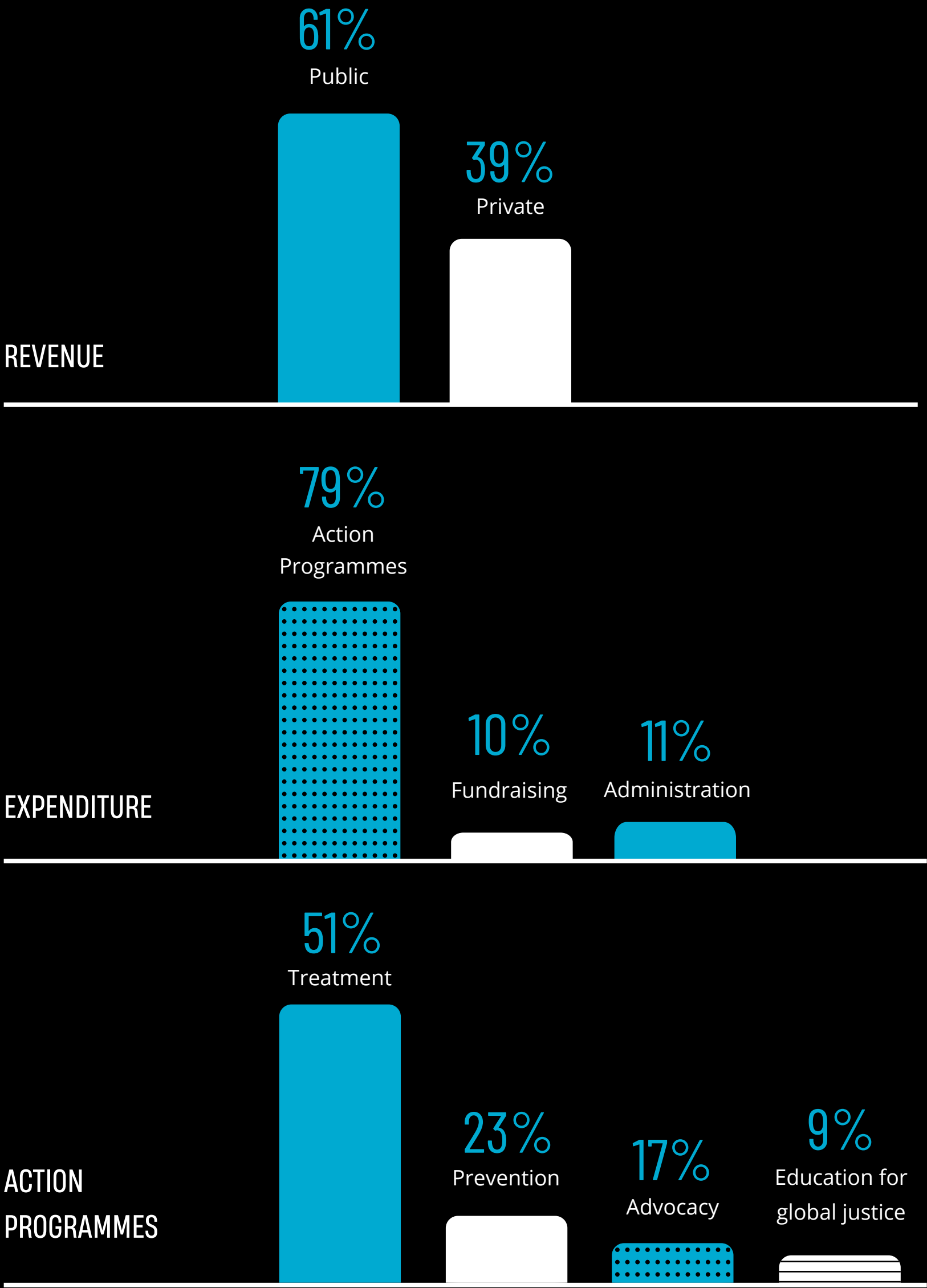
The result of the financial year is transferred to the retained earnings account.

EXPENDITURE

€2.546.844

Action Programmes	Expenditure €1,998,189	Gender 9%
Development cooperation	Eyes of the Sahara	3%
	Eyes of Mozambique	23%
	Eyes of Bolivia	6%
	Eyes of Mali	2%
	In-kind donations	
	€43,042	
Education for global justice	€178,491	11%
Fundraising	€258,185	10%
Administration	€290,470	2%
Total Expenditure	€2,546,844	8%

Abridged annual accounts audited by GM AUDITORS S.L., an independent company, in accordance with Spain's current accounts and audit regulations. The report is available on the [Eyes of the world](#) website.



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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS

FOUNDATION TRUSTEES



LOCAL AUTHORITIES



OTHER PUBLIC BODIES



PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS

COLLABORATING ENTITIES



PARTNERSHIPS

LABORATORIES AND ORGANISATIONS LINKED TO THE HEALTH SECTOR

- Ace Alzheimer Center Bcn
- Bausch&Lomb
- Col·legi Oficial d'Òptics i Optometristes de Catalunya
- Laboratorio Théa
- Oftaltech
- Topcon

OTHER ENTITIES

- AC Hoteles by Marriott
- Associació Catalana de persones ex-preses polítiques del Franquisme
- Bidons Egara
- Bonita
- BonpreuEsclat
- CI Burlada FP
- CiP Huarte
- Clian Holding
- Creand
- Departamento de Internet
- EDM
- Enginyers Bcn
- Escuela Internacional de Protocolo
- Espronceda
- Fanorsan
- Farmacorp
- Fundació Damm
- Fundació Privada Cottet-Mor
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- La Model
- Nexica-econocom
- Occident
- Peña la Jarana
- Raventós Codorniu
- RBA
- Reial Club de Tennis Barcelona
- Reial Cercle Artístic de Barcelona
- Repsol Bolivia
- Saba
- Santen Pharmaceutical
- Sauleda
- Shaub & Fisher
- SightFirst
- SLStudio
- Sociedad Gastronómica Gazteluleku
- Sociedad Gastronómica Istingorra
- Sociedad Gastronómica Klink
- Synergic Reseach&Consultancy
- Xevi Estudi

THE MEDIA

- ACN
- Antiguako Politazaleok
- Ara
- Diario Vasco
- El Correo
- IM Òpticas
- La Vanguardia
- Metropoli Abierta
- Noticias de Navarra
- The New Barcelona Post
- Zona Hospitalaria

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- Agencia Internacional para la Prevención de la Ceguera (IAPB)
- Grupo de Trabajo sobre Equidad de Género (IAPB GEWG)
- Grupo de Trabajo sobre Acción Climática (IAPB CAWG)
- Alianza de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) para la Eliminación Global del Tracoma el año 2020 (GET 2020) + Coalición Internacional para el Control del Tracoma (ICTC)
- Coalición Mozambiqueña para la Salud Ocular (MECC, Mozambican Eye Care Coalition)
- VISION 2020 América Latina

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