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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear friends,

Once again, we submit to you a summary of the activities performed during the year.

For Eyes of the world 2004 has meant a strengthening of the cooperation programs and an improvement of the internal operations. In this respect, we have fostered on the development and humanitarian help activities by providing the necessary sources to outline, implement and evaluate the projects in a more efficient way.

We invite you to survey the results achieved in the Sahara, Mozambique and Bolivia, underlying the effort performed with the people and for the people.

In Eyes of the world, we are fully convinced that the ophthalmologic development of the communities we are working with implies a strong *commitment with the people*.

On one hand, commitment with *people suffering ocular pathologies* due to undernourishment, poor hygiene and adverse climatic conditions. As a result, they owe a limited self-sufficient capacity to work and look after their families. To these people we open the eyes to a new life.

On the other hand, with the *local sanitary professionals*. Our fundamental commitment consists in training and providing them with the necessary equipment and material for medical and optic practice.

Also the commitment with the *volunteers* who jointly participate in the development programs. With their knowledge and experience, they cooperate to improve the living conditions of many thousands in the world.

I hope this memory will reflect our task in a visible and transparent way before the people, institutions and organizations that, year in year out, support us. It is almost four years that, thanks to this collective effort, we are envisaging the challenge of warranting the right to see to the poorest countries in the world.



Rafael Ribó

WHO WE ARE. OUR TASKS.

Eyes of the world Foundation is a nonprofit making organization whose main objective is to help local services to provide ophthalmologic care of quality to people without economic resources and ocular deficiencies in poor countries, as well as to sensitize the public opinion in our social setting about the sanitary needs in those territories.



There are 135 million people with a reduced vision and 45 million blind people. Ninety per cent of them live in poor and underdeveloped countries. According to the Health World Organization, 80 per cent of the world blindness is avoidable. In Eyes of the world we intend to reach these people with visual impairments and help them to change their everyday life. For many people in this world, to see again means recovering life.

Since the beginnings of the Foundation in the year 2001, we are contributing to reach this objective in the Saharavi refugee camps of Tindouf, Argelia, under the wings of the Eyes of Sahara program. Since 2002, we are working with the populations of Maputo and Inhambane in Mozambique included in the Eyes of Mozambique program.

In Bolivia, and inside the Eyes of Bolivia program, we are working in El Alto and with the professionals of La Paz since 2003. Besides, we have enlivened our activity in Gaza, limited, so far, by its complex politico-military circumstances.

During 2004 we have made a prospective expedition to Togo, and we are consolidating the previously mentioned four programs. We have also received other proposals to collaborate with other organizations and countries. In this respect, we have requests to work in the Ivory Coast, Colombia, Mexico, Ghana, Ruanda, Burundi and Equatorial Guinea, among others.

Our main activities are organized in the following [areas](#):

- Consultation and surgery of patients by the medical commissions who travel to the different places.
- Training of the local sanitary professionals, either on the spot or in Spain. Fostering the professional training of doctors, nurses and opticians.
- Provide local sanitary centers (consultation and theater rooms, eyeglasses assembly workshops) with equipments and material (instruments and pharmacological).
- Prevention of ocular pathologies by promoting studies and performing checking and preventive campaigns of ocular illnesses among the native population.
- Organize ocular health, from primary attention to the theater room.
- When doctors determine they cannot operate the most serious patients on the spot, then they move them to our country to undergo treatment.
- Divulging, among our social setting, the sanitary needs of the countries we are working with.

Here are the **most remarkable results** achieved in these three years:

- We have sent more than 60 medical and training expeditions to the refugee camps, to Mozambique and Bolivia.
- About 11.000 people with ocular impairments have come to us for consultation. Almost 3.000 patients have undergone ocular surgery.
- We have provided equipment and consultation and surgical material to the units of the Rabuni and Bol-la Hospital (Saharai refugee camps in Argelia), the Maputo Central Hospital and the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane (Mozambique) and the Bolivian Dutch Municipal Hospital (El Alto, Bolivia).
- We have equipped the optic workshops of Rabuni, Bol-la, Dajla and the optic consultation rooms of Auserd and Al Ayun, at the Saharai refugee camps.
- We have given a grant to a Saharai doctor to specialize in ophthalmology.
- We have helped two Mozambique ophthalmology residents to move to Spain to continue studying their sub specialization.
- We have given sub specialization courses to 20 Bolivian ophthalmologists at the National Institute of Ophthalmology

at La Paz.

- We have moved 6 Saharais with serious pathologies to be operated in our country.
- We have given 5 informative and ocular illnesses preventive talks to the native community at El Alto.
- We have drawn up a study about the impact of trachoma among the Saharai population. After cataracts, trachoma is the main cause to produce blindness in the world.

In order to make our activity more productive, Eyes of the world participate in the "Partnership committee" of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), which joins the main international non-profit making organizations and, together, we aim to suppress the foremost causes of avoidable blindness in the world by the year 2020.

Eyes of the world gather almost **1.000 people**: volunteers, associates, businesspersons, private and public institutions representatives, Trusteeship members, and operative team and their territorial counterparts. We are all conscious of the sanitary impairments in the poorest countries in the world and we are involved to achieve our goals. Thanks to the work and trust of everybody we draw the necessary resources to finance and implement our projects.





The **medical supervisors** are:

Dr. Josep M^a. Rafart i Arumí - Eyes of Sáhara program

Dr. Carlos Móser Würth - Eyes of Mozambique program

Dr. José Juan Martínez Toldos - Eyes of Bolivia program

Dra. M^a. Isabel Nieto Uresandi - Eyes of Gaza program

In 2004 we have also moved to a [new address](#): Tamarit 144, in Barcelona.

These widely spacious and pleasant premises have allowed us to improve the quality of the operative and volunteers teams, and specially to facilitate the storage of the surgical and instrumental material the medical committees need.

A sincere thank you

Almost 80 professionals have voluntarily participated in the Eyes of the world project, jointly with the in-charge local sanitary people who have received the medical commissions and integrated our volunteers in their every day routine.

The [operative team](#) is the Foundation engine. In 2004 it has added one on the spot coordinator for each working program, one administrative to provide support to the programs field and one buying material technician. A 10 people total, here in Barcelona and on the spot, assume to implement, outline and evaluate the cooperation projects, to make known the Foundation and the precarious health position of the countries we are working with and to gather funds for developing our programs.

In Eyes of the world, we also count with an advisory [Medical Committee](#). It has been created in 2004 and formed by well-known and prestigious ophthalmologists. Jointly with the operative team, they outline the programs and the ophthalmologic supervision of the activities we perform. This committee has delegated the periodical supervision of the different programs in four ophthalmologists.

The **Eyes of the world Trusteeship members** for 2004 are:

Rafael Ribó Massó (President)

Borja Corcóstegui Guraya (Vicepresident)

Núria Ramon i Garcia (General manager)

Raimon Bergós i Civit (Legal secretary)

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Elena Salgado Méndez (Minister of Health and Consumption, replacing Ana Pastor Julián, **Fundación para la Cooperación y Salud Internacional Carlos III** representative)

Jordi Varela i Pedragosa (replacing José Ignacio Cuervo i Argudín and representing the **Ajuntament de Barcelona**)

Ma. Antònia Viedma i Martí (Departament de Salut of the **Generalitat de Catalunya** representative)

In 2004, we have also started to set up the [honorific Trusteeship](#). It will made up, among other prestigious, well-known, political and cultural personalities by: Jordi Pujol, Xavier Trias, Ramon Anasagasti, Aitana Sánchez Gijón, Josep Olliu and Sílvia Munt.

Opening the eyes to the world

We are working to achieve a world where resource less people with ocular impairments in poor countries may receive qualitative ophthalmologic attention from their local medical services.



COOPERATION PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT

Over the year 2004 we've developed the following programs: Eyes of Sahara, Eyes of Mozambique and Eyes of Bolivia and we've undertaken activities in Togo and Gaza, among 31 medical expeditions which have assisted more than 6.600 patients and undergone 1.000 surgeries.



Graphic representation of the achieved results:

COMMISSIONS DISTRIBUTED BY PROGRAMS AND FIELDS OF ACTIVITY:

2004 Programs	Research	Redefinition preparation and evaluation	Surgeries	Training	Total
Eyes of Sahara	1 *	1	7	3	12
Eyes of Mozambique		1	5	3	9
Eyes of Bolivia		1	4	5	10
Total	1	3	16	11	31

* In free territories

PATIENTS' DISTRIBUTION TABLE: PER KIND OF CARES AND PER PROGRAM

2004 Programs	Consultations	Operations
Eyes of Sahara	3.055	180
Eyes of Mozambique	998	700
Eyes of Bolivia	2.551	206
Total	6.604	1.086

We have to underline the 2004 Foundation effort to set up consultation and surgical units, both at El Alto Bolivian Dutch Municipal Hospital (Bolivia) and the Inhambane Provincial Hospital

(Mozambique). In these territories there are thousands of blind people due to cataracts and a substantial shortage of sanitary equipment, doctoral and auxiliary personnel and supplies. Eyes of the world have provided those territories with the necessary expertise and placed at the disposal of the local community the optic and ophthalmologic techniques.



We have also to emphasize the Eyes of the world 2004 activities to train the Saharawi optic technicians in charge of the refugee camps ophthalmology and optics. The qualification of these professionals, along with the specialization of Dr. Khatri (Saharawi doctor studying the

second course of ophthalmology in Spain) mean a qualitative forward step in attending the ocular health of the Saharawi population.

We as well evaluate in a positive way an ophthalmologic sub specialized training course given by prestigious Spanish professionals to about 20 Bolivian ophthalmologists.



EYES OF SAHARA

THE CONTEXT:

The Saharavi population lives spread out among their original native land, Western Sahara and the neighboring countries: Mauritania, Mali and specially Algeria. This country accepted the Saharavi people during the Morocco occupation; it is there where about 200.000 people reside in the refugee camps. Living conditions in the Tindouf desertic zone are very hard and the scarcity of food and energy determine the health and hygiene of the people living there..

THE SANITARY CONDITIONS:

A very low structure looks after the basic sanitary needs of the camp inhabitants. However, the local professionals leave ophthalmology unattended because there is no native ophthalmologist. Only non-profit making organizations working there treat ocular pathologies.

The patients we find in camps suffer from cataracts, glaucoma and trachoma; besides, refractive problems hinder children's everyday life and education.

OUR GOAL:

Since 2001, we are carrying out a steady joint-action ophthalmologic program in the camps led by the Health Ministry of the Democratic Saharavi Arab Republican Government and the Rabuni Hospital. We have renewed

the cooperation agreement with the Ministry. The main objectives are: looking after the ophthalmologic and optical needs of the population and, by training the native professionals, make these activities permanent.

PERFORMED ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS:

Consultations, operations and training

During 2004, 12 missions have traveled to the Tindouf camps:

- 1 preliminary and reshaping mission.
- 5 medico-surgical missions.
- 1 pediatric mission
- 1 child ocular revision
- 2 training missions about optometrics and glasses assembly
- 1 training mission for general doctors
- 1 mission for the ophthalmologic care in the freed territories

34 volunteers have jointly participated in the missions: 14 ophthalmologists, 3 anesthetists, 4 instrumental nurses, 8 opticians, 4 logistic operators and 1 equipment technician, besides the persons in charge at the Foundation of the Eyes of Sahara program.

Ophthalmologists: Cristina Aranzasti, Maria Mercè Franch, Rodolfo Gamarra, Francisca García, José Juan Mondéjar, José Moreno, Andrés Müller-Thyssen, M^a Teresa Noguera, José Ignacio Ostolaza, Purificación Pascual, Luis Pérez, Josep Maria Rafart, Miguel Seminario, Tomás Torres

Anesthetists: David Singer, Juan Soliveres, Jorge Villalonga

Instrumentalists: Adriana Díaz, Consuelo Méndez, Cristina Revert, Aitor Setoain

Optometrists: Maria Barceló, Sandra Barroso, Paloma de Bustos, Rubén Darío Fernández, Laura González, Eider Gutiérrez, Marcos López, María Sonsoles Muñoz

Logistic operators: Jordi Bassedas, Alfonso Febrer, Guillem García, Vladimir Ribó

Equipment technician: Jesús Barragán



The professionals of those missions have looked after 3055 people. This evidently shows the patients follow-up and the sanitary ocular revision of the population, specially of children. They have also operated 180 ill persons.

We have also trained 6 general doctors in primary ophthalmologic care. Family doctors must commit themselves to treat initial ophthalmologic illnesses. On the other hand, we have trained 12 refractionist technicians and 10 glass assembly technicians.

Eyes of the world have also extended the special ophthalmologic training grant for the Saharawi doctor, El-Khalil Khatri Mohamed-lamin, in the **Hospital de l'Esperança** of Barcelona. In 2004 Dr. Khatri has also traveled to the camps with Eyes of the world to work as a volunteer in one of our medico-surgical mission to implement his training program on the field.

Donation and lending of sanitary and material equipment

In 2004 Eyes of the world have given to Saharawi Health Ministry:

- Equipment: 3 retinoscopes, 1 automatic beveller, 3 cross cylinders, 2 ophthalmoscopes heads and 1 lensometer
- Equipment and optical material: a proof box, a proof assembly, 4.000 raw lenses (both spherical and cylindrical), 1.154 long-sightedness glasses, (168 in the freed territories), 400 sun glasses (250 in the freed territories), 500 frames, 1.450 cylindrical lenses (74 to boarding resident children)

- Surgical material to operate 180 patients
- Medical material to treat 1.800 patients

Patient bridge

In this activity, 2 Saharawi patients have been involved. Due to their complex pathologies and in agreement with the advice furnished by the doctors who have treated them, they have been evacuated from the camps to the Vall d'Hebron Hospital in Barcelona where they have been altruistically operated with good results.

Prevention

Besides the activities to control glaucoma and trachoma, the prevention activities have been linked to the pediatric mission and the child ocular health.

Support and reinforcement activities of the local ophthalmologic service

We have given a jeep to the Saharawi Health Ministry Ophthalmologic Service to implement both the right development of the programs and the ophthalmology at the camps. We have also included in the Eyes of Sahara Program an economic motivation plan for the native sanitary professionals.



Looking further the refugee camps...
Researching the freed territories: the Saharawi land

Honestly, my mind is full of feelings, once I have completed the Foundation first prospective travel to Western Sahara Saharawi desert camps. You cannot remain indifferent in the desert, specially if you travel with an heterogeneous group sharing, during a few days, the humanitarian help common goal. Outside, a far-off horizon, solitude and monotony, only broken by subtle geographical and vegetal accidents. Inside the jeep, five people in a reduced space with their individual thoughts. It is a curious sensation.

The desert nights are something worthwhile living. You are alone, alone in the world. A sky full of stars, and here below, silence, only absolute silence.

When back home, it is a time for evaluation and meditation...

- About staying in the desert: a true genuine 2100 km journey, sharing the Bedouin hospitality and tea, and all this for nothing.

- As the Eyes of Sahara program medical supervisor: I think it is important to make periodical visits to the Tifariti population, one-hour long journey from the camps.

- As a personal evaluation: when I travel with the Eyes of the world missions, I do what I do best: I try to cure diseased people who have no means of being cured. I am immensely gratified when I realize that, thanks to you, other people recover or keep sight, with the only interchange of giving to one who has nothing. Those moments, however brief, give you reasons to be a person. Deep down, that is why most of us started our medicine studies.

Tet Rafart
Eyes of Sahara Program medical supervisor

EYES OF MOZAMBIQUE

THE CONTEXT:

The Mozambique Republic, placed in the oriental coast of Austral Africa, has about 18 million inhabitants, and an extension of 783.080 km² distributed in 10 provinces. Maputo is the capital. After 12 years of colonial war and 16 of civil war, economy is being put in order; yet, most of the people live in poor surroundings.

THE SANITARY SITUATION:

At Mozambique the main source for disease and mortality are infections and viral pathologies linked to lack of hygiene and water besides a great vulnerability to natural disasters (floods and epidemics).

More than half a million people suffer ocular deficiencies due to cornea pathologies, glaucoma, trachoma, undernourishment and degenerative illnesses. Basically, the

Maputo Central Hospital, with only three native ophthalmologists, takes care of all ocular diseases.

OUR GOAL:

In order to improve ophthalmologic attention at the Maputo





Ophthalmologists: Fabiola Eder, Marta Fernández, Magela Garat, Iñaki Genua, Mireia Jornet, Carmen López, Tomás Martí, Pilar Molia, Carlos Móser, Roser Pascual, Yuri Sánchez, Rosa Sust

Anesthetist: David Pestaña

Instrumentalists: Laura Díaz, Izascun Ferrer, Vicente Herráez, Eli Jiménez, Emilia López, Graciela Martínez, Rosa Prieto, Lourdes Rebollo, Anna Tarragó, Olga Valverde, Mariví Zubizarreta

Opticians: Ferran Casals

Logistic operators: Marc Tortras, Idurre Uriarte

Central hospital Eyes of the world works jointly with the Mozambique Health Ministry since 2000 by training the native sanitary personnel and giving equipment. Since 2003, we also provide ophthalmologic attention to the Inhambane country population. Both activities are within the Eyes of Mozambique framework program.

To advance further on towards the planned sanitary goals, in 2004 we have signed a cooperation agreement with the Mozambique Health Ministry.

PERFORMED ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS:

Consultations, operations and training

During 2004, 9 missions have traveled to the Tindouf camps:

- 1 preliminary and reshaping mission.
- 5 medico-surgical missions to the Inhambane provincial Hospital
- 3 training missions to the Maputo Central Hospital (one of them with surgical activities)

These medical commissions have attended 998 people and have performed surgery to 700 patients, mainly in the Inhambane province, 450 km to the north of Maputo.

27 volunteers have jointly participated in the missions: 12 ophthalmologists, 1 anesthetists, 11 instrumental nurses, 1 optician, 2 logistic operators and 1 equipment technician, besides the persons in charge of the Eyes of Mozambique program.

Practices in retina specialization of the ophthalmologists

and resident doctors of the Maputo Central Hospital has been the main training goal.

On the other hand, Dr Ma. Lusía Víctor Gomes, resident doctor at the Maputo Central Hospital has traveled to Barcelona with a grant given by the Spanish Foreign Ministry Affairs through the Eyes of the world Foundation. She is attending, at the IMO (Ocular Microsurgery Institute), a six-month training period ending in the first semester of 2005.

We have prepared a study about the possibility to set up an optical workshop to attend the ocular needs of the province. We are considering whether this project is feasible.

Donation and lending of sanitary and material equipment

In 2004 we have given to the Maputo Central Hospital and to the Inhambane Provincial Hospital:

- Equipment: 1 phaco machine, 1 keratometer, 1 microscope, 1 ophthalmoscope, 1 sterilization machine, 2 Völk magnifying glasses, 1 retinoscope, 1 proof box, 1 proof assembly
- Instrumental material: 2 cataract boxes
- The surgical and medical material needed for 750 operations

The setting up of a complete ophthalmologic unit at Inhambane is well on its way.

Prevention

Preliminary studies about the trachoma survival in the Inhambane province have been carried out.

EYES OF BOLIVIA

THE CONTEXT:

The development index of Bolivia is one of the lowest in Latino America. Set in a high plateau, 4000 meters above sea level, its population reaches 8 million inhabitants. 65% of them reside in the cities of La Paz, El Alto, Cochabamba and Santa Cruz. The Bolivian society undergoes strong social differences and, in this respect, 70% of El Alto population evince moderate or harsh poverty levels.

THE SANITARY SITUATION:

The sanitary services exclude three thirds of the population for socioeconomic and abode shifting reasons. In this respect, in spite of its 160 ophthalmologists, there is a shortage of ophthalmologic care in the public sanitary institutions.

OUR GOAL:

Our goal: Since 2003, we are jointly working with the public sanitary services, with ophthalmologic organizations and native non-governmental organizations. On one hand, to provide an answer to the ophthalmologic needs of El Alto inhabitants (Eyes of Bolivia project set up in the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital). On the other hand, to help local professionals in the training of a sub specialized course for ophthalmologists in the Ophthalmologic National Institute -INO (Eyes of Bolivia Project - training at La Paz).

The Eyes of Bolivia program aims at improving the ocular health of the Bolivian population with deficient economical resources and, thus, contribute to overcome this penury. In 2004, for the first time, we have signed one agreement with the Directive Local Board of El Alto, the Bolivian Dutch

Municipal Hospital and Medicus Mundi. Beside we have signed one agreement with the Bolivian Ministry of Health and Sports, and another one with the National Institute of Ophthalmology.

PERFORMED ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS:

Consultations, operations an training

During 2004, 10 missions have traveled to Bolivia:

- 1 preliminary and reshaping mission.
- 4 medico-surgical missions to El Alto
- 5 training missions to La Paz

18 volunteers have participated in these missions and have attended 2551 people and carried out 569 post-surgical consultations, performed 206 surgeries and made 1536 refractions.

Those patients are El Alto citizens with limited economical resources picked up through the official announcements and diffusion campaigns carried out by the Bolivian Dutch Municipal Hospital professionals.

We have also performed training activities for the Hospital consultation and surgery rooms. The participants: 5 local professionals and, specially, one local ophthalmologists.

An average 20 Bolivian ophthalmologists have participated in each of the formative sessions with the purpose of improving the medical practice of the local professionals. During 2004, we have performed 18 sessions distributed around oculoplastic surgery, vitreoretina ophthalmology and inflammation glaucoma, cataract and cornea and external diseases. The participants have found these courses extremely profitable and rewarding.

10 ophthalmologists, 5 instrumental nurses and 3 optometrist opticians besides the persons responsible of the Eyes of Bolivia program have participated in these missions.



Ophthalmologists: Pedro Caro, Xavier Corretger, Miguel González Candial, Joan Güell, Rosario Martínez, José Juan Martínez Toldos, Andrés Müller-Thyssen, Francisco Poyales, Ana Rodríguez, Eduardo Vilanova

Instrumentalists: Carme Castel, Mònica Guàrdia, Francesca José, Israel López-Brea, Lola Sánchez

Optometrists: Vanesa Budi, Carol Camino, Núria Garzón

prevent ocular attention among poor native family mothers and at the town of El Alto. Between 20 and 30 people have participated in these talks at several basic care centers of the El Alto public network. The following subjects have been treated: eye anatomy and physiology, elements affecting ocular pathologies, their premature prevention and eye care and protection. These sessions have received a positive evaluation and the subjects aroused a great interest among the participants.

Donation and lending of sanitary material

During 2004 Eyes of the World have given support to the creation of the ophthalmologic unit at the Bolivian Dutch Municipal Hospital and, in this respect, we have furnished the following material:

- Consultation: 1 slip lamp, 1 tonometer, 1 keratometer, 1 binocular scopeo, 1 scan of biometry, 1 visual acuity chart.
- Operating room: 1 surgical microscope, 2 phaco machines, 1 cataract box.

We have provided the necessary means and medicines to attend patients for consultation and surgery during the missions. We have left in stock what the ophthalmologic unit needed for the in-between missions periods.

In this respect we have finished off the ophthalmologic unit - consultation and surgery room - planned for 2003. This unit means a very important forward step towards the ophthalmologic development and bring ocular attention nearer to the local community.

We have also given 450 long-sightedness glasses, 41 sunglasses and 30 special measurement glasses.

Prevention

We have carried out 5 informative sessions in order to



GAZA ACTIVITIES

Included in a Health World Organization project and jointly with the Barcelona and the Gaza Town Council we have established links with the Palestinian sanitary services in order to set up a cooperation project for the sanitary development in the Gaza strip, in the east Mediterranean coast.

The main purpose of this project lies in the retina and glassy training of a local professional, endowed with a grant, besides analysing the possibility to carry out different cooperation activities in the Gaza strip.

The difficult political conditions in the zone have determined the setting out of this project. No native ophthalmologist has been able to receive that grant and become a sub specialist

TOGO ACTIVITIES

We have taken part in a trip organized by the Santander Cotero Fernandez Foundation to study the possibility to extend Eyes of the world activities to another territory.

Togo, a very small country in the south of Sahara, has 45.000 inhabitants with a great degree of illiteracy and lack of resources, mainly the water ones.

At the Dapaong Regional Hospital, 680 km north to the state capital, Lomé, and very near the Burkina Faso border, there is an ophthalmologic unit created and equipped by the Cotero Fernandez Foundation that every year sets up a medical mission to look after the highly requested ophthalmologic needs of that zone.

We are analyzing a possible cooperation with this project.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We have been able to manage more than 800.000 euros thanks to the trust lavished on Eyes of the World from public institutions, private organizations, companies and individual donors.

	2003	2004
INCOME		
Public income		353.930,00
Foundational Institutional Patrons	141.000,00	141.000,00
Other institutions (open competitions and grants)	10.700,00	173.980,75
Private income		533.957,07
Firms (agreements and others)	249.762,00	323.149,79
Followers		7.358,36
Punctual donors		29.167,53
Others		5.213,36
"La Nit" income		107.050,00
TOTAL INCOME		887.937,79

Compared with the previous exercise, we have increased the total income with more than 350.000 euros. This increase derives from the Catalan agency for the cooperation open competition, from punctual donations and the corresponding one to "La Nit dels Ulls del Món" dinner which has taken place in Barcelona.

	2003	2004
EXPENSES		
Cooperation programs	300.024,44	300.024,44
Mission trips (training and surgical)		151.397,21
Equipment and material endowment		972.783,46
Patients' bridge, prevention campaigns and external cooperation	51.890,66	46.569,83
Management and technical coordination; on the spot follow up and evaluation	47.456,32	157.930,13
Administration and management	103.524,09	103.524,09
Central services	102.113,23	158.377,38
New siege expenses	-	128.218,46
Patronage	1.412,86	4.417,78
Communication and sensitising		46.780,41
Media, fundraising and volunteers		11.816,39
"La Nit" expenses		34.964,02
TOTAL EXPENSES		972.025,48

We have increased the number of missions in more than a 70%. We have doubled the surgical operations performed in 2003. In this respect we have increased the expenses of the trip commissions and the equipment and material endowment to the sanitary local centres and we have expanded the operative team both at the siege and in the territories.

* The 84.089,68 euros deficit corresponds to the setting up of the Foundation new siege.

SENSITIZING AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Through the communication campaigns we are performing, we want the people of our social context to become conscious of the inequalities and needs prevailing in many countries of the world. We have to see first, and then their eyes will see!

During 2004, we have taken part in acts connected with ophthalmology and international sanitary development such as:

- The **Ophthalmology Spanish Society Conference**, held in Cordoba from 29 September till 2 October. In this conference, we prepared a stand and we took part in a



round table from where, once again, we have informed the ophthalmologists and nurses about the cooperation programs at work and their possible participation.

- **General Assembly of the IAPB (International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness)**, held in Dubai from 17-20 September. We have shared a working day along with other supporting members of the Partnership committee, made up by 30 worldwide organizations.

The **right to see** is the Eyes of the world sphere of activity and the VISION 2020 program slogan of the IAPB, the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.

To suppress the main causes of avoidable blindness in the world by the year 2020 is the common purpose we have in mind.

- The **Barcelona Cultural Universal Cultures Forum**. On 9 of June we participated in a round table about the health and development challenge in the XXI century, specifically on the paradigm between the sanitary rights and participation.

By taking part in these acts, we have been in touch with ophthalmologic and sanitary cooperators professionals and shared experiences and operative goals.



We have also organized informative sessions about our activities and sensitize different levels of public opinion:

- **Presentation of the Foundation territorial center at Euskadi**. This act, held the 16 June at San Sebastian, forms part of the information campaign about our activities in the autonomous communities of the State. These communities have volunteer doctors who participate in our missions and provide an ophthalmologic organization concerned with developing their specialty in the most vulnerable countries



in the world. This presentation included an audience with the lehendakari, Juan José Ibarretxe.

- **Celebration of the Foundation anniversary:** a volunteer meeting held in Barcelona on 9 July. It is a yearly solidarity feast. The 2004 one assembled the Eyes of the world volunteers at the Barcelona Musical Palace. On one hand, the Foundation anniversary gives the opportunity of remembering what motivates our every day work: to struggle for the right to see extended to all the world population; on the other hand, to give thanks to all the Foundation volunteers for their unselfish task.



We have also taken part in other acts organized by other groups:

- The **ecosolidarity Market** and a **talk for parents who**

took Saharai minors. The **Sant Joan Despí (Barcelona) Town Council** organized these two activities.

- In the **exhibition "from persons to persons"**, organized by Banc Sabadell, we participated along with other prestigious organizations in the cooperation field.



The mass media, specially the Catalan radio stations and national newspapers, have expanded the Eyes of the world goals and activities. In this respect, the president, the vice president, the general manager and several volunteer doctors have appeared more than 30 times to announce our working cooperation programs and our activities as well as to sensitize public opinion about the sanitary defenselessness of many populations in the world.

The Eyes of the world Night

The celebration of this solidarity dinner has been the most widely known and notorious communication activity of 2004.

The Eyes of the World Night has allowed us to spread the international cooperation activities we are carrying out and inform to trusting people about the results we have achieved.

The 2004 Night, held again in Barcelona, with a favourable welcome. More than 250 persons from the ophthalmologic, managerial, political and cultural world of our country attended it. Among the participants were the President of the **Generalitat of Catalunya**, Pasqual Maragall and the Minister of Health, Marina Geli.

The act was presented by the professionals Gemma Nierga and Xavier Coral and we counted with the performance of the cellists Lluís Claret, Anna Mora and Daniel Claret.

We gathered around 170.000 euros for the prevention of ocular pathologies, surgical operation of patients and the training of the sanitary professionals in the territories where we are working.



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We also count on the support from public and private ocular sanitary institutions. They have provided the participation of dozens of sanitary professionals in Foundation cooperation programs during 2004.

We rely on the support from the individual support from persons who in steady or periodical way bring the necessary economic resources for our developing activities.

And, evidently, with the cooperation from the native counterparts, the authorities and the organizations in charge of the ophthalmologic development in each territory.



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