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# LETTER OF THE PRESIDENT

## TODAY WE ACT, WITH THE FUTURE IN MIND

*Eyes of the World is a group of people aware of our responsibility related to the inequalities of the world.*

*We know that avoidable blindness is a humanitarian and socio-economic matter for the poor countries. They cannot manage the cost of the medical assistance of the patients and the social repercussions caused by the conditions of life of the blind or partially sighted people.*



*Our common challenge is to achieve a world in which poor people with visual deficiency can attend professional ophthalmological assistance of quality from their own local health authorities. And, to achieve that, we run changes towards an appropriate and fair health structure that guarantees the right of sight to the people.*

*From Eyes of the World, we think that the true ophthalmological advance of the country means to promote opportunities for the health professionals themselves of each territory so they can become the main character of their development itself.*

*So, thanks to the dedication of the operative team of the Foundation, the involvement of the volunteers and the continuous support of our members and donors, in the year 2005 we have promoted the training of autochthonous staff: coaching professionals in the ophthalmological practice and given the equipment and material for the health centres.*

*Also, during the year we have continued opening eyes, with responsibility and perseverance, improving the conditions of life of the poorest countries of the world. Because giving the sight back to a person or preventing blindness is the first step for them to see a future of their lives.*

*I introduce you to the detailed activities we have developed in 2005 and I encourage you to reinforce your involvement on the Foundation; because together we can continue opening eyes to the world.*

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Rafael Ribó  
President

# PRESENTATION OF THE FOUNDATION

## NATURE AND ADDRESS

- Private Foundation Ulls del Món (Eyes of the World)
- Central office in Barcelona, registered in the *Registre de Fundacions de la Generalitat de Catalunya* the 18th July of 2001
- With a permanent branch in Euskadi, registered in the *Registro de Fundaciones del País Vasco* the 19th of July 2005
- With territorial branches in Andalusia, Madrid and Valencia

## CONTEXT

### Data

- It is estimated that about 37 million of people in the world are blind, and 124 millions suffer from serious visual problems.
- 1,4 million children of age under 15 are blind.
- In the world, every 5 seconds an adult becomes blind and a child every minute.
- Blindness is associated with short life expectancy: more than 82% of blind people are under 50 years old.



### Precarity of poor countries

- 80% of the blindness is curable or it can be prevented through easy technics which people in poor countries cannot gain access to.
- 90% of the blind people live in the most deprived places of the poor countries: at least, there are 11.6 million blind people in the southeast region of Asia, 9.3 millions in the West Pacific and 6.8 millions in Africa.

### The consequences

The blindness has a huge personal, social and economic cost. It limits the chances of education and the self-sufficiency of the people. This also affects their families, communities and social and health services directly.

## MISSION

Eyes of the World is a non-profit making organization which contributes to the people with eye deficiencies that are without economical resources in poor countries so they can receive professional ophthalmological treatment from their local health services, and make aware the public opinion regarding the deficiencies on the basic health system in those territories.

## AIMS

- To improve the visual health of the people with eye-related pathologies in the countries where we work.
- To train local health professionals and to assist with technical knowledge concerning eye treatment and optics.
- To contribute with ophthalmological and optical material resources (equipment and disposables) to the collaborating health centres.
- To prevent the causes of avoidable blindness through the eye-related promotional campaigns and check-up of minors, as well as doing researches about the incidence of ocular pathologies.
- To contribute to the improvement of ocular health systems and procedures.
- To make aware the public opinion of the environment regarding the medical deficiencies of poor countries.

## MAIN PRINCIPLES

- **Continued support**, that is to say, the long-term commitment with people and authorities.
- **Development and training** as a tool of future.
- **Cooperation** that implies working with other organisations that operate in the same area and with the local authorities and health systems.
- **Efficiency** and capacity to maximize and control the resources and their results.

## SUMMARY OF THE MOST REMARKABLE RESULTS OF THE YEARS 2001-2005

- Almost 90 medical and training commissions have been sent, composed by professional volunteers in the eye-related field.
- About 17.000 people have been treated and more than 3.000 blind patients or with ocular pathologies have received surgery.
- Equipment (surgical and consultation) and material (instrumental and pharmacological) have been provided to the hospitals of Rabuni and BueHa in the Saharan refugee camps of Tindouf (Algeria), the Maputo Central Hospital of Maputo and the Inhambane Provincial Hospital in Mozambique and the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital in Bolivia, this one has already at their disposal a complete ophthalmological unit.
- The optical workshops of Rabuni, BueHa and Dajla and the consultations of Auserd, El Aiún and Smara, in the saharawi refugee camps have been equipped.
- One saharawi doctor has been awarded with a grant to get an ophthalmological specialization in Spain.
- We have contributed to prolonging the stay of two residents of ophthalmology in Spain and the head of Ophthalmological Service in Maputo has followed an update course in Barcelona.
- Courses of subspecialization have been given to the Bolivian ophthalmologist of La Paz, with practical lessons in El Alto.
- 16 optical saharawi technicians have been trained in terms of refraction, workshop and organization of the optician's.
- Two training courses about Basic Ocular Treatment have been organized for nursing assistants in charge of the reception of the patients and their referral inside the public health system of Mozambique.
- 8 saharawi with serious problems were evacuated to receive surgery in Spain.
- 10 talks have been given to provide information about prevention of eye-related illness in the indigenous community of El Alto.
- A research has been developed about the incidence of the trachoma in the saharawi population and it has advanced in the methodology to carry on other research in the province of Inhambane.
- The new website of the Foundation has been established and the volunteers receive periodically information.
- The annual celebration of The Eyes of the World Night has been consolidated as an instrument of popula-

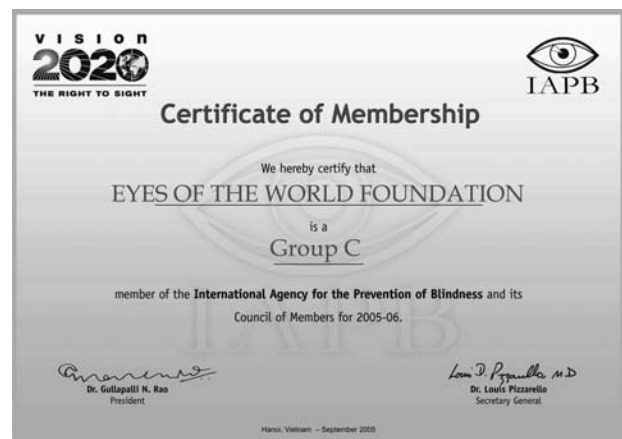


risation of the activities of the Foundation and raising funds.

For the development of these activities, Eyes of the World has counted on the involvement of the counterparts across the field, local authorities and entities and professionals responsible of the ophthalmological development in each area. It is worth mentioning the technicians of ophthalmology of the SADR, nurses from the Hospital of Rabuni, technicians of ophthalmology and nurses from the Inhambane Provincial Hospital, professionals from the Service of Ophthalmology of the Maputo Central Hospital and ophthalmologists, nurses, nursing assistants and social workers of the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital.

## TERRITORIAL EXPANSION AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Eyes of the World has established in 2005, the territorial centre of Euskadi, as it is a territory with an interesting ophthalmological fabric in international cooperation and where there are professionals who contribute for the Foundation, periodically and since it was created. In that way, Eyes of the World has, since middle of the year, a representative for the branch in Pais Vasco, Kike Otegui.



And also, throughout the year, Eyes of the World has helped collaborate with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), of which is a member of the Trusteeship, in the program VISION 2020: The Right to Sight. It is an initiative of the Agency together with the World Health Organization, where 60 international organisations give their support with the shared aim of fighting against the avoidable blindness in the most vulnerable countries of the world.



## ACTORS

The **Trusteeship** has met in two times in ordinary sessions in 2005 and it is formed by:

**Rafael Ribó Massó**, president of the Trusteeship

**Borja Corcóstegui Guraya**, vicepresident and member of the Executive Committee

**Núria Ramon i Garcia**, general manager and member of the Executive Committee

**Raimon Bergós i Civit**, legal secretary and member of the Executive Committee

**Vicenç Capdevila i Cardona**, solicitor and member of the Executive Committee

**Elena Salgado Méndez**, Minister of Health and Consumption, on behalf of the *Fundación para la Cooperación y Salud Internacional Carlos III*

**Raimon Belenes Juárez**, Manager of the *Instituto Catalán de Salud*, on behalf of the *Generalitat de Catalunya*

**Margarita Dordella i Cirera**, Delegate President of the *Área de Salud Pública y Consumo*, on behalf of the Barcelona's Council

**Jordi Varela i Pedragosa**, manager of the *Instituto Municipal de Asistencia Sanitaria*, on behalf of the Barcelona's Council

**Rafael Mondaca Medina**, on behalf of the foundation *ONCE* (Spanish Blind Association) in Latin America

**Salvador Clotas Cierco**, manager of the *Fundación Pablo Iglesias*

**Júlio León Carrión**, ophthalmologist\*

**Rosario Martínez Navarro**, ophthalmologist\*

**M<sup>re</sup> Isabel Nieto Uresandi**, ophthalmologist

**Francisco Poyales Galán**, ophthalmologist

(\*In the year 2005 they finished being part of the Trusteeship because their term office has expired)

The **Executive Committee** has met 14 times throughout the year 2005, promoting the strategic actions of the Foundation.

The **Medical Committee** consisted of prestigious ophthalmologist linking directly with the Foundation and in charge of the technical advising in the design of the programs and the ophthalmological supervision of the activities of the Foundation. They met on June and have delegated to 4 ophthalmologists for the periodical supervision of each of the on-going projects. They have helped in an active and constant way, with the organisation of the commissions and the design of the cooperation programs.

The **medical supervisors** of the programs have been:

Program Eyes of Sahara - Dr. Josep Ma. Rafart i Arumí

Program Eyes of Mozambique – Dr. Carlos Móser Würth

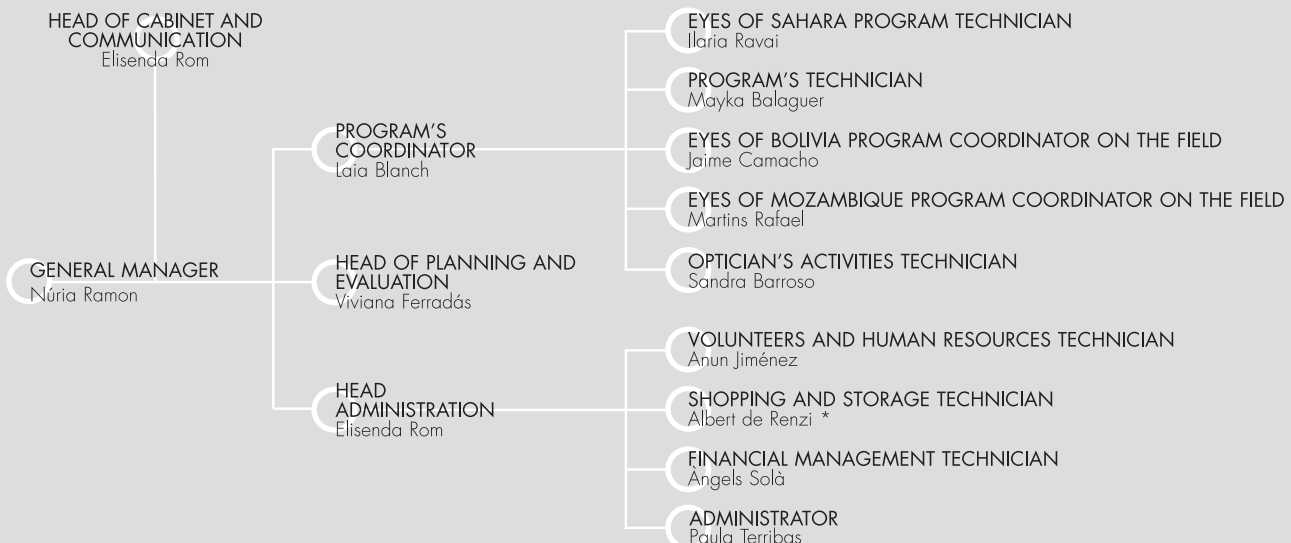
Program Eyes of Bolivia – Dr. José Juan Martínez Toldos

Program Eyes of Gaza – Dra. M<sup>re</sup> Isabel Nieto Uresandi

In 2005, Eyes of the World has reorganized the **operative team**, both in the head office and in the field, to improve the performance and efficiency of the organisation regarding the design, the implementation and monitoring of the cooperation projects, and on the popularisation of the cooperation activities and the fund raising for the programs.

The new organization chart has entailed the redefinition of the duties linked to each post and the appointment of 3 new professionals (2 part time and one full time) in 2004; and also the substitution of the other two project technicians.

THE TEAM ORGANIZATION OF 2005 HAS BEEN:



\*Ophthalmological equipment and material management will be realised from Program area provisionally.

In 2005, 103 new professionals have offered their unselfish collaboration to the Foundation, and we have arrived to the number of 500 registered **volunteers**.

Of these volunteers, 88 have been involved directly with some of the cooperation activities carried on by the Foundation:

- 5 have given support to the Foundation in terms of administration and in the organisation of communicative events.
- 83 have travelled to the field. Particularly, throughout the year, 32 ophthalmologists, 3 anaesthetists, 25 nurses, 17 opticians, 4 logistic operators and, also, 2 equipment technicians have travelled.

## THANKS TO EVERYBODY

Eyes of the World would like to give their thanks to the supportive contribution of the volunteers of the Foundation, with whose effort they have achieved the recovery of sight for thousands of people.

### Ophthalmologists

Rubén Ángeles Figueroa, Cristina Aranzasti, Consuelo Arroyo, José Azogue, Javier Bardavío, Ricardo Casaroli, Joan Castellví, Xavier Corretger, Vicente Chaqués, Fabiola Eder, Manel Forcadell, Carlos Gálvez, Rodolfo Gamarra, Iñaki Genua, Lurdana Gomes, Olga Iturralde, Mireia Jornet, Ferran Mascaró, Rosario Martínez, José Juan Martínez Toldos, Pilar Molia, Carlos Móser, Andrés Müller-Thyssen, Ma. Teresa Noguer, Carolina Pallàs, Joan Prat, Josep Ma. Rafart, Eulàlia Rosiñol, Erica Sales, Antoni Salvador, Mikel Seminario and Rosa Sust.

### Anaesthetists

Julia del Valle, Cristina González and David Singer.

### Instrumentists/nurses

Glòria Arnan, Sara Burgués, Montse Carol, Carme Castel, Marta Castellví, Adriana Díaz de Cerio, Izaskun Ferrer, Inma Fontanet, Teresa García, Raquel Gorriz, Fernando

Gutiérrez, Elisa Jiménez, Francesca José, Alfons Margalef, Sònia Martínez, Consolación Méndez, Ma. Ángeles Monzón, Ma. José Moreno, Lourdes Reballo, Cristina Revert, Arantzazu Rived, Carme Saurí, Martxeli Seco, Anna Tarragó and Mariví Zubizarreta.

### Optometrists

Salut Albà, Ma. Isabel Barberá, Maria Barceló, Ricardo Barros, Sandra Barroso, Vanesa Budi, Imma de Febrer, Mirian Egea, Maribel Espino, Marta Farré, Mireia Hereu, Beatriz Martín, Begoña Medel, Montse Morató, Carlos Plà, Flor Romero and Marco Rodríguez.

### Logistic operators

Elena Blesa, Teresa Cano, Maria Planas and Irene Signorelli.

### Equipment technician

Jesús Barragán and Oriol Rogé.





# DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAMS

## GEOGRAPHICAL PERFORMATIVE FIELDS:



## COMMISSIONS DISTRIBUTIONS BY PROGRAMS AND PERFORMATIVE FIELDS:

Programs 2005	Medical-surgical	Training	Preparation, redefinition and evaluation	TOTAL
Eyes of the Sahara	4	3	2	9
Eyes of the Mozambique	4	3	2	9
Eyes of the Bolivia	4	3		7
TOTAL	12	9	4	25

## PATIENT DISTRIBUTION BY PROGRAMS AND TYPES OF TREATMENT:

Programs 2005	Consultations	Surgery
Eyes of the Sahara	1.812	201
Eyes of the Mozambique	1.099	582
Eyes of the Bolivia	3.001*	172
TOTAL	5.912	955

\*It includes 1.457 refractions.

**EMPHASIS IN TRAINING:** Throughout 2005 we have strengthened and widen those actions aimed at the theoretical and practice training of the local health personnel not connected directly to the activities of the health commissions. We emphasize specially the activities of training in terms of basic ocular concepts the *triagems* (nursing assistants) from the town of Maputo, under the program *Eyes of Mozambique*.



# EYES OF THE SAHARA

## GENERAL DATA

### On-going projects:

- Project of ophthalmological treatment and assistance
- Project of reinforcement of the consultations and optical workshops.

### Country or region:

United Nations Refugee Camps in Tindouf, Algeria.

### Intervention territory:

The wilayas of Smara, Auserd, Dajla and El Aiún, each one divided in 6 or 7 *daira*, and the national institutions of the 27th February, 9th June and 12th October.

### Local actor:

Ministry of Health of the Saharawi Arabic Democratic Republic (SADR) Government, Service of Ophthalmology.

### Political and social situation:

The Saharawi population live in exile in the desert area of Tindouf, in Algerian territory, for 30 years, with total dependence of the international humanitarian aid.

### Ophthalmological and health conditions:

In the camps there are important nutritious, pharmacological and hygienic deficiencies, as a result of the lack of appro-



prate health structures that determines the health, including the ophthalmological health, of the population.

### Professional resources and structure:

Nowadays there isn't any ophthalmologist in the camps. However, there is a staff of 16 technicians who are in charge mainly of the optical assistance of the population. Even so, they need training, skills and equipment and disposables needed for the diagnosis and treatment of the ocular pathologies and sight deficiencies.

## DEVELOPED ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS

### Consultations and surgery

· 4 medical surgical commissions have been sent, two of them were carried out on pediatric activities, consisting of 9 ophthalmologists (plus Doctor Khatri, resident on his third year), 3 anaesthetists, 8 nurses, 5 optometrists, 3 logistic operators and 2 equipment technicians, that have assisted 1.812 people, either for the diagnosis or for the post-surgical monitoring and the periodical revision of each case (specially between the children population) and they have done 201 surgical performances to patients suffering from sight pathologies.



## Training

- Saharawi Doctor EKhalil Khatri Mhamend-Lamin has followed with the ophthalmology-training grant in *Hospital de la Esperanza*, in Barcelona. Dr. Khatri has also travelled during March and November to the camps together with two commissions of Eyes of the World to complete his practical training with activities on the field, especially in the technique of extra capsular cataract surgery.
- Medical surgical commissions have trained operating theatre staff from the Hospital of Rabuni and Buel-la in the subject of ophthalmological instrumentation; The pediatric commission has also made pediatric ophthalmological training activities for the general practitioners and ophthalmological technicians in Dajla, who have acquired knowledge such as the prophylaxis, early diagnosis and first treatment of ophthalmological illness between the infant populations. A beginner's course (theoretical and practice) has begun in terms of hygiene rules and cleanliness of operating theatre for the nurses in the National Hospital of Rabuni.
- 3 training commissions have been sent about refraction and optometry. They were formed by 9 optometrists and one logistic operator, and they have taught courses of refractive problems, spectacle fabrication and organisation of consultations to 16 technicians in charge of the optical management in the camps. *Ad hoc* register instruments have been created, for the patients and to control the material.



## Equipment resources and medical material

### Equipment

- The following material has been given: 3 retinoscopes, 2 Perkins tonometers, 2 direct ophthalmoscopes, 1 indirect ophthalmoscope, 1 slit lamp, 2 manual skiving machines, 2 automatic skiving machines, 4 frontofocometers and 1 optotype projector.

### Instrumental

- 1 box of cataracts and specific instrumental for peditary, glaucoma and eyelid have been donated.

### Material

- The necessary material for surgery and treatment of all patients has been donated: 1.200 pre-built presbytia glasses, 1.800 raw lenses, more than 900 frames and 1.150 sunglasses and the necessary spares and disposables for the best working of the optician's.

### Structure

- An office for the Ophthalmological Service of the SARD has been built and a part of the optician's in Rabuni has been rebuilt.

## Patient bridge

- 2 patients have been evacuated because due to their pathologies and taking into account the diagnosis of the doctors, they couldn't be treated in the camps. They were attended, in an altruist way, in the Hospital Vall d'Hebrón in Barcelona and in the Hospital Cruces in Baracaldo (Vizcaya).
- We have taken part in the *III Jornadas de las Casas de Acogida de los Enfermos Saharavis*, celebrated in Sabadell, between the 21st and 23rd of May. We agreed in the Meeting to guarantee a fixed place for a patient with ocular pathologies.

## Prevention

- We have monitored the recovery of the patients with ocular diseases such as glaucoma or trachoma.
- Activities related to the children ocular health have been carried on, such as check-ups to the children from all nurseries in Dajla, in 3 nurseries in Smara and in an special needs centre for children in Smara. Also, we have runned two talks for teachers, representers of the dairas and mothers from Smara the 27th February.

## Support activities and local health service reinforcement

- 2 monitoring commissions belonging to the Project have been sent to meet the local authorities and the hospital manager to introduce the program to them, to evaluate and redefine the agreements of the current cooperation. Also, the Ministry of Health, Boullahi Siid, and the president of the Foundation, Rafael Ribó, have signed a new Collaboration Framework and Protocol in May. The protocol establishes the context in which the collaboration of both parts is going to be developed and the commitments of each one.



- The Economical Incentive Plan for the health local professionals has been maintained. It started two years ago and it has been very positive for the program.

- The manager of ophthalmology from the Refugee Camps, Mohamed Mahfud Aomar, has been invited to visit the Foundation in Barcelona, with the aim of reinforcing the collaboration in terms of ocular assistance for the population and to agree the necessary procedures for the good working *in situ* of the medical and optical commissions.



*I am Elena Blesa, medical visitor for the Business Unit of Novartis Ophthalmics and this year I have lived an unforgettable experience.*

*When the direction of Novartis Ophthalmics, with the Foundation Eyes of the World, recommended the opportunity of taking part as volunteers in an ophthalmological commission in the refugee camps of Sahara, I thought: Where do I sign? And I applied formally to the selection process carried out by the Foundation to choose a good logistic operator.*

*Months later I was travelling with the health professionals from the third commission of the year in the direction of Argel.*

*During the expedition, I was the "logistic operator" meaning the person in charge of assuring the good commission working: I prepared materials and medicines for the consultations and surgery, I coordinated the planning of the operation theatre and the referral of patients to the hospital, I helped the medical team to make consultations and many other duties.*

*My job began some days before travelling when I contacted the volunteers who took part on the last expedition so I could know what they left there, and, together with the managers from the Foundation we did a list of materials that we could take to Sahara: 11 boxes, 280kg of material, and everything under my responsibility. It was so stressful!*

*It's not an easy job to get to Tindouf. It is a military airport where only civilian planes take off and land during the nightshift. We arrived at night and we had to look for boxes! I felt like a mother looking for her lost children and when I found them, I could breathe.*

*Sahara was waiting for me with insects having 6 and 8 legs, cold showers (if we had water), and 5 people rooms with mattresses on the floor and 16 hours working days.*

*However, these inconveniences don't matter once you know the saharawi people, open, friendly, smiling, optimistic and generous. What a pleasure! I know it is common to say that but they showed me how to prioritise the daily life chores. They don't have good nutrition, they don't have clean drinking water, they live in a hard climate and they are totally dependent of the humanitarian aid but, despite all these obstacles, they welcome you with open arms.*

*A medical commission for good daily life needs an organised logistic operator. The team is divided in two and each one visits an average of 60 patients every day. Most of these patients, who are diagnosed, will have surgery performance the next and they spend the night sleeping on the floor in front of the hospital.*

*I take notes during the whole day, I fill in the patient's health notes and I spend the nights working on the computer. Patient after care is needed to get a good post-surgical monitoring of the cases. But I cannot get free of the laptop not here not in the middle of the desert.*

*Two weeks pass quickly and when the moment of saying goodbye arrives I am aware that although I want to go back home, take a shower with hot water, walk bare feet without fear of scorpions and eat without chewing grains of sand... I left a part of me in the Sahara...*

# EYES OF MOZAMBIQUE

## GENERAL DATA

### On-going projects:

- Training Project in Maputo
- Project of ophthalmological assistance and treatment in Inhambane.

### Country or region:

Republic of Mozambique.

### Intervention territory:

The capital of the country, Maputo and the province of Inhambane, 450 km North Maputo.

### Local actor:

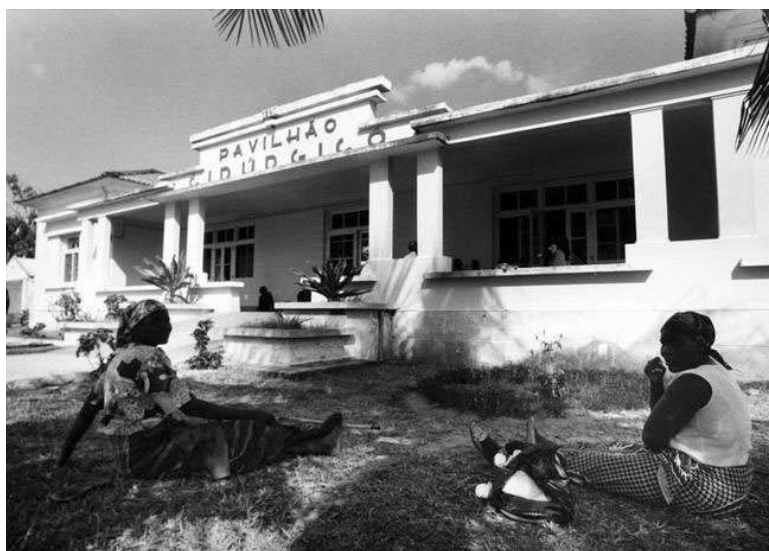
Ministry of Health of the Republic of Mozambique.

### Political and social situation:

Mozambique has more than 19 million people, 69% live under the poverty line: 40% survive on less than one euro a day. 43% of the population don't have access to clean drinking water and the life expectancy when born is 38,5 years.

### Ophthalmological and health conditions:

The main cause of illness and death are the infections and viral pathologies. The death toll in children is 125 children



per each 1.000 born alive. Approximately there are 160.000 blind and almost 600.000 people have ocular problems, most of them caused by cornea pathologies, glaucoma, trachoma, undernourished, traumatism and degenerative diseases.

### Professional resources and structure:

Medical specializations are, mostly underdeveloped. Mozambique, in total, has 14 ophthalmologists, 7 of whom work in the Maputo Central Hospital and only 4 are from Mozambique.

## DEVELOPED ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS

### Consultations and Surgeries

- 4 medical surgical commissions have been sent to the Inhambane Provincial Hospital, formed by 8 ophthalmologists and 12 nurses/ instrumentists, who have assisted 1.099 people with visual deficiencies and have made 545 surgical performances.

### Training

- 3 training commissions have been sent to the Maputo Central Hospital, formed by 5 ophthalmologists and 1 instrumentist, that have made 23 training seminars for the local team (ophthalmologists and residents) in the orbit subspecialization and retina, plus 27 surgical interventions.



- 2 training courses of *triagem* (nursery assistances) have been made in terms of basic ocular assistance. 60 professionals have attended and they are in charge of patient receptions and the appropriate referral of the cases. To carry on these courses (85 hours) Eyes of the World has collaborated with the National Ophthalmological Management of Mozambique, the Health Management of the city of Maputo and the non-profit organization Helen Keller International.



- An updating course in ophthalmological subspecialization has been made for the manager of the Ophthalmological National Service, Yolanda Zambujo, who went to Barcelona on November and she has followed the activities organised by the The Institute of Ocular Microsurgery and the *Hospital General de l'Hospitalet*.

· The first steps have begun to carry on the ophthalmological training of a doctor in Mozambique for 4 years. This professional will travel to Spain for the first term of 2006 and he will receive a mixed training between Barcelona and Maputo and he will assume the commitment agreed with the local authorities: once he finishes his training he will join the Ophthalmological National Service in Mozambique to work with the most vulnerable people of the country.

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### Equipment resources and health material

#### Equipment

- 1 Yag laser, 1 steriliser, 1 electro coagulator, 2 indirect ophthalmoscopes and 2 20D and 90D lenses.

#### Instrumental

- 2 cataract boxes and 1 oculoplastic box have been donated.

#### Material

- The necessary material for the surgery and treatment has been donated for all the patient commissions in Inhambane, plus the disposables and medicines for the surgical performances in the Maputo Central Hospital.



### Prevention

- Informative talks have been done about the ocular pathologies prevention and post-surgical treatment for the patients and relatives who have been treated in the Inhambane Provincial Hospital.

- In that way, some meetings have been held with other non-profit organisations and local ophthalmologists to establish methodological criteria to carry on a research about the trachoma's prevalence in Inhambane.



### Support activities and local health service reinforcement

- After the Government changed in the last general elections, 2 monitoring commissions belonging to the Project have been sent. The strategy lines of our work have been redefined and they have signed a new collaborative agreement with the Ministry of Health. Throughout the year the link with other non-profit organisation which work in Mozambique has been improved, and also with the *Agència Catalana de Cooperació al Desenvolupament* (The Catalan Agency for Cooperation in the Development).

- It has been taken part in the National Journeys about the Ophthalmological National Plan that took place in Maputo on July. We have supported the manager of the Ophthalmological National Service in the design and elaboration of this plan.



## The miracle of seeing again

*Valentín, he is 9 years old and lives in Liberdade, a neighbourhood of Inhambane full of small huts with palms roofs, without running water, sewage disposal and narrow sand paths that lead to the sea.*

*When the children of the village attend to school, he spends dark hours at home, next to his grandmother and Zelda, his current stepmother. You can see his illness by white spots in his eyes. These spots deny him from seeing, including light.*

*Valentín has never seen the real world, only his darkness. He can walk easily through the sand court that he knows as the back of his hand, and he reaches the radio, with high precision to turn on or down the volume. After the song of Neyma, the most famous singer now, the music stops and the presenter announces in bitongo, one of the local languages, that one ophthalmological expedition from Spain has just arrived to the Inhambane Provincial Hospital, one of the poorest parts of Mozambique. This country has the sad privilege of being in the fifth place of the world raking poverty, according to the United Nations.*

*In Mozambique, the ophthalmological assistance is practically non-existing: a population of 19 million has only three local ophthalmologists in the capital, Maputo.*

*Valentín entered a small and dark room with his grandmother. There, doctors Jornet and Sust will assist him. When they examine him with the slit lamp, they diagnose his disease: a bilateral congenital cataract. If he had born in a developed country, this dysfunction, which had been detected in advance, would be now healed. But Valentín was born in Mozambique, he is without sight for a long time and his eyes are used to the darkness. The surgical intervention of both eyes will eliminate with the cataracts and if everything goes good, he will regain part of his sight.*

*Outside, lots of patients wait for their turn to enter the operation theatre; they impatiently observe the medical staff of the Foundation. Most of them don't understand what 5 white women are doing there and why they are trying to help them.*

*The Valentín's surgical intervention is one of the most difficult made in this journey. Although it is going to take a time to assure that his eyes will be used to the light, everything shows that the surgery has been a success.*

*Each check-up is made with optimism and the mission can be considered fulfilled. Nobody seems insensitive in front of the spectacle of looking to the people who can fend for themselves, those who arrived only one day before, walking with a walking stick and clutched the hand of a friend. The happiness is felt in the eyes that recover the life under the sun of Mozambique, as others did in Sahara and Bolivia. This is the challenge of a handful of men and women who have decided to use the science in a fair cause, in a miracle: to achieve that each day there will be more eyes opened to the world.*

(Extract of Patricia Fernández-Deu's report,  
Published the 20/10/05  
in La Revista of La Vanguardia)



# EYES OF BOLIVIA

## GENERAL DATA

### On-going projects:

- Improvement Project on ophthalmological treatment and assistance in the community of El Alto
- Training Project in the National Institute of Ophthalmology of La Paz

### Country or region:

Republic of Bolivia

### Intervention territory:

La Paz and the satellite town of El Alto

### Local actor:

Ministry of Health and Sports of Bolivia, National Institute of Ophthalmology, Health Local Directory of El Alto, Municipality in the city of El Alto, Medicus Mundi, Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital.

### Political and social situation:

Bolivia is the second poorest country in South America. 58% of the 8 million population don't have an appropriate house and access to clean drinking water. 80% live crowded in the main cities. El Alto, 4.000 meters over the sea level, has 68% of the population under the poverty level. La Paz is the main city of the country and the Government's head office.



### Ophthalmological and health conditions:

Bolivian health assistance is focused on primary assistance and only 25% of the population can have access to ocular treatment. Blindness and visual disability affect more than 400.000 people and in most of the cases are recoverable with the appropriate medical surgical.

### Professional resources and structure:

There are 226 ophthalmologists in the country; localized in the main urban nucleus and the rest of the country has no professionals. The economical conditions that the System applies to the professionals and specialized technicians are less attractive so the majority practice the private assistance in most favoured parts.

## DEVELOPED ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS

### Consultations and surgical interventions

- 4 medical surgical commissions have been sent to the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital in El Alto, formed by 7 ophthalmologists, 4 instrumentists and 4 opticians. They have assisted 1.544 people; they have made 172 surgical interventions and 1.457 refractions. Patient's appeal has been made in the outskirts and the poorest communities in El Alto, describing the activities through informative leaflets.



## Training

· 3 training commissions have been sent to the National Institute of Ophthalmology, formed by 3 prestigious ophthalmologists and 1 instrumentist. They have carried on 12 subspecialization and update knowledge seminars (about retina and glaucoma) for an average of 20 local ophthalmologists. These training commissions have widened their practical part with 10 training seminars of 36 hours for ophthalmologists and nurses from the Ophthalmology Service of the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital. These seminars have been focused on the usage of the phacoemulsifier and in orbit surgical techniques.

## Equipment resources and health material

### Equipment

· 1 microscope, 1 electro coagulator, 1 slit lamp and 1 diopsimeter have been donated.

### Instrumental

· It has been donated 1 box for glaucoma and specific clamps

### Material

· The necessary material has been donated for about 200 interventions and for the treatment of at least 500 patients, plus 400 presbyopia glasses and with special measures.



## Prevention

· 4 talks have been given about prevention in terms of ocular health for the beneficiary population with the project. Emphasizing basic concepts such as ocular hygiene, how to keep the eyes clean and how to detect conjunctivitis in initial steps, in order to avoid further complications caused by small infections.

Moreover, these talks have considered the fall elements into ocular pathologies and main diseases.



## Support activities and local health service reinforcement

· The Ophthalmological Service of the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital has been consolidated as a permanent service with the incorporation of an ophthalmologist with a full term position that guarantees the assistance of the people with few economical resources in periods between campaigns.

This doctor, María Elva Dorado, is going to travel in 2006 to Barcelona to receive training in the use of new technologies for the cataract surgery.





RED SOCIAL DE SALUD – DEFENSORES DE LA SALUD  
BOLIVIANO HOLANDES DISTRITO UNO – EL ALTO

El Alto, 29 diciembre del 2005  
CITE - RS 0025/05

Señor :  
Lic. Jaime N. Camacho Guzmán  
FUNDACIÓ ULLS MÓN  
Presente.-

De mi mayor consideración :

Por medio del presente reciba los saludos mas cordiales y los mejores deseos de exitos en las funciones que desempeña a favor del distrito uno y de El alto.

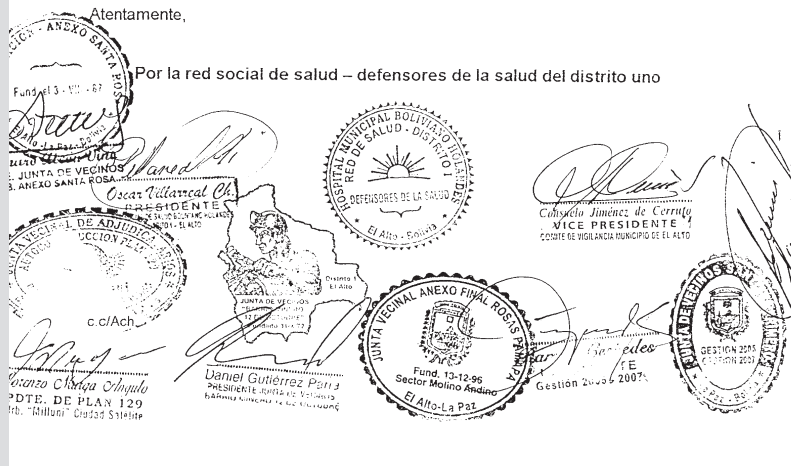
El motivo de el presente es para felicitarle a nombre de la Red Social, por las campañas Oftalmológicas realizadas en el Hospital Boliviano Holandés en beneficio de las personas de escasos recursos en la Gestión 2005.

Esperando continúe incentivando la misma para el pueblo alteño, que lo acogió la campaña de una manera positiva y así mismo muchos no pudieron ser parte de este beneficio, pidiendo se amplíe a *cinco campañas en la gestión 2006*.

Sin otro particular me despido de usted.

Atentamente,

Por la red social de salud – defensores de la salud del distrito uno



In 2005, in Bolivia, the social, economical and political crisis that exists in the country, has been aggravated as a result of the intense debate about the nationalization of the energetic resources. Throughout the year, the country has been paralysed sometimes due to general strikes and access' blockage. The constant riots have provoked the earlier than planned presidential elections, where Evo Morales has been elected.

Eyes of the World, faithful to the commitment acquired with the local population and overcoming the obstacles caused by the political instability of the country has continued with the activities in El Alto and La Paz throughout the year. Because of these actions, the Foundation has received the recognition and incentive from the community and local counterparts.

## ACTIVITIES IN GAZA

After a first research trip to the Gaza strip, Palestine, in 2002, the program Eyes of Gaza have had very restricted its activities in the area. Some times training activities that have been planned for the local staff (for example, a training grant in Spain for a Palestinian professional) couldn't be carried on due to the difficult political situation.

Unfortunately, in November 2005 one commission has been suspended. The doctors Ernesto Basauri and David H. Verity from País Vasco and United Kingdom formed it respectively. They were going to travel to the Nasser Hospital to train the local ophthalmologists in the retina and orbit subspecialization, under a collaborative agreement between the City Hall of Barcelona and the Municipality of Gaza.





# SENSITIZING AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Eyes of the World has created **The Strategic Communicative Plan 2005-2007** which establishes the main awareness lines and fundraising that must be developed and the objectives that must be achieved.

During the year, Eyes of the World has made several activities according to the Plan, mainly aimed to improve the awareness of the public opinion about the deficiencies in the basic ocular health in the poor countries that the Foundation help and to recognize the universal right of having sight.

## Taking part in conferences

· Eyes of the World has taken part in the **81<sup>o</sup> Conference of the Ophthalmological Spanish Society**, which took part in Zaragoza, between the 22nd and 25th of September, making aware the activities carried on by the Foundation to the professionals of the ophthalmology through an informative stand and involving new volunteers in the organisation.

· The Foundation has also taken part in annual conferences in the Spanish and European Society of Retine and in the 9<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Alliance for the Global Elimination Trachoma, organized by the World Health Organization in March in Ginebra. It has also taken part in the second meeting of the International Organization against trachoma, celebrated after the meeting of the Alliance.

· Eyes of the World has also been in other exhibitions, among them the Gran Entorno de Gallegos del Mundo, celebrated in Barcelona between 24th and 26th June.

## Awareness activities carried out

· Eyes of the World has produced the **Photographic Report**

*Eyes of Inhambane*, made by the photographer Elisenda Pons, which illustrates the activities of the Foundation in this province of Mozambique and it shows the evolution of the patients who arrive blind to the consultation and, thanks to the Foundation, they leave with sight.

The report *Eyes of Inhambane* has been exposed in the BBK exhibition hall of Gran Via, Bilbao, during August and September, and in Hospital del Mar, Barcelona, in October.



· The 13th October, the World Sight Day and under the program *VISION 2020: The Right to Sight*, Eyes of the World has presented a **Manifesto in favour of the Universal Right of Sight**, making know the necessity of making progress together with other entities and with local counterparts in international programs to prevent blindness, to avoid that 100 million people will suffer unnecessary blindness by 2020. It has been supported by the Ministry of Health and Consumption, the Councillor of Health, the president of Barcelona's Delegation and the Mayor of Barcelona.

· Eyes of the World has also created its new **website** with updated information about the Foundation's activities, the objectives, action lines, on-going projects...

There is the possibility of giving a donation and becoming a member on-line.





## Fundraising activities

· It's the fourth consecutive year that Eyes of the World has celebrated **The Eyes of the World's Night**, the 10th November, with the aim of implicate the Basque society with the Foundation and raise funds to develop the cooperation development.

One year more, the dinner was in Palacio Arataza in Leioa (Vizcaya). It was a big success and fund raising. Many people attended the dinner, such as the lehendakari (president of the País Vasco) Juan Jose Ibarretxe, and other people from the Basque managerial, ophthalmological and political world such as general deputies from Vizcaya and Guipúzcoa and the General Deputy of the Alava's Delegation, and the President of the Basque Towns Association and El Ararteko (the Basque ombudsman).



The night was presented by the Spanish singer Nina and the Spanish journalist Pedro Garcia Larragan. The Basque singer Mikel Erentxun performed at the end of the night.



· The 16th July, the Foundation has organized a **Golf Tournament in Euskadi**, with the help of *Real Club de Golf in San Sebastián*, to raise funds and make aware the activities of the Foundation.

· At the end of the year, Eyes of the World has begun a **pilot campaign to attract new members** with the aim to reach the *target audience* (those who are sensitive to the ophthalmological cooperation activities and difficulties related to ocular problems) and to improve their participation with the Foundation. Eyes of the World wants to wide its social base related to its mission and with a constant implication.

## Volunteers loyalty

· The 21st July, the **4th anniversary of The Foundation** has been celebrated with those volunteers who travelled to Barcelona. They visited the Historic Museum of Catalunya.

The managers of the Foundation have thanked the volunteers for their unselfish support and to encourage them to continue with the support to the Eyes of the World.



· In other side, the **annual working and evaluation meeting** of the Foundation, whose objective is to make balance of the activities made during the year and suggest improvements, has been celebrated this year in the Alcon Cusí facilities in Masnou, thanks to the sponsorship of this laboratory. Members from the Executive Committee, Operative team (Both from the head office and those who work on the field) and medical supervisors have taken part during the 16th and 17th December.



## Mass media appearances

· In 2005, the president, vice-president, general manager and some volunteers have participated in **mass media** more than 60 times, making aware the public opinion about the Foundation.

· The journalist Joan Barril has written a very especial review because of the World Sight Day in the back page of *El Periódico de Cataluña*, emphasizing the wonderful consequences of the Foundation's job in poor countries: "few things are so honest than making the blind to see" Barril thinks.

This journalist has been one of the famous faces that throughout 2005 has been in favour of the struggle against the avoidable blindness and he has given the economical prize won in the National Television Award, which he received in the programme *L'illa del tresor* to the Foundation.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

		2004	2005
INCOME	<b>Public income</b>	<b>353.980,75</b>	<b>372.212,60</b>
	Foundational Institutions Patrons	180.000,00	180.000,00
	Other institutions (open competitions and grants)	173.980,75	192.212,60
	<b>Private income</b>	<b>533.957,04</b>	<b>570.382,79</b>
	Firms (agreements and others)	323.149,79	359.332,00
	Followers	8.526,36	14.491,36
	Punctual donors	29.167,53	64.370,00
	Others	5.213,36	3.739,42
	"La Nii" income	167.900,00	128.450,00
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>887.937,79</b>	<b>942.595,38</b>

Moreover, we've increased the dotational fund in 38.306,40 euros.

		2004	2005
EXPENSES	<b>Cooperation prorams</b>	<b>634.233,44</b>	<b>704.838,34</b>
	Mission trips (trainig and surgical)	151.397,31	178.094,81
	Equipment and material endowment	278.336,17	241.045,44
	Training, patients' bridge, prevention and external cooperation	46.569,83	64.915,45
	Management and technical coordination, on the spot follow up and evaluation	157.930,13	220.782,64
	<b>Communication and sensitising</b>	<b>46.780,41</b>	<b>53.079,20</b>
	Media, fundraising and volunteers	11.816,39	24.751,25
	"La Nii" expenses	34.964,02	28.327,95
	<b>Administration and management</b>	<b>291.013,62</b>	<b>214.180,33</b>
	Central Services	158.377,381	204.279,31
	New siege expenses	28.218,46	-
	Patronage	4.417,78	9.901,02
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>972.027,47</b>	<b>972.097,87</b>

The expenses derived from the projects development have exceed in a 3% the incomes obtained over the financial year, taking into account the increasement of the activities realised mainly in relation to the traing of the local health professionals among the countries where Eyes of the World work.

# COFINANCERS AND SUPPORTIVE ENTITIES

Every year there are more individuals, authorities, companies and financial entities that share the values of Eyes of the World and decide to support the Foundation with our international activities.

The Foundation gives the thanks to everybody for the effort: to members and eventual donors who have contributed to

create an incipient social net of periodical collaborators, to public cofinancers and supportive entities who have helped with economical, human and material resources for the development of the projects and to the eventual collaborators who have been involved in the organisation and development of the activities made throughout the year.

## THANKS TO ALL PUBLIC COFINANCERS

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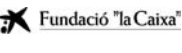
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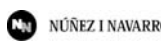
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A special thanks to the ophthalmological health centres that has left us dozens of professionals all over Spain so they could have participated in the international cooperation programs of Eyes of the World in 2005.

# SUCCESS AND CHALLENGES

## LET'S MAKE THEIR EYES TO SEE

*In conclusion, the year 2005 has been a year of program and structure consolidation and also, the qualitative improvement of Eyes of the World labour, in the head office and on the working fields.*

*According to the Strategic Plan approved by the Foundation's Trusteeship for the years 2004 and 2005, we have achieved the following results:*

- 1. To consolidate the programs: improving the commissions' operation and efficiency, dividing the programs into training or ophthalmological assistance projects and also, systematising the management (acquisition and sending) of the equipment and materials.*
- 2. To promote the activities related to health staff training from each country; creating activities directed to their attraction, through medical commissions and awarding grants for their training in Spain. This has been, without any doubt, our best challenge and which we have achieved important profits.*
- 3. To promote the operative structure: increasing the staff and redistributing the assigned duties to every working place; and also, improving the relationship with the volunteers.*
- 4. To start the Strategic Communication's Integral Plan: predicted activities have meant a main increase in the public notoriety of the Foundation, in the regional field, nationally and internationally.*

*On the other hand, the Foundation's Trusteeship has approved the new Strategic Plan 2006-2010, establishing the main principles for next year as follows:*

- 1. To fit the activities and programs of Eyes of the World in the politics and commitments of Governments and authorities of Saharawi, Mozambique and Bolivian Republic, and the collaboration with other health cooperation organisations and nets with likely aims.*
- 2. To continue promoting training, knowledge transference and equipments for each country, under the respective cooperation.*
- 3. To maintain and to study in depth the action lines of ocular pathology assistance and prevention.*
- 4. To strengthen and adopt internal and external communication activities with the aim of making aware the society according to the universal right of sight.*
- 5. To make progress in the territorial expansion and the international links of Eyes of the World.*

*Núria Ramon i Garcia  
General Manager*



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