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MISSION

The Eyes of the world Foundation is a non-profit organisation that works to ensure that people with visual impairments and limited economic resources receive quality ophthalmological care through their local health services. We create the necessary conditions to reduce the incidence of eye diseases in each of the territories in which we operate and raise public awareness of the causes of inequity in access to eye health worldwide.

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

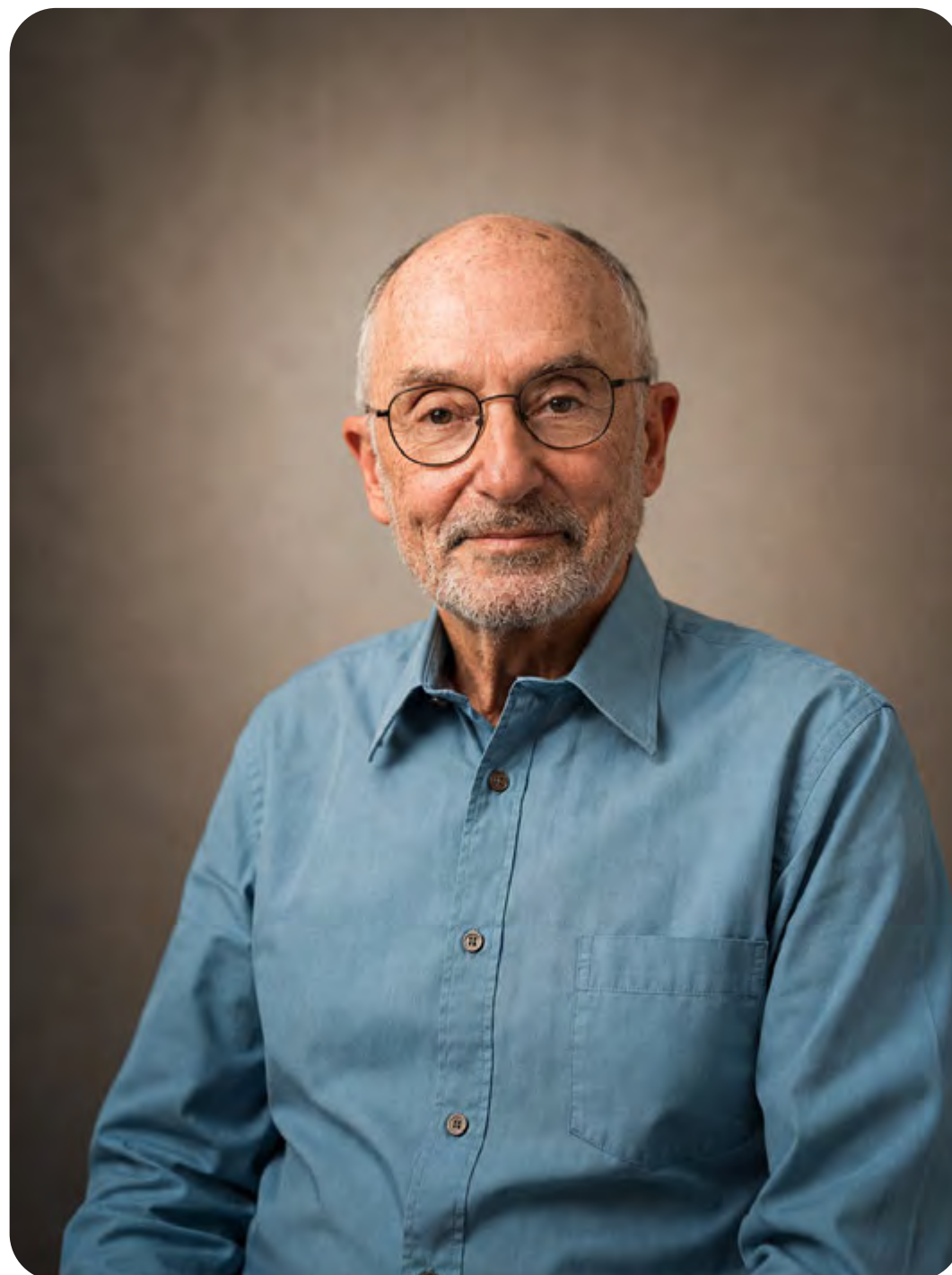
ACTION GUIDELINES

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

PRESENTATIONS

Strengthening our impact

RAFAEL RIBÓ · President



Eyes of the world has entered a new pivotal chapter in its history. Geopolitical, social and climate contexts are becoming increasingly uncertain and influential, exacerbating the inequalities faced by the communities we support. Against this backdrop, we must reassess certain strategies, innovate in our responses and **embrace new challenges** as an organisation.

On the one hand, in 2025, we developed our fifth **Strategic Plan 2026-2030**, with the aim of reinforcing our mission and vision. Its development provided an opportunity to listen, question, imagine and align ourselves. We approached the development process as a **participatory and reflective exercise**, enriched by contributions from people across different areas of Eyes of the world. This engagement was an opportunity for celebration, **learning and transformation** that served to address global challenges.

Also with the aim of broadening our impact, we launched a pilot programme to guarantee the universal right to sight for a highly vulnerable local population: **people experiencing homelessness in Barcelona**. The inequalities they face, the result of multiple structural and social factors, significantly hinder their access to eye health. Through this transformative initiative, we strive to make their path easier.

These two projects opened up new horizons to keep moving forward with impact, rigour and enthusiasm.

A highly professional future

BORJA CORCÓSTEGUI · Vice president



In all our projects, training covers a broad spectrum: from basic eye health training for primary care staff, teachers and social educators to **specialised university-level education** that provides local professionals a solid preparation aligned with global standards in visual health.

In Bolivia, 2025 was a year dedicated to **building the capacities of optometry and optical science students**. International academic partnerships were consolidated to deliver specialised programmes that enabled participants to update their knowledge and learn new methodologies. Their connection with the real needs of the population was also strengthened through **active participation in activities** such as cataract screening in rural areas, post-operative follow-up, the updating of school eye health plans and health fair awareness campaigns. The main objective is to prepare future professionals and ensure their effective integration into community eye care services.

Eyes of the world also coordinated the **residency of two Mozambican doctors at Hospital Sant Joan de Déu in Barcelona**, supporting the completion of their specialisation in paediatric ophthalmology.

In doing so, we reaffirmed our commitment to **continuous training**, providing new professionals a comprehensive and up-to-date perspective to address eye health challenges in their regions.

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Dedication and commitment

ANNA BARBA · Director



For yet another year, we have reaffirmed Eyes of the world's commitment to **human rights**, equal opportunities and **gender equity**, the Foundation's core values. A commitment that extends to both our field activities and institutional context.

While all our projects incorporated equity into their programmes, in 2025, particular efforts were made in Mozambique to **promote inclusive masculinities**, offering men in Inhambane new ways of relating within the family grounded in **shared responsibility and respect**, with the aim of facilitating women's access to eye health, particularly cataract surgery.

At the institutional level, a Comprehensive Protocol for Addressing Violence was approved to **ensure a safe and equal organisational environment free** from all forms of violence, harassment and discrimination and establish mechanisms for prevention, detection and response.

Our dedication was also reflected in our partnerships with international organisations, in which we are increasingly present, particularly through our **active participation in IAPB** (International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness) **working groups** and the development of highly relevant documents such as the guide on “Early intervention in paediatric myopia”.

Strategic Plan 2026–2030

SHAPING A NEW FUTURE PLAN

2025 was a year of transition, one in which the 2022–2024 Strategic Plan was extended and many of its objectives were consolidated: eye health was improved through **prevention and decentralisation strategies**, moving towards a more planned and coherent intervention model; income grew by 59%, including multi-year funding and the promotion of innovative projects; and networking, digitalisation and process optimisation were further reinforced to improve the Foundation's efficiency and effectiveness, supporting its significant growth.

In addition, work was carried out throughout the year on the development of the new 2026–2030 Strategic Plan, aimed at consolidating and scaling up Eyes of the world's intervention model with an approach based on **rights, equity and shared responsibility**.

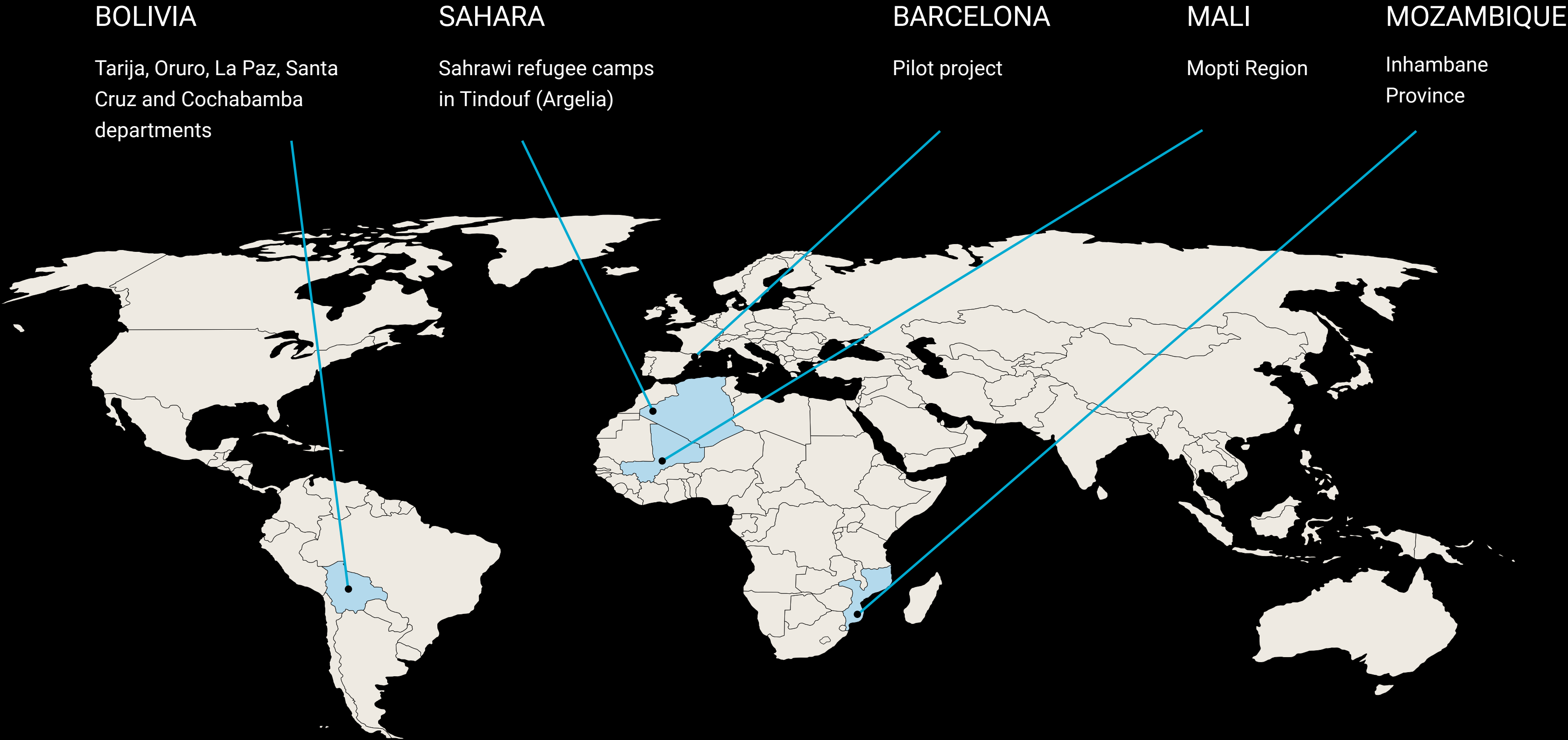
A new **transformative model** that includes:

- New actions to ensure that projects have a lasting impact.
- More innovation to improve quality and efficiency.
- Increased resources to ensure sustainability.
- Enhanced visibility to cement our position as leaders in eye health.

The aim of this new Strategic Plan is to drive a **phase of innovative expansion**, focused on sustainability and the strengthening of local capacities, as well as **significantly increase the impact and visibility** of Eyes of the world at both the national and international levels.



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**155,491**
PEOPLE ASSISTED
108,520 adults (55% women)
46,971 minors (51% girls)

**9,708**
SURGERIES
53% women

**2,191**
TRAINED PROFESSIONALS
59% women

**54,361**
PEOPLE MADE AWARE
57% women

**3,022,100**
PEOPLE IMPACTED BY LOCAL MEDIA



Eyes of the Sahara

The project delivered significant improvements in eye health service access, coverage and quality, introducing new digitalisation, referral and follow-up systems and strengthening a **comprehensive and equitable model.**



64,604

PEOPLE ASSISTED

44,880 adults (60% women)

19,724 minors (53% girls)



3,287

SURGERIES

58% women



138

TRAINED PROFESSIONALS

50% women



14,905

PEOPLE MADE AWARE

59% women



310,000

SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS



THEIR VIEW

MARIAM HAFDALA LEHBIB

"I can see clearly now"

Mariam is 4 years old and has lived with strabismus since early childhood, a condition affecting the correct alignment of her eyes and which could have a long-term impact on her eyesight. After being identified during a screening, she was referred to the Béchar Ophthalmology Hospital, where she underwent surgery to correct her ocular deviation and lay the foundations to improve her vision. Afterwards, she continued her treatment at the National Ophthalmology Centre in Rabuni, undergoing visual therapy to strengthen eye coordination and ensure proper progress. The notable improvement in her eye alignment and visual function has had a positive impact on her happiness and development.

More inclusive care

Improved quality of care.

Specialised ophthalmological care continued to be provided at the Béchar Hospital, and Sahrawi patients were able to use the Ophthalmology House located in the same Algerian wilaya and managed by Eyes of the world, which covers transport, accommodation and treatment costs. A total of 3,287 eye surgeries were performed (58% women), nearly 1,000 more than the previous year. Follow-ups for surgical patients were also reinforced to improve the traceability of surgical quality.



Care for the most vulnerable groups.

Priority was afforded to people with difficulties accessing the eye health network, reinforcing a proactive, community-based intervention model with 572 home visits to tents, courtesy of volunteers from the Basmat Khayr Women's Association, and screenings for 126 people in special needs centres and 254 people in the prison system.

Early detection at schools

Screenings in early childhood, primary and secondary schools.

During visits to all schools in the wilayas, 10,412 girls and 9,312 boys were seen. To improve procedures, new protocols for early detection and referral were introduced. Twenty-nine school eye health plans were also implemented. And 24 children received personalised treatment in the visual therapy and reduced vision clinic at the Rabuni Ophthalmology Centre.



Gender-responsive activities.

In 2025, 94 awareness-raising activities were carried out in schools, with the participation of 6,537 girls and 5,991 boys. These helped improve knowledge of eye care, promote healthy habits and strengthen gender equality in schools. They also reinforced the role of school nurses as key agents in the promotion of eye health.

Training, digitalisation and telemedicine

Capacity building.

Eight optometrists were trained to improve the early diagnosis and follow-up of chronic conditions, with support from the University of Zaragoza. The capacities of 125 emergency healthcare professionals (34% women) were also strengthened to provide initial care and ensure prompt and effective referrals. In the optical field, training was provided to two women who joined the Rabuni assembly workshop to meet the growing demand for glasses, while also promoting their economic empowerment.



Systems innovation.

The lack of specialists and mobility challenges underline the need to incorporate tools that strengthen the diagnosis and treatment of complex conditions. One such tool was a telemedicine system designed to facilitate clinical decision-making and the follow-up of surgical cases and chronic conditions through remote support. Work also began on digitalising clinics, workshops and warehouses to improve the quality of care and enable more efficient management.



Developments in research and outreach

Provision of materials and upgrading of infrastructure.

Eyes of the world supplied consumables to the Rabuni laboratory to produce 2,400 eye drop bottles for the treatment of glaucoma, thus reducing dependence on external supplies. Resource provision was also essential: 24,000 pairs of presbyopia glasses, 20,000 raw lenses and equipment for clinics and workshops. Numerous facilities were also upgraded to improve energy efficiency and waste management.

Greater interaction among women.

At community level, 29 eye health promotion and service uptake activities were carried out in dairas and dispensaries, reaching a total of 2,377 people (98% women). A social media strategy was also developed to expand the reach of information and increase engagement. Integrating a gender perspective led to greater participation among women, increasing their access to care and strengthening their role as health promoters.



LOOKING AHEAD

Definition of the new National Eye Health Plan



In 2025, work began on promoting this new strategic tool, which is essential for advancing eye care in the camps towards a coordinated public policy, with shared priorities, clear care pathways, common referral criteria, patient follow-up, staff training, the management of medicines and supplies and the use of data in decision-making. This initial phase involved identifying key

stakeholders and establishing a roadmap. In 2026, efforts will shift towards assessment, participatory development, institutional validation and the definition of measures to improve coordination across all levels of care, ensuring Sahrawi ownership of the plan and that it serves as a useful tool for the Ministry of Public Health.



Eyes of Mozambique

In 2025, a new phase began in the expansion of ophthalmology services, with an **increase in the number of districts where eye surgeries were performed**, thereby improving access to care and treatment for rural populations.

 **40,151**
PEOPLE ASSISTED
32,836 adults (54% women)
7,315 minors (52% girls)

 **1,278**
SURGERIES
53% women

 **361**
TRAINED
PROFESSIONALS
49% women

 **4,274**
PEOPLE MADE
AWARE
53% women

 **2,546,000**
PEOPLE IMPACTED BY
LOCAL MEDIA



THEIR VIEW

DAVID SEBASTIÃO

"The mobile optical unit saved my eyesight"

David had been experiencing persistent pain in his right eye for months. The health centre in his district, Funhalouro, did not have ophthalmology services, and a lack of resources prevented him from travelling to Massinga Hospital, forcing him to continue his work as a locksmith despite the discomfort. Fortunately, Eyes of the world's mobile optical unit visited his community, and an ophthalmology technician was able to examine him, identifying a foreign body embedded in his eye. The technician removed a small metal fragment and provided medication to heal the wound. Without care, it could have become infected or even resulted in vision loss. David now works with safety goggles: "I couldn't believe that something so small could cause so much pain."

Broader coverage

Surgeries in more districts.

In addition to the regular surgeries carried out throughout the year at the Inhambane Provincial Hospital, eight cataract surgery campaigns were conducted in different districts, notably in Inharrime, Funhalouro and Mabote, where such procedures were performed for the first time. Altogether, a total of 1,278 people (53% women) underwent surgery.



Expansion of care services.

Progress on the construction of the Inhambane Ophthalmology Unit continued, expanding the range of eye care services in the province. The mobile optical unit, managed by the AMODEVI women's association, travelled across all districts to reach remote communities and provide care to 6,027 people (61% women). During these visits, 1,666 refractive errors and 779 cases of cataracts were detected, and 837 pairs of glasses were provided at a subsidised price (56% women).

Improved early detection

Training of traditional medicine practitioners.

In the Zavala district, a training session brought together 31 practitioners (52% women) with the goal of strengthening their knowledge of eye health and enabling them to identify conditions in their communities and refer patients to specialists, avoiding delays that could result in irreversible complications.

New transfer guide.

To promote more effective cooperation between traditional medicine practitioners and ophthalmology professionals, this new tool was presented and distributed to systematise processes and facilitate the early referral of patients with eye conditions to health facilities.



Eye health promotion

Theatre, talks and health fairs.

Throughout the year, nine plays and ten awareness-raising sessions were organised to promote eye health. In addition to community spaces that host fairs and draw large numbers of people, this year, efforts were focused on secondary schools in a bid to reach more adolescents and young people. Talks on preventive eye care were delivered, and sunglasses and reading glasses were distributed.



The key role of radio.

Promoting eye health over the radio continues to be essential to reach areas with limited access to information and care services. In 2025, six programmes focused on eye care and the promotion of available services were broadcast, including calls for people with cataracts to attend surgical campaigns. Gender issues in access to eye health were also addressed through ten debates that encouraged participation.





Equal rights

Agents of change.

Community leaders – both women and men – must serve as key communicators to help ensure safer, fairer and more inclusive environments. To this end, 51 male and 28 female community leaders in rural areas received training on gender, equity and the struggle against gender-based violence. A Community Action Plan was also developed to promote peaceful coexistence, respect for human rights and the protection of women and girls.



Positive masculinities.

The “Men in the Kitchen” programme challenges gender stereotypes that fuel inequality by promoting new forms of masculinity: 208 men took part in the sessions aimed at encouraging their involvement in domestic tasks. There were also 20 dialogue workshops with women and men that reflected on equality and on improving women’s access to eye health services. The Association of Egalitarian Men of Catalonia visited the project to share experiences and methodologies with the HOPEM Network with a view to planning future actions.

LOOKING AHEAD

New surgical training programme



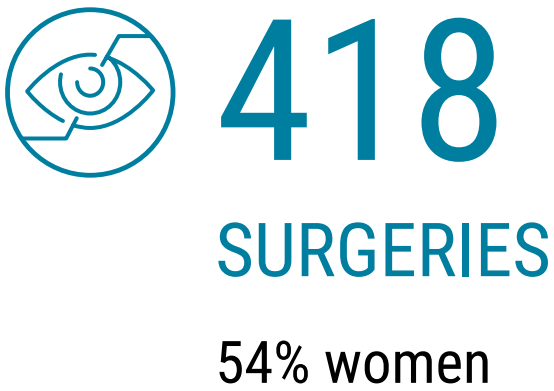
A pioneering programme was established for final-year ophthalmology residents and recently graduated ophthalmologists to enhance their training in cataract surgery. The project is supported by two key training centres: the WetLab from the University of Cape Town and the Grace Vision Centre in Eswatini, which undertook to deliver the training in Portuguese. Following the

planning phase, Dr Carlos Móser and Dr Mónica Lecumberri, members of the Eyes of the world’s Medical Committee, attended a training session in Cape Town to strengthen the capacities of the team of tutors. The initial pilot phase with students is scheduled for August 2026.



Eyes of Bolivia

The project made headway in Oruro, Tarija and Cochabamba, strengthening the **public response in eye health** in rural and highly vulnerable contexts and consolidating a comprehensive approach grounded in rights, gender equity, interculturality and sustainability.





THEIR VIEW

GREGORIA ACUÑA

**"Everything began to fade
behind a white haze"**

Gregoria is 75 years old and lives in Tarija. A few years ago, she began to lose her sight; a haze even prevented her from distinguishing her grandchildren's faces. Then, complete darkness fell, and every step carried a risk of falling and injury. Her family was very concerned. They sought guidance and at the health centre were referred to San Juan de Dios Hospital in Tarija, where cataract surgery was recommended. Despite their doubts and fears, they decided to trust the operation, as it was the only option for Gregoria to regain her sight. Given her vulnerable situation, Eyes of the world stepped in to ensure her surgery was provided free of charge. The operation was a success: "It has been a turning point in my life."

Strengthening primary care



The basic ophthalmology training provided to healthcare staff facilitated the early detection of eye conditions. A total of 186 professionals (61% women) from health centres and Ministry of Health and Sports programmes were trained to improve the identification and treatment of cataract patients from indigenous and rural farming communities. Altogether, a total of 418 eye surgeries (54% women) were performed.

Comprehensive care for girls and boys

More Health Plans, more screenings.

Thirty-three new School Eye Health Plans were developed: 18 in Tarija, 13 in Oruro and 2 in Cochabamba, respecting local customs, traditions and indigenous languages to tailor strategies to the reality of each community. 797 teachers (57% women) were trained to carry out screenings, which were performed on 10,572 students (56% girls). Glasses were provided to 658 girls and 591 boys, and awareness-raising talks were delivered to students and families.

Pioneering initiatives.

In 2025, a major milestone was achieved: Eyes of the world and the Departmental Health Service (SEDES) of Oruro introduced the new School Health Record in 123 schools to collect children’s health data and promote the early detection of visual impairments. Another development was the design of programmes to monitor teacher training, students’ adherence to glasses and the implementation of Health Plans.

Support for the training of professionals

Increase in surgical specialists.

In the 3rd edition of the training session at the Oruro WetLab, led by Dr Estanislao Titirico from the Ministry of Health and Sports, four female ophthalmologists and one male ophthalmologist strengthened their surgical skills and performed procedures in Oruro and Cochabamba. This effectively increased the availability of professionals in the public system, expanding the care network and contributing to greater decentralisation.

Strengthening comprehensive training.

To further advance the consolidation of an efficient and equitable eye health system, optical science and optometry students were provided tools to update and enhance their technical knowledge. The cooperation agreements entered into with the University CES of Colombia and the NGO Ocularis enabled the development of specialised training cycles at the University of Los Andes and the National School of Health.



Cross-cutting gender perspective

Education and empowerment for equity.

Only five out of every 20 people who undergo surgery are women, mainly due to a lack of awareness and fear. To address this barrier to women’s access to cataract surgery, efforts were made to ramp up training for women leaders as eye health promoters. In 2025, a further 115 women were trained to promote eye health care and enhance equity in access to consultations and treatment.



Gender-sensitive service lists.

In addition to the active work and direct support of health promoters and women’s organisations, a new patient list management and monitoring system was implemented to ensure that more than half of those seen were women, in terms of both consultations and surgeries, as well as in on-site awareness-raising activities.





Evidence for transforming eye health

The **Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness (RAAB) study** is the result of a strategic partnership between the Ministry of Health and Sports, the Bolivian Society of Ophthalmology, the National Ophthalmology Institute and the Bolivian Institute of Blindness, among others, with support from Eyes of the world. Led by principal investigator Dr João Furtado, together with co-investigators Dr Adalid Ramos and Dr Ricardo Casaroli, it provides up-to-date and representative evidence on the prevalence of blindness and visual impairment in the country. Its results lay the groundwork for decision-making, strengthening eye health system planning and prioritising resources.

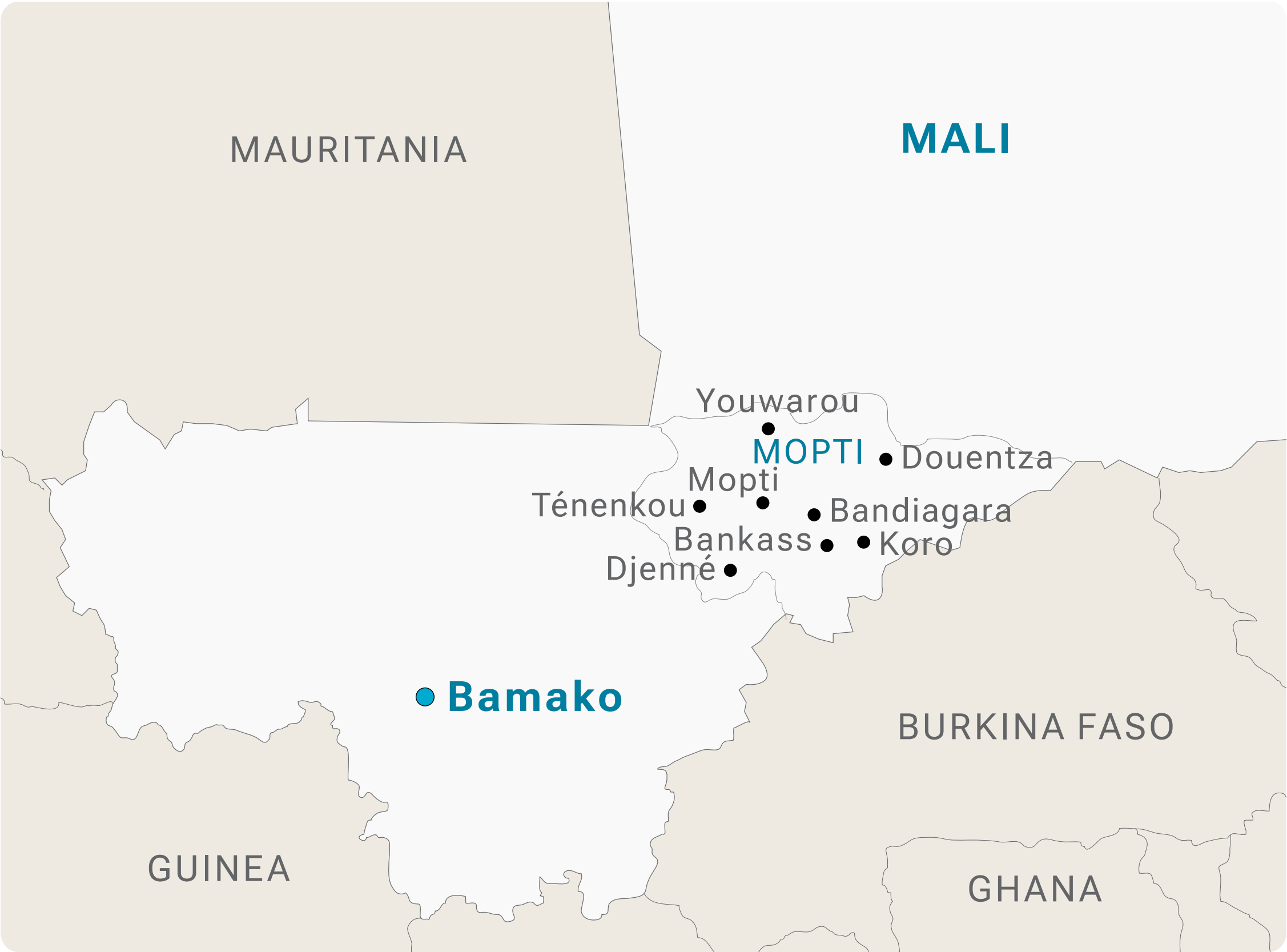


LOOKING AHEAD A new department in sight: Potosí



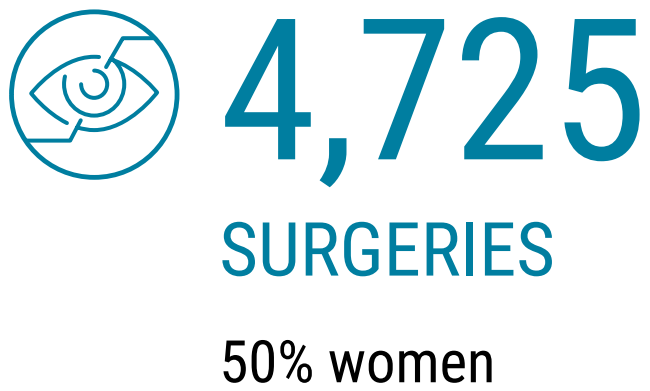
Eyes of the world expanded its scope of action in Bolivia by signing a cooperation agreement with SEDES Potosí to improve eye care in the department, identifying eye health needs and strengthening the capacities of the public health system. This mining area presents environmental conditions that have a direct impact on the health

of its inhabitants. This partnership marked the beginning of a commitment to promote education and awareness-raising activities to prevent eye conditions and enhance the population's quality of life, affording the environmental context due consideration in community-based actions.



Eyes of Mali

In a **complex context** characterised by structural poverty, persistent instability and insecurity and multiple constraints, the project succeeded in **improving care for the most vulnerable groups**, reducing waiting times and significantly increasing the number of cases detected, referred and treated.





THEIR VIEW

FATOUMATA TOGO

"We are a support and care community"

Fatoumata was awarded one of the microloans promoted by Eyes of the world for women in vulnerable situations. Thanks to this aid, she was able to start a livestock farming business and begin producing and selling okra. The income generated helped improve her quality of life and independence, as well as her health, as she was able to access eye care and have her eyesight checked regularly. The combination of productive work and family care reflects the key role of Malian women as pillars of both the household and community. Fatoumata actively takes part in collective initiatives alongside other women, fostering cooperation and shared learning and strengthening the local economy.

Record number of surgeries

Medical and surgical activities.

In addition to the consultations carried out in health centres, outreach campaigns targeting displaced populations were particularly significant, with teams deployed to conduct eye screenings in camps, providing care to 4,928 displaced people (54% women), distributing medication and performing thousands of cataract surgeries. In 2025, a total of 4,725 eye surgeries (50% women) were performed.

Community mobilisation.

The key role of community leaders, traditional healers and practitioners and village health promoters remained essential for awareness-raising and the early referral of patients. Experience-sharing meetings were organised to optimise case follow-up, new referral forms and information posters in local languages were developed and a new coordination protocol was implemented.



Capacity building

Ensuring basic care.

To provide care for rural populations living many hours from the district capital, various training workshops on basic eye care were conducted for Community Health Agents (CHAs) and traditional healers, focused on strengthening prevention, disease detection and referral to specialists.

Post-university continuing education.

Seven Ophthalmic Medical Assistants (OMAs) were trained in paediatric ophthalmology to ensure care for children in the most remote areas. Fifty ophthalmology students (32% women) at the Institute of Tropical Ophthalmology of Africa (IOTA) in Bamako also strengthened their paediatric cataract surgical skills. And Dr Ibrahim Bamanta was admitted to the International University of Rabat to pursue a university diploma in Ocular Imaging.



New equipment for increased coverage

Donation of supplies.

Health centres received materials for the prevention and detection of eye conditions (visual acuity charts, torches, medications) and equipment for biomedical waste management. Essential supplies were also distributed among 50 Community Health Agents (CHAs) to deliver basic eye care. And, at Sominé Dolo Hospital in Mopti, solar panels were installed, the ophthalmology surgical unit was renovated and materials for cataract surgery and glaucoma treatment were donated.

Technical advancements.

Teleconsultations enabled CHAs and eye health promoters to share cases via WhatsApp with ophthalmologists and OMAs and receive guidance. Seven tablets and a plasma screen were provided for this activity and were also used to support remote training on MicroRec and Ocuify. New portable equipment was also introduced for capturing images and rapidly screening eye conditions, refractive errors and cataracts.



Special attention for women and children

Resources for broadening horizons.

In addition to addressing inequality by prioritising women's access to eye care, women also played a leading role in the eye health care and prevention training campaigns. In 2025, 21 female community health promoters from Bandiagara, Bankass and Koro received training in basic eye care, screening and referral. The women who received income-generating microloans to enhance their autonomy and support their health also took part in workshops on functional literacy, financial management, entrepreneurship and marketing.

School campaign.

In a screening campaign organised to identify refractive errors and eye conditions in ten schools in Djenné and Sofara, the vision of 1,380 girls and 1,434 boys was assessed. Training in screening techniques to detect eye conditions in the classroom was also provided to 25 teachers (48% women) from the Douentza Teaching Support Centre.



LOOKING AHEAD New RAAB study in the region of Mopti



In 2025, progress was made in planning the RAAB (Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness) study that will be conducted in different districts of Mopti. Eyes of the world supported the purchase of the new RAAB7 software and several essential pieces of equipment for the implementation of the survey. The evaluation protocol and procedures were also adapted to the Malian context, and key

approaches were identified to ensure successful community mobilisation, taking into account insecurity and displacement issues affecting the project. The objective is to ensure effective field data collection to guide and strengthen strategies for the prevention of avoidable blindness.

PILOT PROJECT IN BARCELONA

Bringing eye health to people experiencing homelessness

In September 2025, Eyes of the world launched a pilot project for the first time in Spain to ensure the right to eye health for people experiencing homelessness in Barcelona. Despite having access to the public health system, their multiple vulnerabilities and the barriers they face make it difficult for them to receive eye care.

In Barcelona, around 5,000 people are experiencing homelessness, many of whom have not had their eyesight checked or received ophthalmological care for years.



In response to this situation, **Eyes of the world initiated the project in cooperation with the Arrels Foundation and the Government of Catalonia's Ministry of Health.** The initiative combined training and awareness-raising for Arrels staff; early detection; full eye examinations courtesy of volunteers; the provision of glasses; and support for the public health system in severe cases.

The five sessions were attended by 42 people. **Nine out of ten needed glasses**, which were provided by a collaborating optician, and three complex cases required referral and follow-up at Hospital del Mar in Barcelona.

Improved vision has a direct impact on the autonomy, mobility and social interaction of the people seen. The project has laid the groundwork for **a sustainable and replicable model** of comprehensive eye care for people in situations of social exclusion.



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

Cook for Your Eyes 2.0

Pamplona played host to a major awareness-raising initiative that combined healthy eating, sustainability, accessible design and solidarity to promote eye health, inclusion and global citizenship and reflect on barriers to care in Bolivia. Students from the Vocational Training Programme in Catering at CI Burlada reinterpreted traditional Bolivian recipes using local ingredients beneficial for visual health, while Graphic Design students from EASDI Corella adapted information materials from Bolivia to make them more understandable and accessible.



React

Various projects were developed in cooperation with the film workshop Taller de Cinema in five secondary schools in Barcelona, offering students the opportunity to learn about the right to sight and create documentary clips as a community service that gave meaning to their learning.

What do you see?

Eyes of the world visited the Koldo Mitxelena Institute in Errenteria to deliver an awareness-raising talk as part of a student-led campaign, and at the Claret Askartza School, it met with a group of female students who later gave a presentation on avoidable blindness in class.



TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNICATION

Awareness-raising activities

As part of the University of Deusto’s educational programme, Eyes of the world offered talks to train and raise awareness among medical and nursing students about barriers to eye care in disadvantaged settings.

It also coordinated numerous cultural activities: solidarity concerts in Bilbao, Donostia and Zumárraga; a blindfold concert in Barcelona; the photo exhibition Eyes of Inhambane at the University of Deusto and Ernest Lluch Kultur Etxea; and screenings of the documentary *Gabor* in Zumárraga and Donostia. It also visited a nursing home in Bilbao to raise awareness among older adults, their family members and care staff.



It organised charitable culinary events and was present at the Azkoitia fair and volunteer fairs in Bilbao, Donostia and Zarautz. It also served as the solidarity partner of the Trade Fair held in Barcelona’s Sant Antoni district.



Solidarity commemorations

Eyes of the world celebrated its 24th anniversary in Barcelona with a visit to the Royal Academy of Medicine of Catalonia, inviting volunteers and partner organisations to share achievements and reaffirm their joint commitment to global justice. This year also marked the 20th anniversary of the Euskadi delegation, a milestone celebrated with an event at the Gipuzkoa



Medical Association that brought together institutional representatives, partners and volunteers to discuss achievements and future challenges.

Eyes of the world Night took place at the Sant Pau Modernista Site in Barcelona, an event aimed at raising awareness of the right to sight, sharing the Foundation’s latest news and raising funds for its projects.

Global impact

On 9 October, the Sagrada Família basilica in Barcelona was lit up in blue to mark World Sight Day and draw attention to the work of Eyes of the world. As an iconic landmark, this initiative had a global impact and received recognition from the IAPB.

At the international level, the Foundation’s director, Anna Barba, brought Eyes of the world to the ESCRS Congress in Copenhagen, presenting a paper on improving equity in access to eye health for women and girls.



Digital visibility

Throughout the year, our social media accounts were used to share our activities, such as care campaigns, training and improvements to infrastructure; promote eye care through posts such as #CookForYourEyes and content on the impact of climate change on eye health; raise awareness about the right to health, equality and equity; provide information on the Foundation’s events and initiatives; and highlight valuable testimonies from individuals who collaborate with the Foundation. These platforms reach a total audience of over 4 million users.

FINANCIAL DATA

REVENUE

€3,118,975

Public	
Foundational institutional trusts	€147,000
Cooperation grants	€1,747,445
Global Citizenship Education grants	€56,828
Total Public	€1,951,273
Private	
Companies and entities	€678,536
Individual members	€26,335
One-off donors	€229,225
The Eyes of the world Night	€133,550
Art collection	€75,000
In-kind donations	€25,057
Total Private	€1,167,703

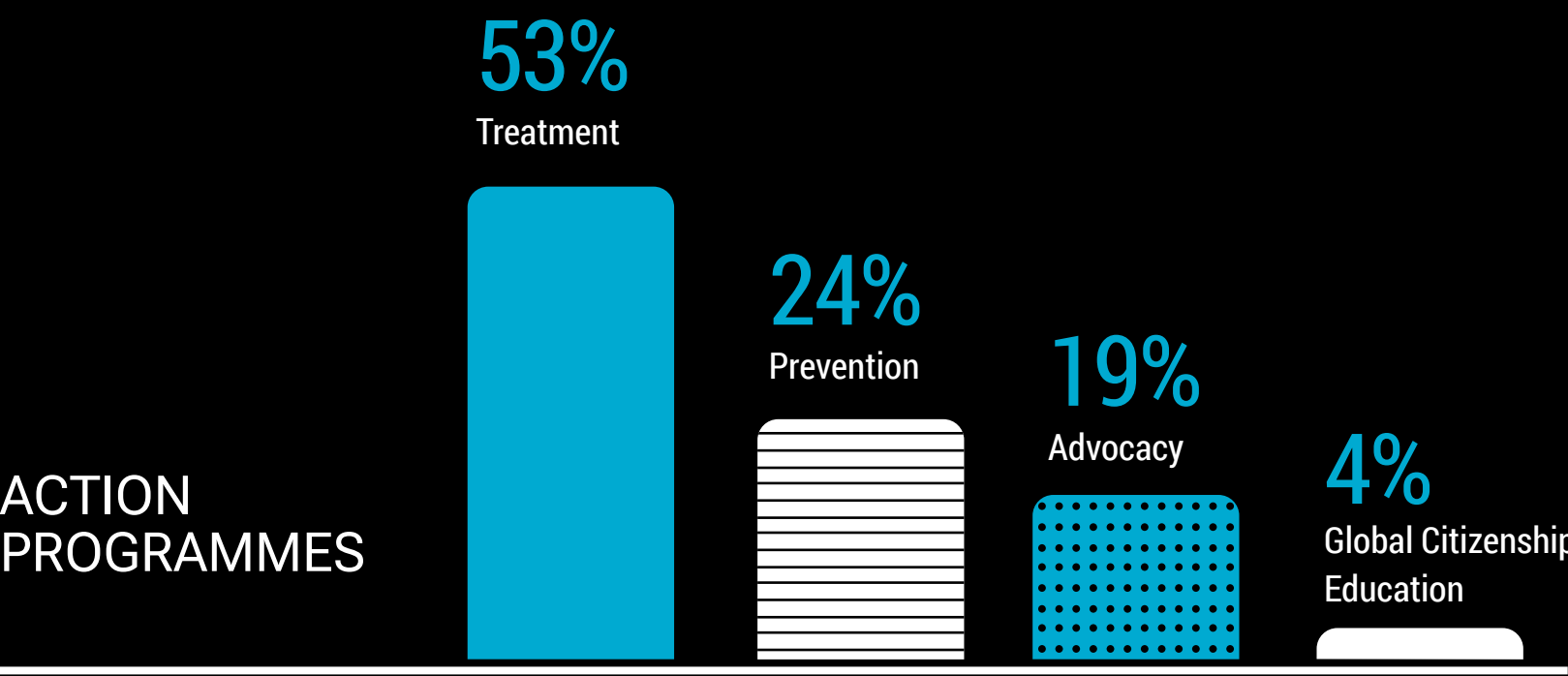
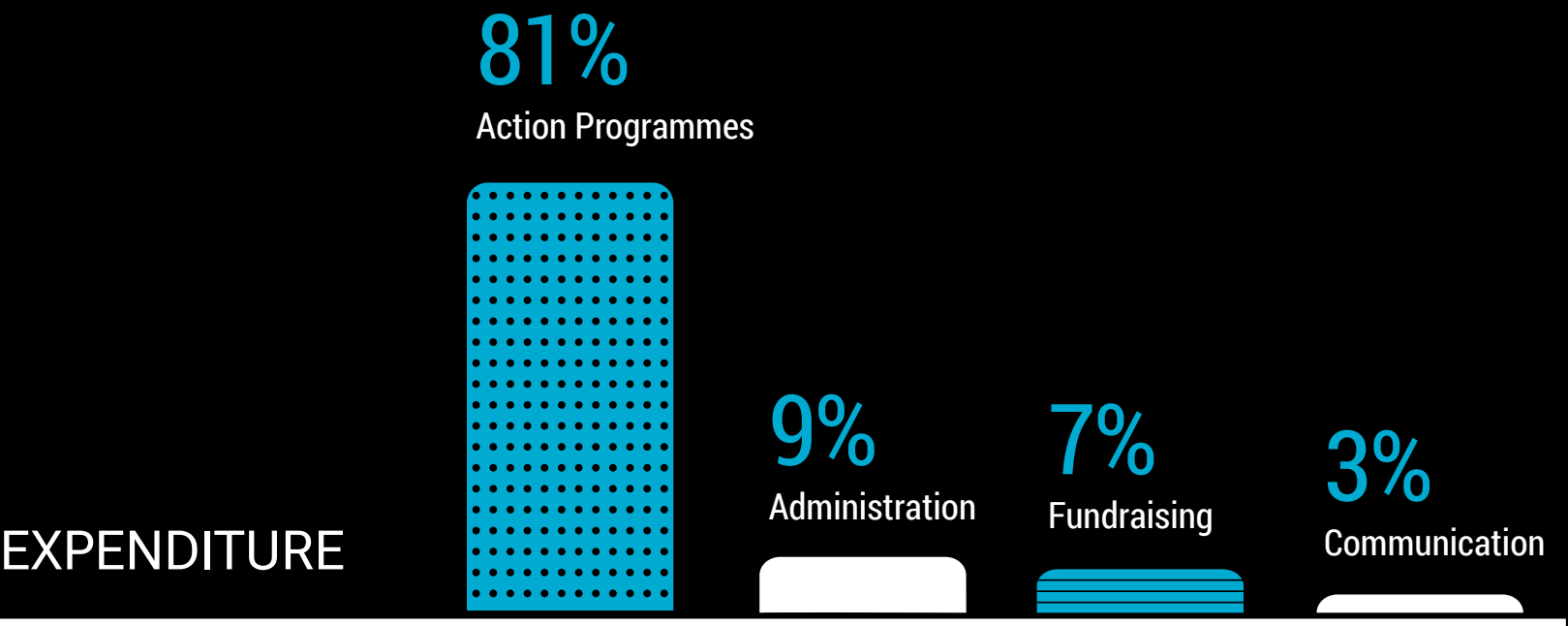
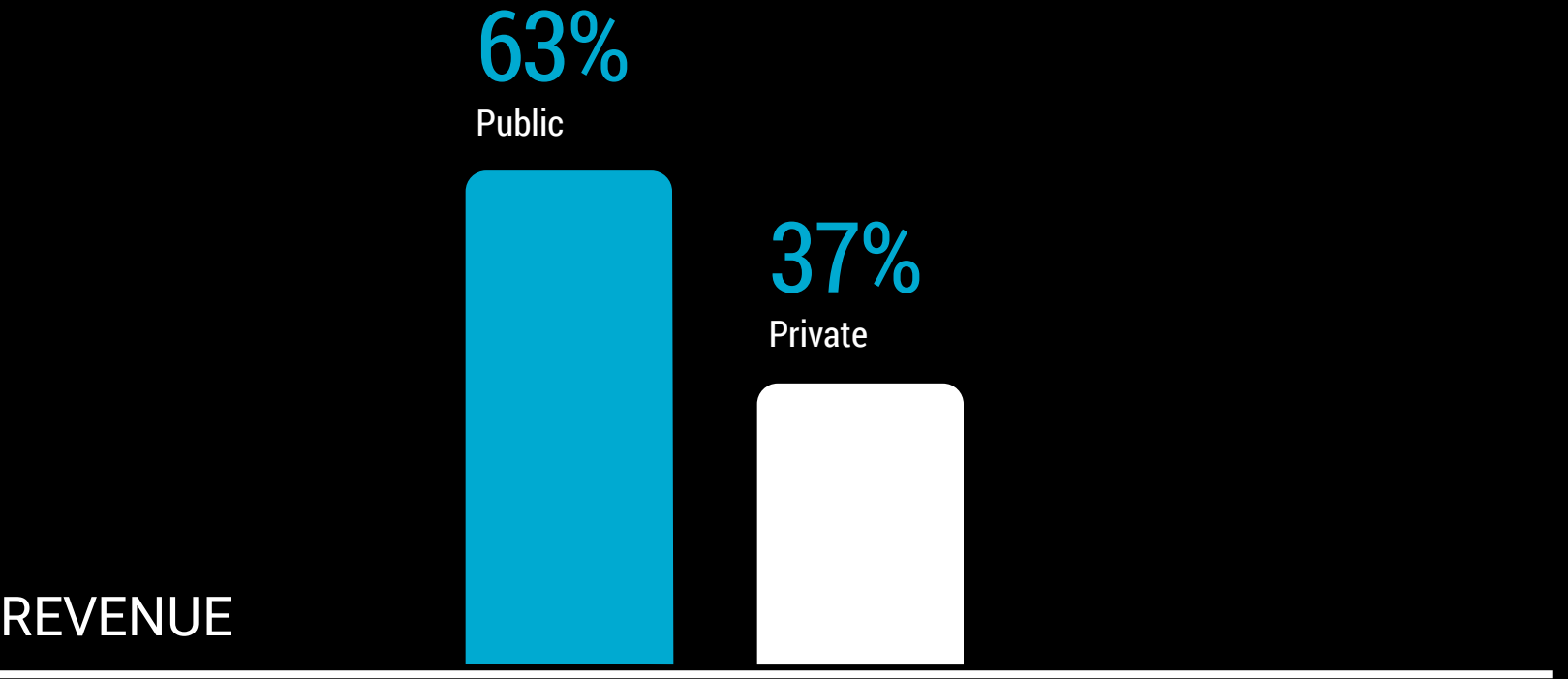
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EXPENDITURE

€3,011,094

		% Gender
ACTION PROGRAMMES		
Development cooperation	€2,312,802	52%
Eyes of the Sahara	€471,579	
Eyes of Mozambique	€792,633	
Eyes of Bolivia	€595,503	
Eyes of Mali	€453,087	
Transformation and social impact	€132,769	49%
Global Citizenship Education	€100,226	
Social action	€32,543	
SUPPORT AREA		
Communication and visibility	€89,862	
Fundraising and strategic partnerships	€207,441	
Administration	€268,219	
Total Expenditure	€3,011,094	46%

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.



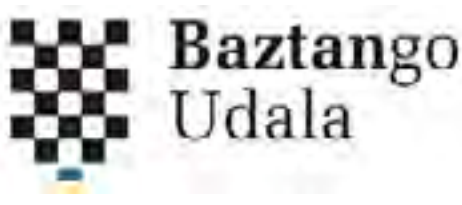
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Public administrations

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 de Metges de Barcelona
 - Col·legi Oficial d’Òptics i Optometristes de Catalunya
 - Cottet
 - Fenix Optical
 - Fundació Mir-Puig
 - Fundació Privada Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau
 - Fundación AMA
 - Fundación CIONE Ruta de la Luz
 - Fundación Champalimaud
 - Laboratorio Théa
 - Mais Optica
 - Moria Spain
 - Ocularis
 - OneSight Essilor Luxottica Foundation
 - SightFirst
 - Topcon
 - Viú 20/20
- Cliau Holding
 - Copersa
 - Creand
 - Departamento de Internet
 - EASDI Corella
 - EDM
 - Enginyers Bcn
 - Ernest Lluch Kultur Etxea
 - Escuela Internacional de Protocolo
 - Esperta
 - Fanorsan
 - Fundació Damm
 - Fundació Privada Cottet-Mor
 - Fundació Victoria de los Ángeles
 - Fundación Alicia Koplowitz
 - Fundación Energía Renovable
 - Fundación Mozambique Sur
 - Grupo Ercilla
 - GM Auditors
 - Guirado
 - Homes Igualitaris
 - IDES Economistes i advocats
 - IDS Servicios y soluciones tecnológicas
 - Junta Constructora del Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Família
 - “laCaixa” Obra Social
 - Museo de reproducciones de Bilbao
 - Novelty
 - Options
 - Raventós Codorniu
 - RBA
 - Reial Cercle Artístic de Barcelona
 - Repsol Bolivia
 - Return
 - Saba
 - Sauleda
 - Sociedad Gastronómica Gazteluleku

OTHER ENTITIES

- AC Hoteles by Marriott
- Arizkunenea
- Associació Som Sant Antoni
- Azimut360
- Bidons Egara
- Bonita
- BonpreuEsclat
- Caixabank
- CI Burlada FP

- Sociedad Gastronómica Istingorra
- Sociedad Gastronómica Klink
- Synergic Research&Consultancy
- Topalekua
- Universidad de Deusto
- Zelai Aristi de Zumárraga

THE MEDIA

- Ara
- Berria
- Diario Vasco
- El Correo
- Gara
- La Vanguardia
- Noticias de Gipuzkoa
- Noticias de Navarra
- Pamplona Televisión
- Radio Euskadi

International partnerships

International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB):

- Climate Action Working Group
- Gender Working Group
- Technology Working Group
- Latin America Regional Committee

WHO Alliance for the Global Elimination of Trachoma by 2020 (GET2020) + International Coalition for Trachoma Control (ICTC)

Partners and counterparties

SAHARA

Ministerio de Salud Pública, Ministerio de Cooperación, Departamento Nacional de Oftalmología del MSP, Hospital de Oftalmología de Bechar, Ministerio de Educación, Ministerio de Justicia, Ministerio de Asuntos Sociales y Promoción de la Mujer, Brigada Médica Cubana, Medicus Mundi Catalunya, Asociación Basmat Khayr, Universidad de Zaragoza

MOZAMBIQUE

AMETRAMO- Asociación de Curanderos Tradicionales de Mozambique, HOPEM - Red de Hombres por el Cambio, Dirección Provincial de Educación, Dirección Provincial de Género, ALBIMOS- Asociación de Apoyo a los Albinos en Mozambique, Ministerio de Salud (Programa Nacional de Oftalmología), Dirección Provincial de Salud y Servicios Provinciales de Salud de Inhambane, AMODEVI- Asociación para la movilización de Vilankulos

BOLIVIA

Ministerio de Salud y Deportes (MSyD), OPS/OMS, Sociedad Boliviana de Oftalmología (SBO), Instituto Nacional de Oftalmología (INO), Instituto Boliviano de la Ceguera (IBC). Escuela Nacional de Salud (ENS). Universidad de Los Andes (UNANDES). Caritas Coroico. Asociación de Articulación de Mujeres por la Equidad y la Igualdad (AMUPEI). Colectivo

TLGB -Oruro. Moya Visión. Procosi, Instituto de Investigación en Salud y Desarrollo – IINSAD. Gobierno Autónomo Departamental de Oruro (incluye SEDES Oruro, Hospital General San Juan de Dios y Servicio Departamental de Gestión Social - SEDEGES) de Oruro. Gobierno Autónomo Departamental de Tarija (incluye SEDES Tarija y Hospital Regional San Juan de Dios, Hospital Virgen de Chaguaya). Gobierno Autónomo Regional del Gran Chaco (incluye Hospital de Yacuiba Fray Quebracho). Dirección Distrital de Educación del departamento de Oruro, Dirección Distrital del departamento de Tarija. Gobiernos Autónomos de: Toledo, Challapata, Autonomía Indígena Originaria Campesina de Salinas Garci de Mendoza, Santiago de Andamarca, Cercado, Bermejo, Uriondo, Yacuiba, Villa Montes, San Lorenzo, Yunchará, El Puente y Tacopaya.

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MALI

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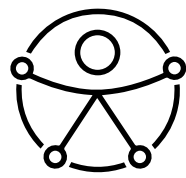
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- › Register of the Navarre DNGO Coordinator, 8 September 2022.
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