

**39 MILLION PEOPLE  
IN THE WORLD  
ARE BLIND**

**BUT 4 OUT OF 5  
CASES COULD BE  
AVOIDED**

# MISSION

Eyes of the world is a not-for-profit body which contributes to helping people with visual deficiencies and without financial resources from the poorer countries to get quality ophthalmological attention from their local health services and to creating the conditions necessary to reduce the incidence of eye disease in each country. It also raises public awareness in our environment with regard to the basic health care deficiencies in those areas.

# VISION

Eyes of the world aspires to create a world in which nobody goes blind unnecessarily and therefore to contribute to making the right to sight effective.



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# PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIRMAN

## A substantial change in people's lives

At Eyes of the world **we have always believed** that a world without anybody who has become unnecessarily blind is possible. And we know that in order to achieve this it is necessary, on the one hand, to strengthen the public health systems of the most vulnerable territories so that they are complete and accessible to everybody and they must be integrated in the national health structures; and, on the other, it is necessary to supply the knowledge and capacity so that it is local professionals who carry out the policies of ocular health and manage their own health services.



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In 2013, **we worked** in this direction. And we did so despite the context of lack of safety in some territories and the deep footprint of the world economic crisis, which has condemned and governed a part of our local activity, given the limitations of resources that we have had to face.

Even so, **we have managed** to have an impact on the lives of thousands of people who were being significantly affected by the problems of sight and means of subsistence in their lives.

I would like to place special emphasis on the fact that in 2013 we managed to reach more people, who have seen the importance which the adoption of preventive attitudes and basic habits of eye health can have for their own lives. And, thanks to the consolidation of the networks for eye attention in the different territories and support for the local ophthalmological services, we have contributed to the global project of the World Health Organisation to reduce the prevalence of visual disabilities by 25% by 2019, in comparison with 2010.

We have done this through responsibility in the current situation and thinking that, by changing the present, we will be improving the future of thousands of persons around the world and giving progress in their autonomy. A substantial change in their lives.

We continue to look to you because together we can do still more.



Rafael Ribó  
*Chairman*

# INSIDE EYES OF THE WORLD

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\*Joined during the year \*\*Part-time \*\*\*Contract for projects

## COUNCIL OF BUSINESSMEN

In the month of July, the Council of Businessmen of Eyes of the world was set up, made up of members of the Executive Committee and by professionals from the area of business who are committed to the Universal Right to Sight, with the objective of creating synergies and collaborations between the Foundation and the Business Fabric, increasing the network of contacts of the Foundation and advising on matters linked with viability and growth of Eyes of the world in the medium term.

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### International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)

Eyes of the world forms part of the Advisory Council of the IAPB, which aims to eliminate the main causes of avoidable blindness and serious visual deficiencies by bringing together governments and non-governmental organisations to facilitate planning, development and implementation of sustainable programmes of eye health at the national level.

### Alliance for the Worldwide Elimination of Trachoma by 2020 of the World Health Organisation (WHO) (GET2020) + International Coalition for Control of Trachoma (ICTC)

The Foundation is a member of both organisations which bring together not-for-profit organisations, the public administration and international organisations in the fight against trachoma, the main infectious cause of blindness in the world.

### Mozambique Eye Care Coalition (MECC)

Eyes of the world works together with not-for-profit organisations on projects in Mozambique and the Mozambique Ministry of Health (together in this coalition) to establish the strategies and objectives which must be achieved in relation with access of the population of Mozambique to ophthalmological attention.

### Visión 2020 América Latina

Eyes of the world is a member of the Visión 2020 project in Latin America, a joint initiative of the WHO and the IAPB, which has as its objective to supply the Right to Sight to all people.

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**Bolivia:** Suyana, Voces libres, Adesproc libertad GLBT and Save the Children

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**Mali:** CAFO, Academies d'enseignement de Mopti and Academies d'enseignement de Douentza

**Sahara:** Doctors of the World

# BESIDE THE MOST VULNERABLE

In accordance with the first point of the Strategic Plan of Eyes of the world, the Foundation proposes, during the period 2010-2014, to grant access to eye health services to a larger number of persons.

In this regard, in the year 2013, Eyes of the world gave a significant fillip to the activities aimed at increasing the number of beneficiaries of the different projects. And despite the budgetary restrictions, significant results have been achieved, mainly in relation with:

**GENERAL POPULATION.** Ophthalmological attention, the prevention of the main pathologies and raising of awareness among the population regarding basic eye-health habits through talks, messages in local communications media and in school materials, health fairs, theatrical performances, etc.

**LOCAL HEALTH PERSONNEL.** The training and specific specialisation of health staff on each territory in the checking and treatment of patients.

**NON-HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.** Training of professionals and community leaders (especially women's groups and schoolmistresses) in early detection and notification of cases.



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All people have the right to a suitable standard of living which assures them, and their families, of their health and wellbeing, and especially food, clothing, housing, medical assistance and the necessary social services...

*Article 25.1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted and proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10th December 1948.*

## BLINDNESS IN THE WORLD

- There are 285 million people in the world with serious visual deficiencies, of whom 39 million are blind.
- 80 % of cases could be prevented or cured.
- 90 % of the people with visual deficiencies live in poor countries.
- Cataracts and refractive defects are the main cause of avoidable blindness and visual deficiencies, respectively.
- Of the people with serious visual deficiencies, 19 million are children and almost 65 % are older than 50.
- In poor countries, for each dollar invested in preventing somebody going blind, over 4 dollars of economic return are generated.



# IN THE FIRST PERSON

**Marizol Gonzales** is the head of the Ophthalmology Service of the Dutch Bolivian Municipal Hospital in the city of El Alto, in the Department of La Paz (Bolivia). She began her activities in this centre through the Eyes of the world Foundation, with the aim of continuing with clinical and surgical ophthalmological attention. Between December 2012 and September 2013, she was in Barcelona studying a masters degree in the cornea and refractive surgery at the Ocular Microsurgery Institute.

## **What is the main ophthalmological problem at El Alto and who is most affected?**

Among the elderly, cataracts are the main pathology as gradual loss of vision makes it impossible for them to carry out their daily activities and makes them dependent on their family environment. Among children, short-sightedness, long-sightedness and astigmatism, which are sometimes a decisive factor at school age regarding educational performance.

## **In Barcelona, you must be seeing operable cases thanks to the technology available, but in El Alto you probably do not have the same possibilities.**

The city of El Alto has a very different reality but this year we are finishing equipping a hospital which is looking at the purchase of several pieces of ophthalmological equipment with up-to-date technology, which will mean that the population in general will have quality attention.

## **What do you most need in order to improve your work?**

It is necessary to put special emphasis on the knowledge of preventable eye diseases through ongoing education, and to inform the population constantly about the centres for ophthalmological attention.

## **One case that made an impact on you?**

About a year ago, a 63-year-old woman came to my surgery accompanied by a neighbour who did not like to see her isolated. After examining her, I informed her that she had cataracts in both eyes and that she had to have an operation. She began to cry because she did not have any relative who could look after her and she thought that the cost of the surgery would be so high that she could not pay and she would not be able to see. I told her that there was a foundation which would help us and that using an insurance implemented by the Government she would not have to worry about anything. One week after having her operation she had got her life back and was totally independent. Now she sends people to us with similar problems.

## **What will be the main challenge in El Alto when Eyes of the world leaves the country?**

I consider that the Foundation is leaving an eye care system that is going in the right direction. It will be the responsibility of the ophthalmologists and the El Alto Regional Health Service to give continuity to this work, fulfilling the commitments taken on when the surgeries were supplied with basic equipment: carrying out activities of eye care and surgical procedures...



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*"The best thing about my work is the satisfaction of helping somebody to develop independently in his/her life."*

*Extract from the interview published in El Periódico de Catalunya, on 12th April 2013*

# TRANSFER OF THE EYE CARE NETWORK TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

## BOLIVIA

### Success of ophthalmological cooperation in Latin America

In the course of two decades, the prevalence of blindness has been halved in Latin America and the Caribbean (from 0.8% in 1990 to 0.4% in 2010) and the prevalence of persons with moderate and severe visual deficiencies has been reduced from 4.3% to 2.7% in 2010.

Despite these successful results, in 2010 it was calculated that there were still 2,3 million blind people in the region, mostly caused by cataracts and 14,1 million people with moderate and severe visual deficiencies, mainly caused by uncorrected refractive defects.

For this reason, coordinated interventions which will make it possible to continue to reduce the rates of prevalence and prevent an increase in the absolute number of blind persons are still necessary.

*Source: Prevalence and causes of vision loss in Latin America and the Caribbean: 1990-2010, Janet L. Leasher OD, MPH, FAAO + Van C. Lansingh, MD, PhD + group of experts on visual disabilities from the study, Global Burden of Disease, Risk Factors and Injuries Study, 2010*

The Eyes of the world project initiated in 2003 in the satellite town of El Alto and its rural area of influence has already achieved the planned results and has been handed over to the local authorities so that they can continue to supply fair access to eye care.

Currently, there is a network of ophthalmological attention in the framework of the public health system, made up of six urban surgeries, three rural surgeries and three surgical units, managed by local professionals (most of whom were trained with the support of the Foundation), who annually see some 15,000 patients and raise awareness about prevention of eye pathologies among over 30,000 people a year.

To be exact, over the last three years, Ojos de Bolivia within the framework of the network created in this area, has treated 40,273 persons, 974 health professionals and 134 ophthalmologists and residents have been trained, 20,175 persons have attended talks for raising awareness in health centres, 33,825 students have received information on prevention and eye health in their educational units, 1,289 teachers have been trained in visual acuity tests, approximately 27,000 persons have obtained information on basic eye care habits and early detection of eye pathologies at health fairs and events linked with World Sight Day and some 62,000 persons have had their awareness raised through the media.

The symbolic act of transfer of the network took place in El Alto Town Hall in the month of December 2013 and was attended by the mayor of El Alto (Arq. Edgar Patana), the municipal director of Health (Dr. Alejandra Hidalgo) and, from Eyes of the world, the chairman, the general manager and the project coordinator.



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## OJOS DE BOLIVIA PROJECT: A MODEL TO REPRODUCE

### RELEVANCE:

In 2003, when Eyes of the world arrived, the dormitory town of El Alto and its rural area of influence had a high demand for eye care (with sizeable levels of poverty, marginalisation and social risk and with a young population with high demands and expectations) and, in turn, a low supply of services, especially as regards the inexistence of public eye clinics.

### EQUITY:

With the implementation of the Eyes of the world project, equitable access to eye care has been achieved across the population, including women, young people and those with few resources.

### EFFICIENCY:

The project has faced significant challenges at the quantitative and qualitative levels thanks to the involvement of the local authorities through signing collaboration agreements and also through the participation of the beneficiary population, mainly students (who have been reached with teaching materials which include information on eye health), teachers (who have obtained certificates with curricular value for the training received) and ophthalmologists (who have been trained and for whom public places have been created so that they can treat patients).

### SUSTAINABILITY:

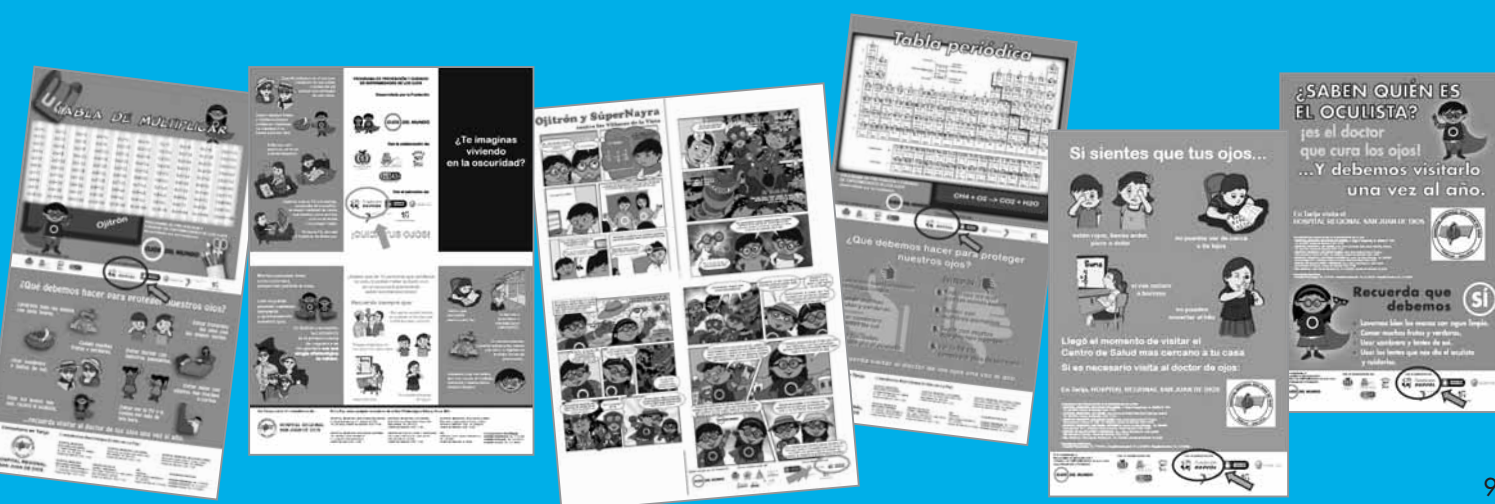
The most outstanding success of the project has been the lasting results in the communities. On the one hand, the fact that the project has been conducted jointly with the local authorities, which has involved the governmental institutions absorbing the knowledge and, on the other, the human capacity and technical abilities acquired by the professionals, at all levels, responsible for prevention, training and the treatment of eye pathologies.

Eyes of the world signed an agreement with the Tarija Departmental Health Service (SEDES) in the month of September which aims to reproduce several activities from the project which is unfinished in El Alto in the department of Tarija, with the aim of improving the access of the population of this territory to quality eye care within the framework of the public health services over the coming few years.

The signing was attended by the director of the SEDES of Tarija, Carlos Uño, the acting governor, Lino Condori, the secretary of Development and Social Cooperation of the Government of Tarija, Celinda Sosa, and the head of International Relations and Cooperation of the Regional Government, Sandra Pérez, as well as the coordinator of the Ojos de Bolivia programme, in representation of the Foundation.



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The world economic crisis, which has led to a significant reduction in public support, has had an especially hard impact on the Ojos del Sáhara project, which has lowered its budget and, as a consequence, the activities which Eyes of the world has generally been able to carry out in this territory.

However, thanks to the contributions of thousands of private persons, organisations and public institutions (mainly through the micro-patronage campaign, Ojos del Desierto, and the granting of subsidies by Catalanian local authorities through the Catalanian Fund for Cooperation with Development), Eyes of the world has managed to guarantee the operation of the points of eye care in the camps so that the Sahrawi population with visual deficiencies could be treated in 2013.

To be exact, the Foundation has worked to ensure that 100 % of Wilayas can have ophthalmological attention and that the opticians should have the necessary optometric techniques to carry out the vision checks on the population, supply the optical corrections to the people who need it and manage and control the material stocks with which the Foundation has continued to supply these locations.

*There really are days when I see that there are people who carry out tasks such as Eyes of the world, that mean that I continue to trust in the human being. Thank you for your work...it is invaluable to see all these girls and boys from the Sahrawi refugee camps getting their smile back. Good luck and carry on!*

*Cristina Vico*

*Coordination Pànxing Maresme*

# SAHARA

## GUARANTEEING ACCESS OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION TO EYE CARE

*Forming part of an Eyes of the world medical training commission in the Sahrawi refugee camps has been a very enriching experience. I feel fortunate and I am sure that my help reached the population. Furthermore, I can transmit, thanks to my own experience, the need for us all to work together with Eyes of the world or other organisations to help those who have not had the good fortune to be born in a country like ours.*

*Dr. Antoni Cardoner  
Ophthalmologist and Eyes of the world  
volunteer*



## EYES OF DESERT CAMPAIGN

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### Karlos Arguiñano

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### Aitana Sánchez-Gijón

Help the Eyes of the world Foundation to avoid that more people become blind for preventable reasons or such causes that can easily be healed with the treatments available in our environments, as these treatments are, unfortunately, inaccessible to the Sahrawi population due to lack of resources.



### Albert Om

We are only aware of how important vision is as soon as something goes wrong: in the Tindouf camps, thousands of refugees become blind, because they lack any resource for treatment. Help Eyes of the world fight avoidable blindness in Sahara.



### Silvia Munt

In the Sahrawi refugee camps, many people become blind from mere cataracts. With your help, current and future cases of avoidable blindness can be fought against.



**601**

LOCAL  
PROFESSIONALS  
TRAINED

**86,899**

PERSONS WITH RAISED  
AWARENESS

**107**

PIECES OF EQUIPMENT  
DONATED

**2013**  
**AT A**  
**GLANCE**

**29**

PIECES OF  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
SUPPLIED

**1,404**

OPERATIONS

**55,710**

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL  
CONSULTATIONS

**21**

AGREEMENTS  
SIGNED





## SAHARA

- **7,907 ophthalmological consultations**, almost 30 % with women, carried out by local ophthalmologists.
- **4 international training commissions** travelled to train **18** local professionals:
- General doctors: visual acuity and detection of eye pathologies
- Ophthalmic technicians: removal of foreign bodies, identification and treatment of eye pathologies, perimetry, stock management and project management
- Electro-medicine technicians: maintenance and repair of equipment for consultations and surgical equipment.
- **2,985 minors checked** in the different wilayas.

## BOLIVIA

- **11,462 persons checked** by Bolivian professionals, 32 % of whom were under 14 years of age.
- **411 consultations and 33 operations**, all for cataracts, carried out by 1 international surgical commission.
- **102 theoretical sessions and 65 practical sessions of training** in basic ophthalmology aimed at 567 professionals (90% health staff and 10% non-health staff), during which 4,296 persons were checked.
- **24,514 persons with raised awareness at 110 events such as health fairs**, talks at health centres and training for teachers and pupils,...
- **Over 50,000 prevention and awareness-raising materials handed** over to the population and especially to young people, including information on eye health in multiplication tables, periodic tables, pencil cases, leaflets on good eye care habits,...
- **32,000 persons with raised awareness through messages of prevention** and early detection of pathologies via the radio, newspapers and television advertisements.
- Holding of World Sight Day with participation at health fairs and a school competition; through which **9,500 people** have been reached.
- Equipping of Corea Hospital with an **ophthalmological operating theatre and mobile equipment** for ophthalmological attention at the National Ophthalmological Institute.
- Start up of the **first municipal optical** clinic in El Alto.

## MOZAMBIQUE

- **14,280 ophthalmological consultations** carried out by local professionals, mainly for conjunctivitis, visual deficiencies and cataracts, and **423 operations** carried out.
- **50 minors and 15 mothers seen** in an eye review commission carried out in a school in the province of Inhambane.
- **2 ophthalmological technicians trained** through training grants.
- **15,565 persons taking part in awareness raising activities** in over 100 information, education and communication events, 54 % of whom were women.
- **155 APE (community health agents) trained in basic eye health.**
- **3,750 illustrations** on basic eye health habits and especially the prevention of trachoma handed out in schools, health units and local associations.
- **Equipping** of the Rural Hospital of Vilankulo with **1 slit-lamp and 1 ophthalmoscope** and equipping of the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane with medicines and ophthalmological materials.

## MALI

- **13,342 consultations and 661 operations** (almost 100 % were cases of cataracts) carried out by local professionals.
- **15 local professionals giving attention** to the population from Hospital Sominé Doló in Mopti, the Reference Health Centre in Bankass and the Community Health Centres in Bankass, Dountza, Bandiagara and Djenné.
- **489 persons reviewed** in a local medico-surgical commission and **218 operated** on (98% for cataracts).
- **453 children examined** by local professionals at three nursery and primary schools.
- **1 international training commission** travelled to IOTA for training in pathologies of the retina and vitreous humour.
- **3 training grants** awarded to Malian professionals for training in optometry, ophthalmology and ophthalmological nursing.
- **5,320 persons**, almost 50 % of whom were women, **have raised awareness as a result of 106 prevention actions** regarding the main eye diseases.
- Participation in the **activities of awareness raising about the Universal Right to Sight** organised by the National Programme for the Fight against Blindness, and the spreading of eye health and prevention messages over local radio stations.
- **Equipping** of the Hospital Sominé Dolo, the Reference Health Centre for Bankass, 22 community health centres from the Koro district, the Mutualist Health Centre of the Quartier Sans Fil (Bamako) and the IOTA with **12 pieces of optical equipment and 43 pieces of ophthalmological equipment**, as well as consumables, lenses and frames.
- **Equipping** of the IOTA with a **complete retina unit**.

In 2013, Eyes of the world carried out a number of initiatives to bring attention to eye care to the rural communities in the province of Inhambane.

Significantly, the Foundation has taken a step forward in equipping the rural hospitals of the province and training of the professionals responsible for patient eye care at Massinga, Vilankulo and Chicucue. A number of professionals who have had the support of the heads of the Ophthalmology Service of the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane (headed by Dr. Abel Dos Santos, trained with the support of Eyes of the world), who have travelled in the course of the year to give support and supervise the operation of the ophthalmological attention points.



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# MOZAMBIQUE

## TAKING EYE HEALTH CLOSER TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

The aim of Eyes of the world is to make it easier for the rural population to have access to eye care without travelling, by decentralising the clinics and making it easier to pass cases on to other doctors a priority shared by the Foundation and the Provincial Health Management of Inhambane (as is spelt out in their Economic and Social Plan) as, in this way, it is possible to reach a larger number of persons.

On the other hand, and also along the lines of bringing eye care closer to rural communities, Eyes of the world has implemented different actions of information, education and communication to raise awareness among the largest possible number of people about prevention and early detection of the main eye pathologies.

The messages, which have borne in mind the socio-cultural characteristics of Mozambique and the use of different local languages, have concentrated

on: the patterns of hygiene and nutrition which affect both eye health and health in general, the main eye pathologies and the symptoms which make it possible to detect them (especially trachoma, which is a pathology which affects children mainly and, due to gender factors, mothers) and information on sending patients to the nearest health centres to each community.

One of the projects that is working particularly well is that of Eyes of the world. It should be emphasised that in Mozambique the ophthalmological question is not a priority and, since 2004, Eyes of the world has been doing sterling work in this regard to change this situation. This body not only brings doctors to Mozambique to carry out cataract operations but it also does very important work regarding community health: they work jointly with the technical staff in the communities through prevention, raising of awareness in matters such as traditional practices which cause much damage to eyes, etc. They also give support, at the central level, to the National Ophthalmology Plan.

Rui Reis

Coordinator of the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation in Mozambique



## MOZAMBIQUE NOW HAS A NATIONAL OPHTHALMOLOGY PLAN

In the month of November 2013, the Mozambique Ministry of Health presented the National Ophthalmology Plan 2014-2015, designed jointly with the international organisms present in the country in the framework of the fight against blindness, among them the Eyes of the world Foundation, and representatives of the Vision 2020 Project.

The Plan starts from the data collected during 2011 on the situation of visual health throughout the country and defines the strategic lines, the objectives and the budget necessary for an improvement in the conditions of the Mozambique eye health system.

The preparation and application of policies and national plans in the sphere of eye care continues to constitute the cornerstone of the strategic action of governments to guarantee the Universal Right to Sight and, for Mozambique, a decisive step in the eradication of avoidable blindness.



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# MALI

## PERMANENT OPHTHALMOLOGICAL ATTENTION IN BANKASS



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This year, Dr. Siaka Diakité has joined the Reference Health Centre in Bankass as an ophthalmologist, after four years' training at the African Institute of Tropical Ophthalmology (IOTA), thanks to a grant awarded by Eyes of the world.

Dr. Diakité has gone on to become responsible for the ophthalmological unit of the Health Centre, which was equipped and started up in 2009 by the Foundation and which has an ophthalmological clinic and an operating theatre.

With the arrival of Dr. Diakité at the Reference Health Centre in Bankass, within the framework of an agreement with the Mali health administration, the population of this territory with visual deficiencies now has permanent access to ophthalmological attention.

Likewise, the Foundation helped to make it possible in 2013 to increase the ophthalmological attention that can be given in the region of Mopti, apart from Sominé Dolo Hospital (reference hospital of the region, located in the capital, Mopti) and the Reference Health Centre of Bankass, with a surgery in Djenné.

In the world, there are **19 million children with serious visual deficiencies**, 1.4 million of whom are blind. Their visual incapacity limits their training possibilities (90% of the children from all over the world with disabilities do not attend school) and it also limits their school performance and does not let the young people escape from the blindness-poverty cycle in which they are immersed.

The actions carried out by Eyes of the world in this regard are aimed at avoiding blindness in childhood and correcting the visual defects of children, mainly through early detection of eye pathologies and the transfer of cases to the most suitable ophthalmological and optical services apart from direct ophthalmological attention. In detail, in 2013, **the sight of 7,156 children was checked** through Eyes of the world projects and another **8,166 have had their awareness raised**, mainly in the classroom.

To be exact, in the case of the Ojos de Malí project, during the year 2013 Eyes of the world has continued to train teachers in basic eye health so that it is they themselves who can, apart from detecting possible visual deficiencies among their students, transfer the knowledge acquired to them which has meant that, in one year, **messages on hygiene and prevention of eye problems were passed on to 5,320 students**.







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Dr. Franck Bacin  
Ophthalmologist

Head of the Ophthalmology Service at the University Hospital Centre in Clermont-Ferrand and a volunteer for Eyes of the world

Eyes of the world, in my view, has contributed in a very notable manner to the evolution of retinology in Mali. Thanks to the Foundation, teletraining sessions have been given by video-conference between the University Hospital of Clermont-Ferrand (France) and the African Institute of Tropical Ophthalmology in Bamako. Eyes of the world has also financed theoretical and practical training commissions aimed at our colleagues in Mali and carried out by French specialists. Likewise, it has financed training in the retina in Spain and Italy for Dr. Guindo.

In 2013, Eyes of the world made a fresh and very generous donation of equipment and material to IOTA, which is a decisive and remarkable step in the attention to retinal pathologies, not only in Mali but also, without a doubt, in most of the neighbouring African countries.



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Africa has a disproportionate responsibility regarding blindness and visual capacity. With approximately 10% of the world's population, it has 19% of the blindness in the world. It is no surprise that this reality also reflects the situation in terms of the world's poverty.

There is growing recognition of the need to make clear the relationship between poverty, development and health care. Blindness, invalidity caused by visual incapacity and the general lack of services of ophthalmological attention are too often the result of social, economic and development challenges of the developing countries.

Source: *Poverty and blindness in Africa. Clinical and Experimental Optometry*. Naidoo K. International Centre for Eye Care Education (ICEE), African Vision Research Institute, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

# RAISING AWARENESS

## EXPOSITION

- Joan Gaspar Gallery. Barcelona.  
27 June-24 July

- Joan Gaspar Gallery. Madrid.  
19 September-26 October.

Thanks to the artists who have given their works to the Eyes of the world Art Fund:

Helena Agustí Maragall /Andreu Alfaro  
Neus Aller/Emili Armengol/Miquel Barceló  
Enrique Barro/Fernando Barrué/Antoni

Bernad/Mariona Brines/Toni Catany/Jordi Cerdà/Jaime de Córdoba/Angela Cunill/Silvia Chiesa/Diez Gil/Manel Esclusa/Eutiquio Estirado/Joana Figueres/Fuencisla Francés/Carmen Galofré/Joan Gardy Artigas/José María Garres/Curro Gómez/Pasqual Gomes/Erick González/Núria Guinovart/Josefa Hernández/Isao/Toni Llena/Martí Rom/Tomasa Martín/Raquel Navarro/Manuel Outumuro/Salvador Palomo León/Parigi/Carmen Pau/Perico Pastor/Carmen Perujo/Jaume Plensa/Elisenda Pons/Francisca Revert/Laura Roca/Pablo Rodríguez Guy/José Luis Romartínez/Monique de Roux/America Sanchez/Carmen Sánchez/Regina Saura/Serra Alacid/Ferran Soriano/Antoni Tàpies/Rosa Tardiu/Jordi Traperho/Blanca Vernis/Lluís Vidal/Joan-Pere Viladecans



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Jaume Plensa donates the *Dream* sculpture

## TALK

Círculo Ecuestre. Barcelona. 13 June

Speaker: Borja Corcóstegui, Vice-Chairman of Eyes of the world

Moderator: Ricard Fernández Deu, journalist

Combating blindness through prevention, innovation and social commitment.

At Eyes of the world we speak not only of eliminating avoidable blindness but we also work with enthusiasm to give value to the eyes of everybody in the world. My personal commitment is to transmit my experience in two main aspects which constitute a challenge in the most vulnerable territories in the world.

On the one hand, **dissemination and eye health education**, which is the key item so that on many occasions (and in the case especially of infectious and degenerative pathologies), we should stop treating eye diseases in favour of preventing them. In this regard, it is very important to promote health in early education as well as access of the population to periodic ophthalmological check-ups and also healthy life habits and care of sight.

And, on the other hand, **innovation and improvement of treatment among patients**, both through alternative care to eye surgery and with the perfecting of conventional surgery and, above all, on the basis of training, both theoretical and practical, of professionals in each location, which is key to the work of Eyes of the world in the most vulnerable territories in the world. Training is, in this regard, the motor of knowledge and advancement in the matter of ophthalmological attention and the main item that we at the Foundation contribute to the countries with which we collaborate.



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## CONCERT in SOLIDARITY

Real Club de Tennis Barcelona

19 July

Approximately 1,000 persons attending

Borja Corcóstegui  
Vicepresident Ulls del món



## THE NIGHT OF EYES OF THE WORLD

Hotel Majestic. Barcelona. 21 November  
239 persons giving support



Presentation by Martina Klein and  
Jordi Basté

Action by Jordi and Ferran Savall

Intervention by the Mayor of  
Barcelona

Intervention by the President of the  
Diputació de Barcelona



The long history of the Foundation, the fruit of the high level of both knowledge and work and the dedication of the whole team of volunteer professionals makes it possible to carry out your (Eyes of the world) objectives for the benefit of people with eye problems and to give an example of solidarity, quality and professional excellence. I encourage you to continue with the same line of work, which you are carrying out with such enthusiasm and dedication.

Boi Ruiz

Speech by the Councillor  
for Health of the  
Generalitat de Catalunya

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Chocolate blind  
with Nandu Juvany



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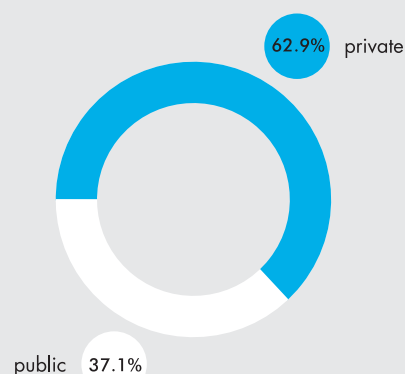


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The annual accounts, approved by the Board of Trustees of Eyes of the world, are available at the Foundation's head office in Barcelona.

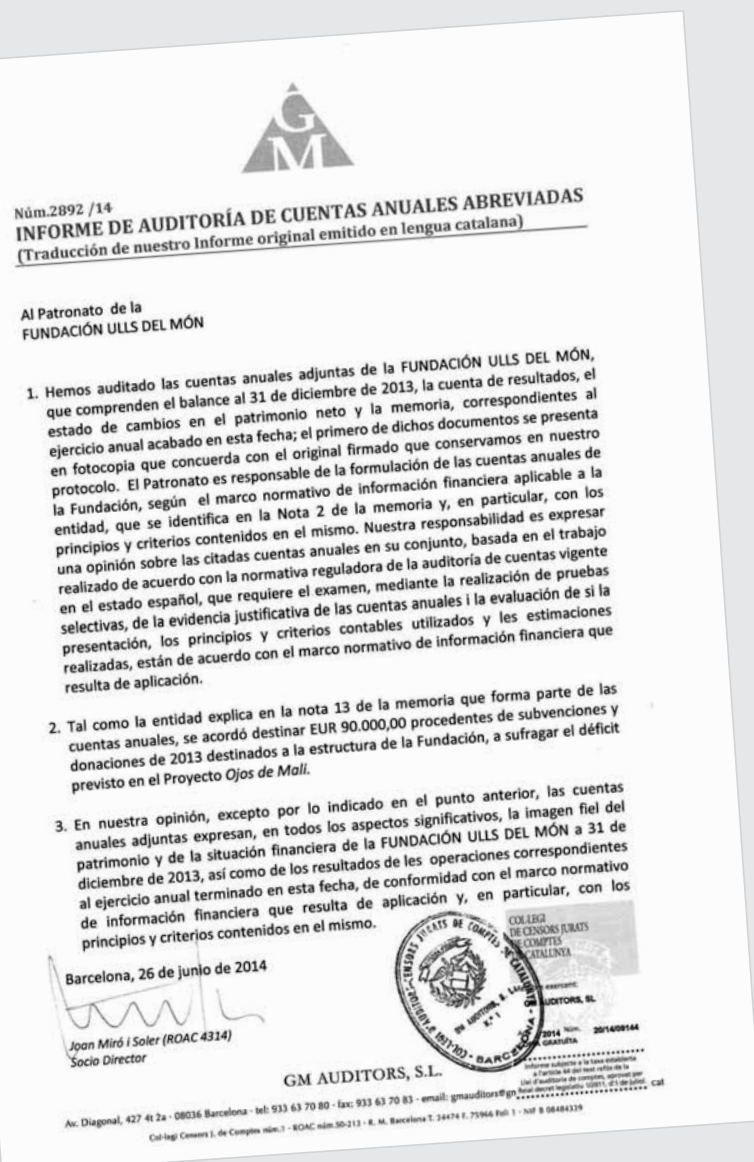
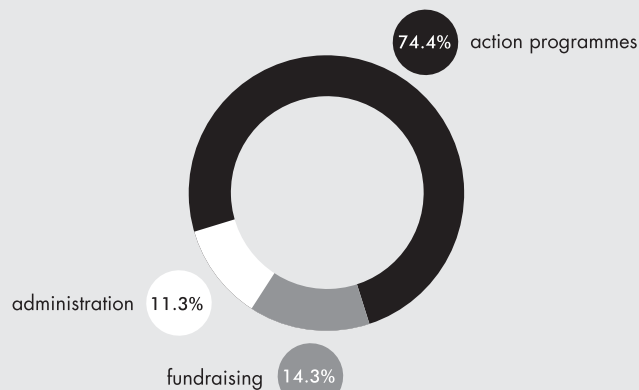
## INCOME

<b>PUBLIC</b>	<b>398,874.95</b>
Foundation trustees and institutions	164,726.66
Cooperation grants	234,148.29
<b>PRIVATE</b>	<b>667,342.21</b>
Companies and entities	370,272.21
Supporters	31,400.00
Occasional donors	24,459.00
Funds raised Art Found	94,645.00
Equipment and materials donations	6,000.00
Funds raised at the Eyes of the world Night	150,566.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,076,217.16</b>



## EXPENSES

<b>ACTION PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>801,911.22</b>
Development cooperation	741,368.02
Eyes of the Sahara	63,916.80
Eyes of Mozambique	134,379.47
Eyes of Bolivia	255,694.67
Eyes of Mali	284,377.08
Provision of equipment and materials donations	3,000.00
Awareness raising	60,543.20
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	<b>154,221.42</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>121,636.85</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,077,769.49</b>



The final figure is carried over to the following fiscal year.



# SUCCESS AND CHALLENGES

## Overcoming barriers

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), all people in the world ought to be able to gain access to the best ophthalmological attention possible without the economic cost of the services being an obstacle nor should they be put at risk of becoming poor.

In this regard, the WHO brings universal health cover and the universal right to health together, as two premises that the projects of Eyes of the world have, since its creation, backed through the inclusion of exemptions from payment for the attention or surgery and the purchase of contact lenses for the people who accredit not being able to pay the costs, guaranteeing fairness in access to the promotion, prevention and treatment of eye health.

It is therefore one of the distinctive features of the Foundation's own model of intervention that it aims to make possible access to eye health to the largest possible number of people in a fair manner.

However, costs are not the only obstacle to the most vulnerable people in the world when attempting to get quality ophthalmological attention. The lack of trained staff (both ophthalmologists and optometrists and nursing staff) who can give a response to their eyes' needs and the need to travel for people from rural areas are two factors which we have also successfully worked on through Eyes of the world cooperation projects; aspects which will continue to have a significant role over the next few years in the implementation of the programmes that we have in hand.

Núria Ramon i Garcia  
*Directora general*



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It is a pleasure to see how initiatives such as yours awaken human solidarity and make all of us a little better. I wish you every success in your admirable work.

Ricardo Rodrigo  
*President Grupo Editorial RBA*

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