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PRESENTATION

LOOKING AT THE POVERTY'S EYES

Sometimes, in poor countries, ophthalmology is not considered as a primary issue: it is an expensive treatment and far from the basic needs of a person without resources. However, this is a wrong perception.



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Avoidable blindness is the main unnecessary human suffering cause and, very often, it means poverty, social exclusion and early death; but with the setting up of the cooperation projects addressed to the ophthalmologic development in the most vulnerable countries of the world, not only the individual suffering is reduced with the improvement of the patient's life quality, but also social and financial benefits are provided for the people and the progress of their communities.

It is indisputable the synergy and bond that the programs, as the ones we carried out from Eyes of the World, have with the Millennium Development Goals. The control of the ocular pathologies, the development of the infrastructures and local human resources training, without forgetting the primary health care, they are our main activities and also the way we have chosen in Eyes of the World to fight against poverty: looking at its eyes.

For more than five years, the Foundation Eyes of the World has been working on the planning and put into practice of sustainable ocular assistance programs in some of the poorest countries of the world and in 2006 we have carried on fighting against the causes of the avoidable blindness with cooperation programs that look for the improvement of the future through efficient work and a day to day quality.

In 2001, Dr. Borja Corcóstegui and I we decided to set up Eyes of the World with the hope to change the ophthalmologic situation in the poor countries where blindness condemns the future of people without resources. After five years, our personal bet has been transformed in the effort and work of hundreds of individuals, entities and companies that have also seen sense and have contributed to improve the life quality of nearly 32.000 people, with the implication and recognition of authorities and communities we cooperate with.

Thanks to all of you who have shared these 5 years with us. Results that we show in this annual report 2006 encourage us to carry on working to open the eyes of the world.

Rafael Ribó
President

In Eyes of the World we are more than 1.000 people, between volunteers, responsible of the activities, associates and collaborators, aware that to see is a universal right and all united by the conviction that between all of us, we can give the sight back to hundreds of people that are unnecessary blind.

WHO WE ARE?

GOVERNING BODY

The Trusteeship, the registered body that look after the fulfilment of the Foundation's aim, has met twice in ordinary sessions in 2006, delegating the strategic actions to the Executive Committee. This last one has celebrated 15 meetings throughout the year.

- *President and member of the Executive Committee:*
Rafael Ribó Massó
- *Vice-president and member of the Executive Committee:*
Borja Corcóstegui Guraya
- *Secretary and member of the Executive Committee:*
Raimon Bergós i Civit
- *Members of the Trusteeship and of the Executive Committee:*
Núria Ramon i Garcia
Vicenç Capdevila i Cardona
- *Members of the Trusteeship:*
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 *Institut Català de Salut*, on behalf of the Generalitat de Catalunya).
Margarita Dordella i Cirera (delegate president of the *Àrea de Salut Pública i Consum* on behalf of the Barcelona's County Council).
Jordi Varela i Pedragrosa (manager of the *Institut Municipal d'Assistència Sanitària*, on behalf of the Barcelona's Council).
Fernando Iglesias García (on behalf of the Foundation ONCE, Spanish Blind Association, in Latin America).
Salvador Clotas Cierco (manager of the *Fundación Pablo Iglesias*).
Ma. Isabel Nieto Uresandi (ophthalmologist).
José Juan Martínez Toldos (ophthalmologist).
Francisco Poyales Galán (ophthalmologist).

COUNSELLING BODY

The **Medical Committee**, chaired by Dr. Corcóstegui, is in charge of providing technical knowledge in the program's design. They have met in June and have delegated in 4 members (**medical supervisors**) the periodical supervision of the cooperation activities.

Dr. Josep M. Rafart i Arumí - Program Eyes of Sahara
Dr. Andrés Müller-Thyssen - Program Eyes of Mozambique
Dr. José Juan Martínez Toldos - Program Eyes of Bolivia
Dra. Ma. Isabel Nieto Uresandi - Program Eyes of Gaza

In 2006, Dr. Ricardo Casaroli has incorporated into the Medical Committee as a secretary to launch and coordinate the training activities of Eyes of the World.

MANAGEMENT BODY

The **operative team** of the Foundation, formed to date 31st December 2006 by 14 professionals, has set up the cooperation programs and sensitising campaigns according to the established guidelines by the Trusteeship and the Executive Committee and the suggestions by the Medical Committee.

- *In the head office:*
Núria Ramon, general manager
Elisenda Rom, head of Cabinet and Communication
Anun Jiménez, volunteer technician and Human Resources
Mayka Balaguer, technician in Eyes of Mozambique program
Albert de Renzi*, supplying and storage technician
Sandra Barroso*, optician's activities technician
Àngels Solà*, financial management technician
Bibiana Ruberte, technician in Eyes of Bolivia program

Anna Sánchez, technician in project's financial follow-up (after February, in substitution of Viviana Ferradás)

Sandra Campañón, administrator (after March, in substitution of Paula Terribas)

Montserrat Batlló, program's coordinator (after November, in substitution of Laia Blanch)

On the field:

Ilaria Ravai, technician in Eyes of Sahara program

Jaime N. Camacho, Eyes of Bolivia program coordinator on the field

Eugenio Langa, Eyes of Mozambique program logistic operator on the field

*Part time

From the other side, when setting up directly the medical and specialised activities, the main characters have been the **volunteers**. From the 660 professionals that have shown their interest to collaborate with Eyes of the World, 102 volunteers have taken part, this year 2006, in some of the cooperation activities carried out:

- 21 have given their support to the Foundation in activities done in Spain
- 81 have travelled to Sahara, Mozambique and Bolivia (28 ophthalmologists, 4 anaesthetists, 23 nurses, 16 optometrists, 2 equipment technicians, 4 logistic operators and 4 non-health professionals)

Thanks to all volunteers that have contributed solidarity to achieve the recovery of the sight for thousands of people.

Ophthalmologists:

Alfredo Adán · Jon Albisu · Tirso Alonso · Maite Arbona · Luís Arias · Maite Arrazola · José Azogue · Ricardo Casaroli · Joan Castellví · Borja Corcóstegui · Andreu Coret · José M. Diéguez · Fabiola Eder · Remberto Escoto · Rubén Ángeles Figueroa · Pablo Fernández · Manel Forcadell · Alicia Galán · Rodolfo Gamarra · Jordi Gatell · Iñaki Genua · Hernán Gras · M. Teresa Marieges · Ferran Mascaró · Carlos Mateo · Isabel Méndez · Carlos Móser · Andrés Müller-Thyssen · Jeroni Nadal · Rafael Navarro · Teresa Noguera · José Ignacio Ostolaza · Joan Prat · Enrica Sales · Antoni Salvador · Jorge Sánchez Rodas · Joan Solans · Josép Visa

Anaesthetists:

Julia Del Valle · Cristina González · M. Carmen Pérez · David Singer

Nurses / Instrumentalists:

Susana Agra · Ahmed Salem Bujema · Sara Burgués · Montse Carol · Carme Castel · Cristina Enrique · Izaskun Ferrer · M. Teresa García · María José Gombau · Vicente Herráez · Remei Hurtado · Tanit Iglesias · Gladis Julián · Mercedes Luzón · Carmen Martos · Consuelo Méndez · Soledad Ráfegas · Lourdes Rebollo · Nekane Sanz · Miquel Àngel Sarri · Martxeli Seco · Olga Valverde · Esther Vilalta

Optometrists:

Anabel Baile · Isabel Barberà · Maria Barceló · Mònica Boluda · Vanesa Budi · Maribel Espino · Rubén Darío Fernández · José Conchi García · Francesc Gatell · M. Encina González · Gemma Llambí · Begoña Medel · María Núñez · Mónica Peláez · Mauro Pellegrini · Flor Romero · Marta Senau · Laura Ventosa

Equipment technicians:

Jesús Barragán · Manuel Díaz del Real

Logistic operators:

Oriol Barba · Jaime Nebot · Marta Serra · Núria Serra

Non-health professionals:

Núria Andreu · Manel Esclusa · Mercedes De la Rosa · Patrícia Fernández-Deu · Isaac Freijo · Mercedes González · Adrià Lorente · Marta Moreno · Jordi Muntaner · Laura Parrilla · Elisenda Pons · Conchi Varela · Marc Vilà

TERRITORIAL EXTENSION AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Eyes of the World has opened two new **branches** this year 2006: one in Andalusia and another in Valencia, represented by Consuelo Méndez and Rosario Martínez respectively, and it has consolidated the Basque Country branch, registered in 2005 and headed by Kike Otaegui.

Also, the Lisbon **territorial area** has been reinforced, area with an interesting ophthalmologic net in international cooperation and with professionals that cooperate periodically with the Foundation.

Throughout 2006 Eyes of the World has worked together with nearly 80 international organizations that form the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), where the Foundation is member of the Board through the **program VISION 2020: the Right to Sight**, an initiative of the World Health Organisation together with IAPB whose aim is to fight against the avoidable blindness in the most vulnerable countries before 2020.

In this sense, the Foundation has been in the conference organized by the Agency this year, and which took place in Geneva, between the 20th and 22nd September.



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For the development of the activities, Eyes of the World has also received the implication of the counterparts on the field, local health authorities and entities and professionals in charge of the ophthalmologic development in the health centres of every area.



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There are places in the world where to see means to be able to live, to be independent, to work, to look after the family. Sight disorders limit the people and their community. In Eyes of the World we know that giving them back their sight, we are fighting at the same time against poverty.

WHAT IS MOVING US?

AIMS

- To improve the visual health of the communities with ocular pathologies.
- To train local medical professionals and to provide technical knowledge.
- To provide the health centres with the equipment and fungible materials needed for the medical practice.
- To prevent the causes of avoidable blindness through campaigns promoting ocular hygiene and optic check-ups of young people, and to carry out research about the incidence of the ocular pathologies.
- To contribute in the improvement of the systems and management procedures of the ocular health.
- To sensiting the society with the poor ophthalmologic situation in which the poorest country of the world are.

ACTION PRINCIPLES

- The actions **continuance**, understood as the long term commitment with the population and authorities.
- The **development** and our confidence for the **training** as a tool for the future.
- **Cooperation**, which implies the collaboration with other organizations that work in the area and with the authorities and local health net.
- **Efficiency** and ability to maximize and control the resources and results.

MISSION: Eyes of the World is a non-profit making organization that contributes to the people with visuals disorders and without economic resources from the poor countries could receive ophthalmologic care of quality from their local health services and to create the conditions to decrease the incidence of the ocular pathologies in every area. Also, to make aware the public opinion of our environment about the deficiencies in the basic health system in those places.

- 37 million people in the world are blind and 124 millions have low vision, therefore more than 161 million people experience serious visual disorders.
- 1.4 million children under 15 are blind.
- A child has a 60% risk of dying in the first year after having been blind.
- 75% of the blindness is curable or can be avoided through relatively easy techniques, to which poor countries can't accede to.
- 90% of blind people live in the neediest countries.



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DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAMS

COMMISSIONS DISTRIBUTION BY PROGRAMS AND PERFORMATIVE FIELDS:

	Medical-surgical	Training	Prospecting, preparation follow up and evaluation	TOTAL
Eyes of Sahara	4	3	1	8
Eyes of Mozambique	4	3	1	8
Eyes of Bolivia	4	1*	2	7
TOTAL	12	7	4	23



EYES OF SAHARA

Intervention Territory

United Nations Refugee Camps in Tindouf, Algeria.

General information

The Saharawi population live in exile for 30 years, with total dependence of the international humanitarian aid. The life conditions in the desert area of Tindouf are extremely difficult because of the hard weather, the frequency of sand storms and the lack of water.

Ophthalmologic and health conditions

In the camps there are important nutritious, pharmacological and hygienic deficiencies, therefore of the lack of appropriate health and social structures. Therefore, 35% of the children suffer from chronic malnutrition.

Developed activities

- Ophthalmologic care project for the Saharawi population: visits, surgical operations, prevention and training.



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- Strength project of the visits and optical workshops.

Local Actor

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

Designated Funds

215.060,51 €

EYES OF MOZAMBIQUE

Intervention Territory

City of Maputo and the province of Inhambane.

General Information

Since 1994, after 12 years of colonial war and 16 years of civil war, Mozambique has experienced several general elections and, little by little, the democratic process is settling down. Despite the progresses, most of the population don't receive important improvements in their life conditions: 70% of the country lives in the poverty boundary.

Ophthalmologic and health conditions

In Mozambique health resources are insufficient and population live in poor health conditions. 43% of the population don't have access to drinking water and the life expectancy when born is 42 years. In terms of ophthalmologic health, there are about 180.000 blind people and more than 700.000 people have ocular problems caused mainly by cataracts.

Developed activities

- Training and setting up the Ophthalmologic



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Unit of the Hospital Central of Maputo project.

- Ophthalmologic care project in the province of Inhambane.

Local Actor

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Mozambique.

Designated Funds

316.838,67 €

EYES OF BOLIVIA

Intervention Territory

La Paz and the satellite town of El Alto.

General Information

Bolivia is the second poorest country in South America, overtaken by Haiti. Nearly 70% of the population live in poverty situation, without access to the basic services of education and health and without minimum incomes to live.

Ophthalmologic and health conditions

In Bolivia, the Governmental help from the health services is very poor, more over in rural areas. Only 25% of the population has access to health care and there is a lack of ophthalmologic care in the public health context.

Developed activities

- Care project in ophthalmologic health in the town of El Alto.
- Training and update project in ophthalmologic sub specializations for the local professionals.



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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 in Bolivia, Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital.

Designated Funds

206.494,93 €

Activities of Eyes of Gaza program have been cancelled due to political and war conflict that the area is suffering.

Eyes of the World has prioritized in 2006 the quality and efficiency of the activities and has incorporated new follow-up measures and periodical check-ups of the assisted patients to achieve important changes in the ocular health of the people without resources.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE POPULATION OCULAR HEALTH

PATIENT'S DISTRIBUTION BY PROGRAMS AND TYPES OF TREATMENT

	Consultations	Surgical operations	Total treated patients
Eyes of Sahara	4.349*	253	4.602
Eyes of Mozambique	2.825	556	3.381
Eyes of Bolivia	3.751	231	3.982
TOTAL	10.925	1.040	11.965

* It includes 2.926 refractions in the context of prevention campaigns

Medical commissions, moved to the field for periods of fifteen days on average, have worked directly in hospitals, health centres and local optician's, have seen **9.039** patients with visual disorders and ocular pathologies and have examined the sight of **2.926** children in the nurseries and schools.

SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS

In the Rabuni National Hospital, in the framework of Eyes of Sahara project, **253** surgeries have been done, 77% of which have been cataracts. In Mozambique **21** surgeries have been made in the Maputo Central Hospital and **535** in the Inhambane Provincial Hospital, where the working pace was very high, with an average of 13 interventions per day. And in the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital in

El Alto, **231** has been the total amount of surgical procedures carried out, 129 of which have been women.

CONSULTATIONS AND CHECK-UPS

In terms of consultations and ocular check-ups made in the framework of the medical surgical commissions in the Saharawi refugee camps, consultations have been carried



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out in all *wilayas* and **129** refractions and **1.294** visits have been made, most of the cases were cataracts but also patients with serious conjunctivitis, glaucoma and pterygium among other ocular diseases. The follow up of these patients has been done with efficiency and agility thanks to the use of ophthalmologic cards and the update of the database with the patients' details; measures created by Eyes of the World in the past years.

2.068 people have been seen in the Inhambane Provincial Hospital, where also has been done **720** consultations. In the Maputo Central Hospital, **37** visits were done to patients with eye orbit diseases.

In the other side, throughout 2006, ophthalmologists from the medical commissions moved to Bolivia have seen **1.721** people that have travelled to the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital in the city of El Alto and have done **231** consultations, while the optometrists have carried out **1.799** ocular refractions.

Also, thanks to the set up of permanent post for an ophthalmologist, the Ophthalmologist Service of the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital in El Alto have seen more than **5.092** people between commissions and have done the follow up and monitor the evolution of the cases seen by the professionals of Eyes of the World.

PATIENTS BRIDGE

In 2006 **two** patients have been referred to Spain because the medical professionals of the commissions thought that the illness was very serious and couldn't be treated in the Hospital of Rabuni. Both have been treated in Barcelona, one in the *Hospital Clínic* and the other in the *Hospital de l'Esperança*.



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"It is not a matter of health, the sight is essential to earn a living", Mrs Victoria Mamani says when she arrives to the consultation of the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital. To be able to see is also a financial matter for the women of the Adult Association in the Province of Aroma, where she is the manager.

They live from the craftwork, sewing by hand *ponchos*, small blankets, handkerchiefs, sacs and hats with llama woollen and alpaca and this is the way they can survive, being incapable when they loose sight.

In 2006 we have widened the activities to transfer knowledge and to train local staff, not linked directly with the medical commissions and addressed to strengthen the knowledge and the professional praxis of the teams that take care of the visual health of the population in each territory.

LOCAL STAFF TRAINING

GRANTS

Eyes of Sahara has fulfilled this 2006 one of its main confidence of the cooperation program: the training of a Saharawi doctor in the ophthalmologic specialisation. **Dr. Khalil Khatri** who started in the middle of 2003 his training in Barcelona, thanks to a grant awarded by Eyes of the World, has finished this year his studies at the *Hospital de l'Esperança*. So now, the Sahara camps will have, after 2007, a Saharawi ophthalmologist to face the ophthalmologic necessities of the population.

Dr. Khatri has also taken part in 2006 in two surgical commissions that have been travelled to the camps with the

aim of completing their training in the surgical techniques that are used in the Rabuni National Hospital.

Meanwhile, another doctor but from Mozambique, **Dr. Abel Dos Santos Polaze**, has started in 2006 his specialisation in ophthalmology, also in the *Hospital de l'Esperança*, with a mixed grant that implies 8 months in the training year in Barcelona and 4 in Maputo. Dr. Polaze's grant has duration of 4 years and, at the end of his specialisation, he will be part of the Ophthalmology Unit of his country.

The Foundation has awarded two grants each of three months duration, to Bolivian professionals to help them in their specialisation in ophthalmology. These grants, owe



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"To be able to be today in Barcelona is one of the most important things that has happened in my life. The day of the presentation when I started my residency in Ophthalmology in the Maputo Central Hospital, the doctor in charge of the Maputo Central Hospital Ophthalmology Department and currently mentor of my Ophthalmology specialisation, told me there was a foreign organisation that was awarding specialisation grants, so I was interested immediately and fortunately, the Foundation Eyes of the World accepted my candidacy.

Now I am here, in the Hospital de l'Esperança, since June 2006, studying and learning from my teachers and future colleagues. The specialisation in Mozambique is done, as a general rule, two years after you have finished the medicine degree, except in extreme situations, when the relevant authority can decide the straight entrance of a just qualified doctor in the specialisation. Only a few people, usually once a year, choose to do ophthalmology. However, I like it. In fact, it has always interested me.

I am very happy in Barcelona with my colleagues and, although I miss my children and my wife, I think that the time I am spending here, before going back to my country and work as ophthalmologist, it is an opportunity in my professional career. This is why I am trying to make profit of every day I spend here, to advance on my training".

Abel Dos Santos Polaze, Mozambique, resident in ophthalmology

thanks especially to the solidarity help of the *Instituto de Microcirugía Ocular* (Ocular Microsurgery Institute). They have allowed **Dra. Maria Elva Dorado** to be trained in the use of phacoemulsificator in the cataracts surgery and **Dr. Franz Buitrago** in the diagnosis of complementary check – ups.

In the other hand and one year on, the person in charge of the Ophthalmology Service of the SARD, **Mohamed Mahfud Aomar**, has travelled to Barcelona with a double aim: first, to widen his general training in optic and ofimatic and second, to revise and coordinate, together with the Foundation's team, the activities of the cooperation program in the camps.

EYES OF THE WORLD CYBERCAMPUS

In 2006 it has been setup a new dynamic training system: the project Eyes of the World Cybercampus, whose aim is to train ocular health professionals in the poorest areas of the world in ophthalmologic sub specializations, through new information and communication technologies (ICT).

This innovative idea, start inside the Eyes of Bolivia program framework, has enabled to more than 20 ophthalmologists and ophthalmologic students to be trained in the sub specialisations of retina, vitreous, macula and squint through **videoconference**.

This experience has been very positive and very welcomed by the managing of the Ophthalmologic National Institute of La Paz and multiplies the training chances of the Foundation, reducing costs of travelling to the area.



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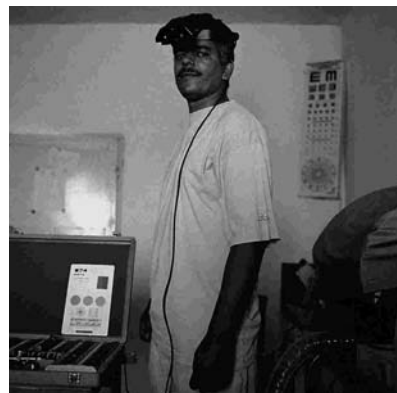
IN SITU TRAINING

The local staff training in every area has been focused in different professional groups:

In the Saharawi refugee camps the activities related to the training in general optometry and paediatrics and the workshops has been done for the **Saharawi opticians**.

In total, 12 of the technicians that work in the different

wilayas have widened their training in refraction and spectacle build up and, for the first time, they have received basic knowledge in ophthalmology so they can recognize the most frequent pathologies in the Saharawi population by themselves and to detect when a patient needs ophthalmologic care. This 2006 has finished the first stage of their training and now they can help the medical commissions of the Foundation without the need of a person from Spain to supervise their work.



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In Mozambique, the activities in Maputo has been focused in the training of ophthalmologic sub specializations addressed to **qualified and residents in Mozambique** (a total of 12 professionals), specially in the specialization of orbit and oculoplasty, in the technique of phacoemulsificator and in the use of new equipment to treat and diagnose the ocular pathologies. These courses have answered to the needs of updating and knowledge widening by the head of the Ophthalmologic Service in the Maputo Central Hospital, Dra. Yolanda Zambujo.



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Also, in 2006 has carried on with the training of **triagem**s (nurse assistances) in the health centres of Maputo. These courses have been attended by 48 people and their aim was to improve the early detection of the ocular pathologies and to prevent them easier.

The program Eyes of Bolivia has finished the training of **Bolivian ophthalmologists**, under the Cybercampus Eyes of the World framework, with a practical course about the use of phacoemulsificator in the cataract surgery in the Ophthalmologic National Institute of La Paz.

Moreover, the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital has also been doing training activities for the **Bolivian surgical staff**, ophthalmologists and nurses. These training courses have been focused in the cataract surgery, in the lachrymal passages and oculoplasty: the ocular prosthesis implant; the use of phacoemulsificators, the instrumentation in the operation theatre and the biometry and lenses calcul.

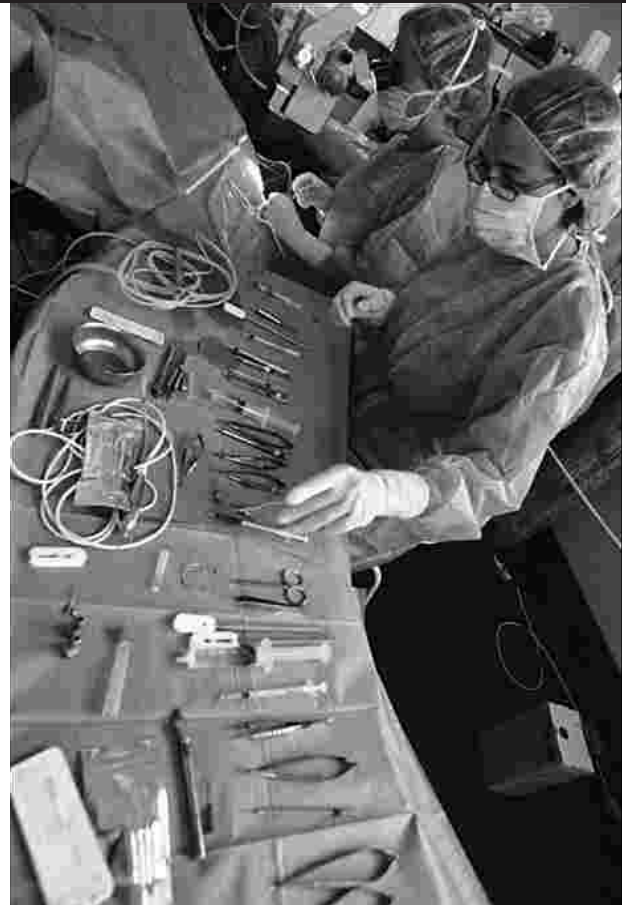
The development of the local resources for the ophthalmologic care is one of the main points for attention of the ocular health of the population of each area. That's why in 2006 Eyes of the World has carried on providing materials and equipment to the health centres, hospitals and optician's.

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR THE OPHTHALMOLOGICAL UNITS

MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS

Eyes of the World has provided the necessary **materials** to carry on the consultations, surgery and treatment linked to the medical commissions that travel to the field. Apart from that, in 2006, Eyes of the World has provided to the hospitals of reference of every program with the necessary equipment to complete the ophthalmologic units in every area and with instrumental and fungible material to guarantee their basic operation, also in the periods between commissions.

Furthermore, it has been provided a periodical revision of the equipments, wich have been supplied with the necessary spares for the appropriate operation of the resources.



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	Equipment and ophthalmologic instrumental	Optic material
Eyes of Sahara	2 electrical scalpel, 1 operation theatre table, 1 aspirator, 2 cold light sources, 1 20D lense, 1 Goldman tonometer, 3 autorefractometers, 1 optotype projector, 1 close sight lamp, 1 retinoscope, 1 tests box, 2 test glasses, 5 foropters, 1 frame heater	1.667 presbyopia glasses, 225 built glasses, 2.444 frames, 1.584 sunglasses, 5.797 lenses, 8 tests for children check-ups
Eyes of Mozambique	2 autorefractometer, 1 angiograph, 1 biometer, 2 phacoemulsificators, specific equipment for the orbit surgery	210 presbyopia glasses, 130 sun glasses
Eyes of Bolivia	1 foropter, 1 optotype projector	703 presbyopia glasses, 165 sun glasses, 409 special prescription glasses



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INFRAESTRUCTURE

Eyes of the World has also provided during 2006, the necessary non ophthalmologic material and equipment for the best operation of the cooperation program, services and local optic workshops. Electric current stabilizators in the Inhambane Provincial Hospital, furniture for the optic workshops in Smara, El Aaiun, Ausred and Rabuni and refrigeration machinery for the Rabuni National Hospital, have also been equipped among others.

Through 2006, Eyes of the World has also helped the Ophthalmology Units of each field with the aim to **improve the systems and procedures in ocular health**. Specially, it has helped in the fitting of the Ophthalmologic Unit office of the SARD that has allowed to improve the organization of the patients care in the field, and also it has helped to set up new computer systems to administer the medical history to make easier the monitoring of the patients in the Maputo Central Hospital and in the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital.



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In 2006 Eyes of the World has carried out campaigns to prevent pathologies and for ocular check-ups addressed to people without economical resources in every field to widen the knowledge that the population has in terms of the guidelines to be followed to avoid some ocular pathologies and to improve the early detection of those that can lead to blindness.

OCULAR PATHOLOGIES PREVENTION



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OCULAR CHECK-UPS

In 2006 the ocular check-ups that started in 2005 have been completed, to all the children from the nurseries in *wilaya* and it has started the check-up of the primary school students with the aim to detect early possible sight anomalies among the young population in the Saharawi refugee camps in Tindouf. In total, **2.926** check-ups have been done in the year.

The most important initiative has been characterized by the primary school students in the schools of El Aaiun. Specially, 2.052 children have been seen, from who 114 suffered from refractive problems that have been sorted out with glasses and 185 that might develop ophthalmologic diseases, have been seen by the surgical commission specialised in paediatrics ophthalmology that travelled to Sahara in the third term of this year.

SENSITISING TALKS

In the **Ausred wilaya** has been done a sensitising lecture addressed to mothers and nursery teachers with the aim of improving the prevention of children sight diseases.

In the framework of Eyes of Mozambique, sensitising activities have also been carried out and, in this sense, 6 prevention lectures have been done about ocular pathologies in the **city of Inhambane** and in the **district of Massinga**, in the health centres of Xicomo, Nechengue, Muvamba and Murille, and also 40 specific lectures have been done about postoperative heals, addressed to patients and relatives of the **Inhambane Provincial Hospital**.

These lecturers have tried to avoid postoperative infections and allow that these people transmit their acquired knowledge to people of their community.

In Bolivia 6 lecturers have been given to the **community of**

El Alto in 2006 with it has been provided basic knowledge about anatomy and physiology of the eyes, and also general information about main ocular pathologies, its early detection and the care and protection of the sight. In the different sessions, more than 270 people have taken part, parents of the students from the school of El Alto, elderly from the north area, managers of adults associations of the Department of La Paz, neighbourhood groups of the area of Villa Adela and secondary students of El Alto, among other groups.



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In Sahara, one blind makes two

"Here, being blind means to be independent, you can do lots of things. There, a blind it is not like that. That person cannot have a normal life and limits other person's life: the blind depends from a son, a brother, other member of the family... So, we have another blind".

(Transcription of the answer to an interview done to Mohamed Mahfud Aomar, responsible of the Ophthalmology Unit of the SARD, in June 2006 in Barcelona).



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To advertise the ophthalmologic situation in the territories where Eyes of the World works and to make aware of what can be done to change this situation, has been the main point of the communication activities in 2006.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

EXHIBITIONS, CONFERENCES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

In 2006 the report **"Eyes of Inhambane"** has been exhibited in four different places. The report was done by the photographer Elisenda Pons, who was a witness of the cooperation activities of the Foundation in the province of Inhambane, Mozambique, in 2005. The pictures show the evolution of the patients that arrive blind to the Inhambane Provincial Hospital needing assistance and the next day, after having received the appropriate treatment, they leave the hospital without any help and with the sight back.



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Cultural place	Population	Date
Centre Cultural Barradas	Hospitalet de Llobregat	24th May - 18th June
Museu de Gavà	Gavà	7th - 24th September
Centro Cultural Egia	S. Sebastian, Basque Country	18th - 27th October
Edificio Miramar	Sitges	16th Dec. - 7th Jan.

On the other hand, Eyes of the World has taken part in **conferences**, national and international, related to ophthalmology and it has made known the international cooperation activities of the Foundation among the ocular health professionals, through stalls and promotional materials.

Conference	Population	Date
World Ophthalmology Conference	São Paulo, Brazil	19th - 26th Febr.
Spanish Society of Retina and Vitreous Conference	Barcelona	17th - 18th March
Spanish Society of Ophthalmology Conference	La Coruña, Galicia	28th - 30th Sept.
Portuguese Ophthalmologic Society Conference	Evora, Portugal	7th - 9th Dec.



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The Foundation has also participated in 2006 in the annual meeting of the **Alliance for the Global Elimination of Trachoma**, organized by the World Health Organization between the 10th and 12th of April in Geneva, and the **International League for the Trachoma Control**, held after the other with the aim of exchanging information and experiences with delegates of non profit entities, health responsible of local Governments, etc., about the control of this ocular pathology.

LOYALTY

The Foundation has celebrated in the Picasso Museum in Barcelona, the 20th July, the **fifth anniversary** of its creation. Taking advantage of the tribute that during 2006 the city of Barcelona dedicated to the wonderful painter from Malaga, Eyes of the World has accompanied 70 people, among volunteers, associates and collaborators, in a guided tour of the Museum. At the end the members of the Executive Committee have thanked the effort and dedication to all the collaborators of the Foundation to make possible the miracle of giving back the sight to people without resources of the poorest countries of the world.

Annual reflection meeting of the Foundation has been held for the second year in the facilities of Alcon Cusi in El Masnou, the 15th December. With the aim of exchanging experiences and opinions about the main working guidelines of the Foundation, member of the operative team, also the ones that coordinate the activities on the field, have shared an intense debate day with the members of the Executive Committee, the Medical Committee and the territory delegates.



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SENSITISING AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Once again, in 2006, the **Night of Eyes of the World** has been celebrated in Barcelona, coinciding with the fifth anniversary of the Foundation. It is an annual fundraising dinner and description of the activities carried out by Eyes of the World. The Hotel Palace has been the place where the dinner was held, chaired by the president of the *Generalitat de Catalunya*, Pascual Maragall, to which more than 300 people from the business, health, cultural and political world have contributed. Among them, the Health Councillor, Marina Geli, the president of the County Council, Celestino Corbacho, the special delegate of State and the president of the Executive Committee of the *Consortio de la Zona Franca*, Manuel Royo and the public health advisor of the Barcelona City Council, Ignasi Fina.

Two well know journalist, Ramon Pellicer and Àngels Barceló, in a solidarity way, presented the act, held the 16th November, helped with the performance of the prestigious opera singer Barbara Hendricks, accompanied in the piano with the virtuous Albert Guinovart.



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Eyes of the World has also been the beneficiary of the solidarity action of the **International Film Festival in Sitges**, Catalonia, which consisted of the donation of a percentage achieved from the tickets sell.

INTERNET AND MASS MEDIA IMPACT

Eyes of the World website (www.eyesoftheworldfoundation.org), accessible in Catalan, Castilian, English, Portuguese, French and Italian, has received more than 14.317 visits and has been consolidated as an agile web to know the activities of the Foundation. Also, the **newsletter** has been sent via e-mail to pass on the most outstanding news of the Foundation every three months.

In the other side, the presence of the Foundation in the **media** has been important. One of the appearances has been the publication the 12th of October of two reports about the activities of the Foundation related to the **World Sight Day**, an annual day that pretend to focus public opinion attention, internationally, to the world problem of blindness and lack of sight in the world.



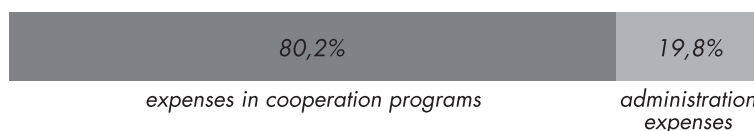
Thanks to the trust given to Eyes of the World from individuals, organizations, companies and private institutions in 2006, we have been able to administer more than one million one thousand euros.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOMES	PUBLIC INCOME	376.152,40
	Foundational Institutions	195.000,00
	Other Institutions	181.152,40
	PRIVAT INCOME	740.209,91
	Companies and institutions	399.833,22
	Members	20.162,36
	Punctual donors	74.617,60
	Material and equipment donations	46.167,96
	"The Night" income	184.820,00
	Other incomes	14.608,77
	TOTAL INCOME	1.116.362,31



EXPENSES	COOPERATION PROGRAMS	871.200,95
	Cooperation for the development	738.394,11
	Ophthalmologic treatment, consultations and operations	129.069,02
	Equipment and material	270.193,32
	Training, prevention campaigns and patients bridge	60.370,74
	Management and technical coordination, on the field follow up and evaluation	278.761,03
	Sensitising	132.806,84
	External advertising	17.140,50
	Information campaigns	49.319,42
	Operational expenses	66.346,92
	ADMINISTRATION	215.346,37
	Central services	204.867,84
	Trusteeship	10.478,53
	TOTAL EXPENSES	1.086.547,32



Thanks to all of you who have contributed to change the reality of thousands of people with sight disorders and without resources, helping the cooperation for the development activities that the Foundation has carried out.

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City Hall of Santa Coloma de Gramenet
City Hall of Sitges

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Corporació Sanitària de Barcelona
Institut Municipal d'Assistència Sanitària
Servei Català de la Salut

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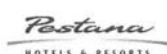
Collaborating entities



Fundación ONCE-América Latina
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A special thanks to the ophthalmologic health centres that have collaborated with the Foundation allowing that dozens of professionals all over Spain could have participated in the international cooperation programs of Eyes of the World in 2006.

SUCCESS AND CHALLENGES

FIVE YEARS FIGHTING AGAINST THE AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS

This year we have celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Foundation. Five years of hard work to achieve that thousands of people in the world can look to the future with optimism and also, five years of improvements:

- We have passed from **seen one eye to see thousands**. In the first trip we made to the Saharawi refugee camps in Tindouf, only 35 people were operated and they recovered their sight. Nowadays, we have visited nearly 28.000 people with sight problems and we have done about 4.000 surgical interventions.*
- We have looked further to the Saharawi refugee camps and we **have extended our activities to Mozambique and Bolivia** where people become blind as a consequence of avoidable and curable illnesses.*
- We **have involved professionals from all over Spain in a shared project**. We have 600 volunteers among ophthalmologists, instrumentists, optometrists, technicians and other professionals from different places in Spain, and also from Portugal. We have opened ourselves from Catalonia to the world, working together with other international organizations to improve the ocular health of the poor countries.*
- We **have passed from the surgical intervention to the confidence for training as a future tool**. In this respect, we have trained and we will carry on training nurses, opticians and doctors so they can learn the ophthalmology specialisation and ophthalmologists to become sub specialists. Therefore, our goal is to guarantee that, mid term, local professionals will have the necessary knowledge to see their patients.*
- We **have passed from the punctual intervention to the commitment with the community and the local government**. With the aim to guarantee the sustainability of the projects we work, within the context of the health policies that fix the local authorities together with the institutions and entities of each territory.*

Five goals and five successes that we try to improve and achieve in the following years in the framework of the fight against the avoidable blindness.

Núria Ramon i Garcia
General Manager



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