

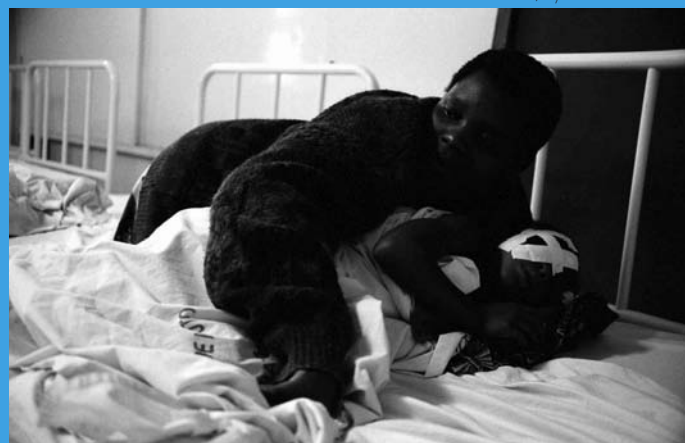
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# PRESENTATION

## WE ADVANCE TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE MODELS

*According to the World Health Organization, infectious eye diseases such as trachoma are decreasing in the world. However, blindness and visual deficiencies, caused mainly by cataracts, are still an important barrier to people's and their community's development. Poverty underlines its causes at the same time that it perpetuates the diseases.*



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*Eyes of the World made progress during 2007 in the establishment of **sustainable models of ophthalmologic care** that should provide huge advances in the living conditions of the most vulnerable groups of people around the world.*

*On the one hand, by encouraging the health authorities of each country to take charge of current eye care activities, by promoting self-management, according to the criteria of equity and excellence that sustains the actions of Eyes of the World, and by fostering the commitment of local professionals to the prevention and treatment of visual deficiencies.*

*And, on the other hand, by increasing the people's knowledge of eye health and their access to local health care.*

*In 2007, we were also able to prosper considerably in the **international projection** of the Foundation by establishing agreements with important international organizations, mainly Portuguese organizations, to deal with the ophthalmologic vulnerability that primarily affects the people of Mozambique and to contribute, in a decisive manner, to the achievement of the objectives established in the National Ophthalmology Plan of this country.*

*The Foundation's work during 2007 benefiting the people with visual deficiencies and without financial resources in the Saharawi refugee camps, in Mozambique and in Bolivia was possible thanks to the involvement of local professionals and to the help of volunteers, associates, donors and collaborators that took part in the ophthalmologic development cooperation activities in multiple ways. To those who believe that health deficiencies of these territories can improve and have decided to act to make it possible, **THANK YOU!***

Rafael Ribó  
President



# GLOBAL CONTEXT: BLINDNESS AND VISUAL DISABILITY

There are more than 161 million people in the world with visual disabilities: 124 million have reduced vision and 37 million are blind.

Another 153 million suffer from visual disability due to refractive defects (myopia, hyperopia or astigmatism) that has not been corrected. In most of them, vision could be normalized with glasses or contact lenses.

More than 90% of the people with visual disability live in countries with low incomes and limited infrastructures.

Cataracts are still the main cause of blindness, with the exception of the most developed countries.

Cataracts surgery is one of the most profitable treatments that can be done in less developed countries. Throughout the year after the operation, the economic production of the patients can increase up to 1,500% in relation to the cost of the surgery.

The causes of visual disability and blindness related to age are increasing, as is blindness due to diabetes that is not controlled.

On a positive note, up to 75% of the cases of blindness in adults are avoidable with prevention or treatment.

Blindness caused by infectious diseases is decreasing worldwide thanks to actions taken by public health authorities. The number of people affected by blindness caused by trachoma has decreased from 360 million in 1985 to 80 million today.

It is estimated that in the world there are 1.4 million people under 15 years old that are blind. Despite this, half of all of the cases of infant blindness can be prevented with the early treatment of the disease and by correcting congenital anomalies such as cataracts and glaucoma.



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# WHO WE ARE?

At Eyes of the World we are a group of people who are aware that preventing and curing preventable blindness is a challenge that concerns us all and that have decided to take action to guarantee the universal right to see in the entire world.

## GOVERNING BODY 2007: TRUSTEESHIP

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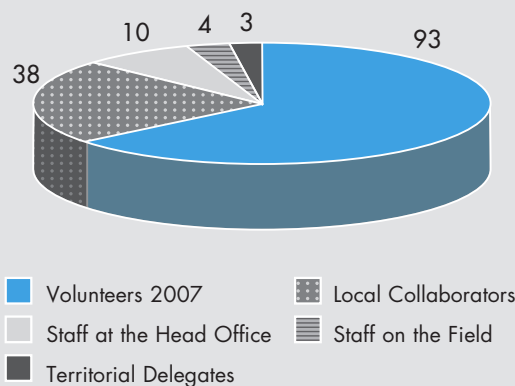
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shown their interest in helping  
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were involved in the activities  
and those who in 2007 were  
not able to take part  
directly.



# WHAT MAKES US MOVE?

## AIMS

Eyes of the World is a non-profit making organization that contributes to the people with visual 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.

In addition, Eyes of the World make aware the public opinion of our environment about the deficiencies in the basic health system in those places.

## ACTION PRINCIPLES

- **Ongoing** actions, meaning a long-term commitment made to the population and to local authorities.
- **Development** and a focus on **training** as a tool for the future.
- **Cooperation**, which implies collaboration with other organizations that work in the area and with the authorities and local health care network.
- **Efficiency** and ability to maximize and control resources and results.

## INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

Throughout 2007, Eyes of the World worked on combining efforts with international entities that work to eradicate avoidable blindness before 2020 within the framework of the program **VISION 2020: THE RIGHT TO SIGHT**, an initiative of the World Health Organization together with the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), an organization that includes Eyes of the World on its Adviser Committee.

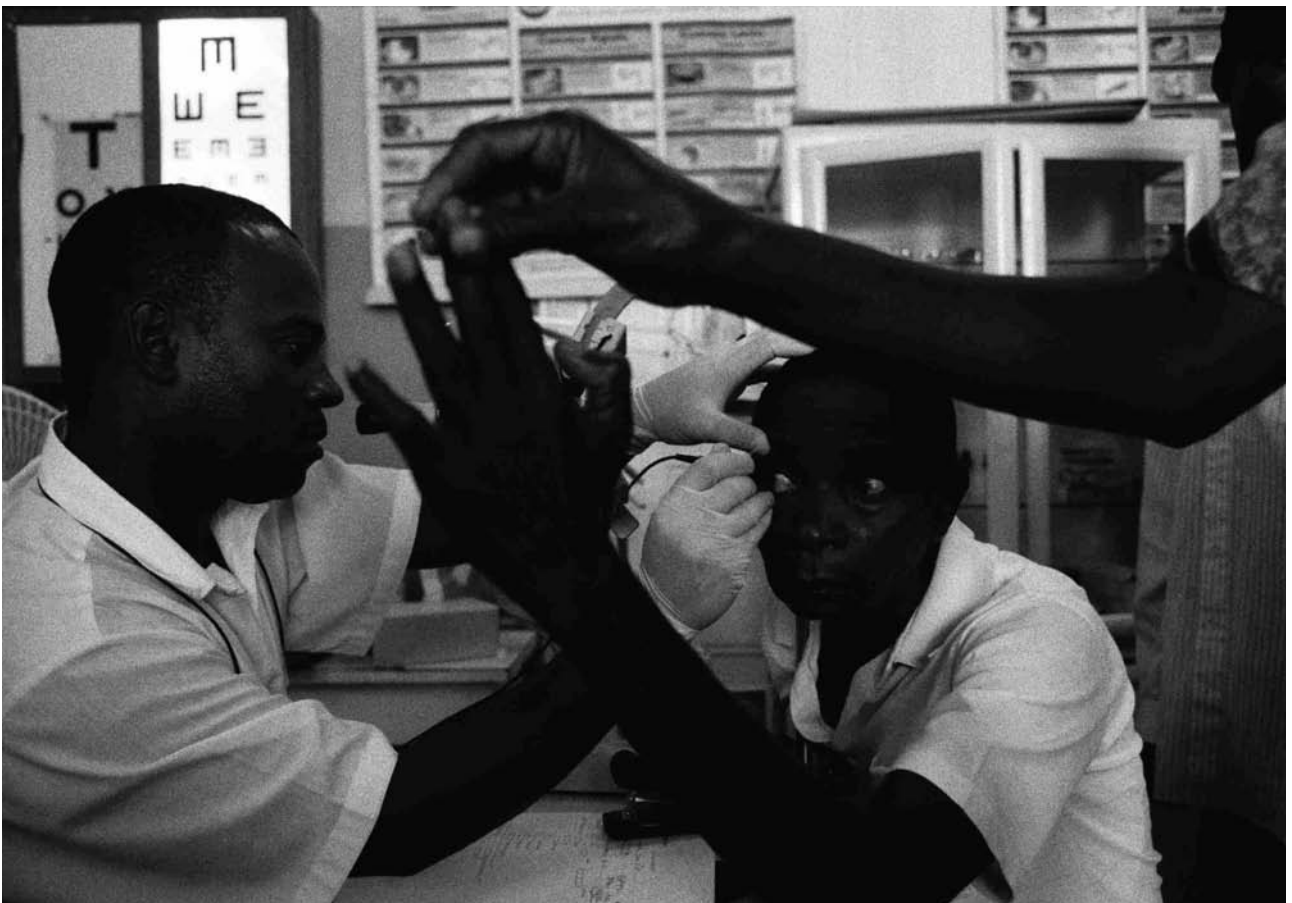


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# EYES OF THE WORLD TAKES ACTION: DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAMS

We open the eyes of poor countries



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## COUNTRIES

### EYES OF SAHARA

After more than 30 years, the Western Sahara conflict remains unresolved. Despite the election of Peter Van Walsum as United Nations' envoy in the area, the self-determination referendum agreed to in The Baker Plan still does not have a concrete date.

Social differences are increasing in the camps, due to the creation of an informal economy, and the young population is immigrating to developed countries in search of a better quality of life.

- **Program:** Ophthalmologic and optical care for the Saharawi population; consultations, surgical procedures, prevention and training.

- **Location:** Saharawi refugee camps in Tindouf, Argelia.

- **Health and ophthalmologic conditions:** Food shortages and degradation in the areas of health and education cause the conditions of Saharawi refugees to deteriorate. This deterioration is evidenced by lateness in the development of children, chronic malnutrition and anemia. The Saharawi health care service depends totally on outside help, and the activities linked to projects could not be sustainable if it were not for the NGO's and other international organizations.

- **Local Collaborator:** Ophthalmology Service of the Ministry of Health of the Saharawi Arabic Democratic Republic (SADR).

- **Beneficiaries:** People suffering from eye problems who go to local health care centers to be treated and also school children who are provided check-ups and Saharawi professionals who receive training.



### EYES OF MOZAMBIQUE

Despite social and economic, Mozambique is still the country with the sixth lowest Development Index, according the UNDP (United Nations Development Program). More than 70% of the population lives under the poverty level and the country is still dependant on outside help.

The economic growth and the advances in terms of development have been concentrated in the area of Maputo and in the cities in the southern provinces. This has caused serious regional inequalities. Health care services have improved with the restoration and rebuilding of health care units, staff training and the broadening of health coverage.

- **Program:** Ophthalmologic and optical care (care, prevention, training and equipment) in the Inhambane province and in the Hospital Central of Maputo.

- **Location:** The province of Inhambane and the city of Maputo.

- **Health and Ophthalmologic conditions:** the population of Mozambique lives in unhealthy conditions; over half of the population does not have access to drinking water and the life expectancy is under 50 years old. There are important health and ophthalmologic shortages, with 180,000 blind people and more than 700,000 with eye problems.

One of the goals is to set up a National Ophthalmologic Plan, approved in 2007 by the Ministry of Health, which should reduce blindness by controlling the main causes of pathologies and by developing human resources and infrastructures.

- **Local Collaborator:** Ministry of Health of the Republic of Mozambique and Provincial Health Administration of Inhambane.

- **Beneficiaries:** Population from the province of Inhambane with eye problems that go to their local health care provider to be treated and the health professionals of Inhambane and Maputo trained by the Foundation.



## EYES OF BOLIVIA

In Bolivia, the indigenous population and farmers are the more disadvantaged and marginalized groups in a region with big social inequalities. Around the country, there is a lack of health-related infrastructures and resources, and the situation is more serious in rural areas where the access to health services is more difficult due to geographical characteristics.

The year 2007 was a very intense one in politically and socially speaking: there were several demonstrations by the population of the city of El Alto and other towns. Issues such as the hydrocarbon law or the constitutional reform have increased the tension in the political and social life of the country.



■ **Program:** Ophthalmologic and optical care for the population of El Alto; consultations, surgical procedures, training and prevention.

■ **Location:** City of El Alto and Instituto Nacional de Oftamología of La Paz.

■ **Health and Ophthalmologic conditions:** 70% of the population in El Alto is in poverty and is discriminated against because of cultural, linguistic and educational differences. The socio-demographic and environmental factors of the city (extremely high levels of solar radiation due to the altitude of the area, air with minimum oxygen quantities, etc.) have left the population in a serious situation with regard to ophthalmologic health.

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

■ **Beneficiaries:** People in poverty from El Alto and its surrounding area who require ophthalmologic care and who go to their health care centers to be treated. Local health professionals and staff that attend the eye care awareness and eye disease prevention sessions.

## GAZA (PALESTINE)

Activities of the *Eyes of Gaza* program have been suspended due to the political and war-based conflicts in the area. Nonetheless, in 2007, Eyes of the World provided support to the activities carried out by City Council of Barcelona which entailed supplying material to the European Hospital of Gaza.

## MALI

In December 2007, Eyes of the World went to Mali with the aim of learning about the situation of this African country in terms of ophthalmologic health.

Mali is the country with fifth lowest Development Index according to the UNDP. Although the political situation has been stable since 1985, poverty problems in Mali are of a structural nature. The country depends on international help and has an agricultural sector that is very vulnerable to changes and to recurrent droughts.

During the trip and in the different meetings with local health authorities and ophthalmologic professionals, Eyes of the World gathered data on blindness and the health care of the population, and it is studying the possibility of starting a cooperation project to help the ophthalmologic development in the region of Mopti in 2008.



## ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

The activities carried out by Eyes of the World in 2007 centered mainly on local staff training, on the prevention of ocular pathologies and on the equipment of health care centers. Eventhough the number of surgical commissions has remained the same or even been reduced in some projects, we have obtained similar results to those in 2006 due the reorganization of resources.

The aim of Eyes of the World was to advance in the sustainability of the projects so that the health care services of each territory are able to take responsibility for the planning and management of different lines of treatment aimed at preventing and treating preventable blindness.

Commissions distributions by programs and areas of action:

	Medical	Training	Research, preparation, follow-up and assessment	TOTAL
Eyes of Sahara	5*	3	1	9
Eyes of Mozambique	3	6	1	10
Eyes of Bolivia	4	4**	1	9
Activities in Mali	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	12	13	4	29

\*Two child eye check-up commissions have been included; one is for consultations in the field territories

\*\* Three training courses by videoconference have been included



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## CARE OF BASIC OPHTHALMOLOGIC NEEDS

Distribution of patients per program and per type of ophthalmologic care:

	Consultations and check-ups	Surgical procedures	TOTAL TREATMENTS
Eyes of Sahara	3,099*	264	3,363
Eyes of Mozambique	2,634	537	3,171
Eyes of Bolivia	5,567	249	5,816
TOTAL	11,300	1,050	12,350

\* It includes 1,940 check-ups carried out in the framework of prevention campaigns

### CONSULTATIONS AND CHECK-UPS

Within the *Eyes of Sahara* program, a total of **3,099** consultations and check-ups were carried out, **1,940** of which were done in the monitoring commissions among the child population and the remaining **1,159** were carried out in the National Hospital of Rabuni during the medical-surgical commissions. A follow-up of assisted patients was carried out using the ophthalmologic card, consultation records and the patient database, based in the international code established by the World Health Organization with regard pathologies and surgical procedures.

From a total of **2,634** consultations and check-ups done in Mozambique, **2,482** were carried out at the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane, where **1,980** people were visited and **502** were visited for the second time. In many cases, the large number of patients caused the build up of a waiting list. Also, coordination with districts was reinforced, especially with the district of Massinga, to make it easier for patients to access health care. Also, within the framework of training courses in the Central Hospital of Maputo, **113** consultations and **39** second consultations were carried out.

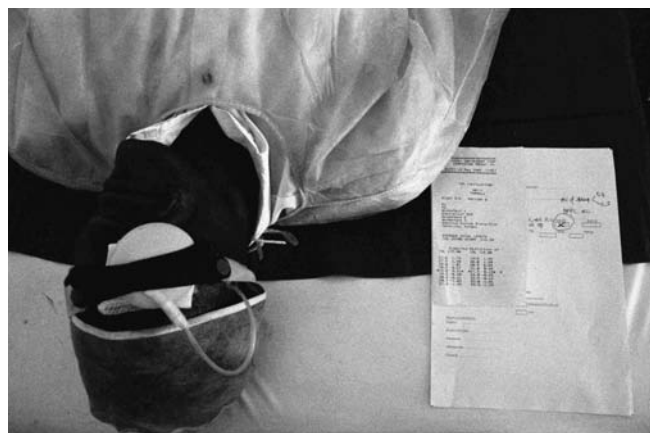
In terms of commissions in Bolivia, the total number of consultations and check-ups was **5,567** (**3,349** consultations and **2,218** check-ups). Cataracts were the most frequent pathology, but there were also cases of pterygium, glaucoma and retinopathies. Beside, specialized care at the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital, the Foundation moved 16 communities of the Bolivian Altiplano where a follow up of patients who had undergone surgery was carried out. Also, we provided care and referrals to those people in need of ophthalmologic treatment.



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### SURGICAL PROCEDURES

At the Saharawi camps, **264** surgical procedures were carried out at the National Hospital of Rabuni, 80% of which were cataracts procedures. In Mozambique, the number of procedures reached **537**: **480** were done at the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane within the framework of medical commissions, while **57** were done to patients at the Central Hospital of Maputo. Nearly half of the cases were related to the cataract pathology, although there were also cases of conjunctivitis and glaucoma. At the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital, within the framework of medical-surgical commissions, **249** surgical procedures were recorded, most of them performed on elderly patients.



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## STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL TECHNICAL CAPACITIES

### GRANTS AND TRAINING STAYS

In 2007, the Saharawi **Khalil Khatri** finished his training process. This doctor, who specializes in ophthalmology at the *Hospital de l'Esperança* in Barcelona thanks to the grant awarded by the Foundation, successfully passed the final exam to attain specialization at the Instituto Superior de Ciencias Médicas in Havana, Cuba. In 2008, Dr. Khatri may be back to the refugee camps to perform his professional task in different times of the year.

**Abel Dos Santos Polaze** carried out his second year of the grant. This doctor from Mozambique alternated a period of eight months training at the *Hospital de l'Esperança* with four months of residency in Mozambique.

Also, Dra. **Margarida Chagunda**, resident doctor at the Central Hospital of Maputo, traveled to Barcelona with a grant awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

together with the Foundation Eyes of the World and she was trained at the *Instituto de Microcirugía Ocular* (Ocular Microsurgery Institute) for six months.

In the program *Eyes of Bolivia*, the ophthalmologist **José Carlos Morote Román** was awarded a three-month grant to carry out a training stay at the *Instituto de Microcirugía Ocular* in Barcelona where he has specialized in the use of phacoemulsification in cataracts surgery, knowledge that he will apply to the health care system in his country. Two residents from the National Institute of Ophthalmology, **Shirley Cuentas** and **Luis Alberto Pereira**, who started their studies in La Paz in 2007, are going to be supported in their specialization by the Foundation.



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### VIDEOCONFERENCE COURSES (EYES OF THE WORLD CYBERCAMPUS)

This is the second year that Eyes of the World has set up a project to train in ophthalmology through videoconference in the program *Eyes of Bolivia*. This initiative entailed three courses that allowed 20 **ophthalmologists and ophthalmology students** to be trained in the sub-specialization of glaucoma, phacoemulsification and neuroophthalmology.

Also, a session about keratoplasty was carried out through videoconference. This session was done on the occasion of the XXII Bolivian Ophthalmology Conference, as an invitation by the Bolivian Association of Ophthalmology.

## TRAINING IN THE FIELD

Thirteen **optical technicians** from the different *wilayas* that belong to the Saharawi camp staff continued with their training. Therefore, they have received a course on basic ophthalmologic knowledge, which focused on glaucoma and also on pediatric ophthalmology and eye health, within the framework of the children eye check-up program. Also, in 2007, a quality control plan for the surgeries and workshop was set up to evaluate the working and effectiveness of technicians' work. This quality control plan resulted overall in a very positive assessment. During the medical-surgical commissions, two **nurses** from the National Hospital of Rabuni were trained in instrumentation and anesthesia techniques.

In Mozambique, training was concentrated at the Central Hospital of Maputo and it was addressed at **ophthalmologists and local residents** (the staff is formed by eight professionals) that received theoretical and practical sessions on orbit and oculoplastic surgery, the retina and ocular prostheses. Two courses were also organized on equipment maintenance, which were addressed at **maintenance technicians** and at **nursing staff** (with six attendees). For the latter, the course dealt with aspects related to the working, set-up and cleaning of the ophthalmologic equipment.

In-situ training played an important role in the program *Eyes of Bolivia 2007*. Through commissions, volunteers of the Foundation transferred practical knowledge to the **staff at the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital**. In particular, seven professionals were trained: two nurses in instrumentation, three ophthalmologists in oculoplastic surgery and cataracts surgery by phacoemulsification and two doctors, residents of the National Institute of Ophthalmology, in diagnosis and patient care. Theoretical training in oculoplastic surgery was provided through a lecturer within the framework of a medical commission, where 20 **professionals from the INO** were able to attend.

Furthermore, a training process of a **rural doctor** from the community of Quime was set up. Eyes of the World volunteers provided him with theoretical and practical knowledge relating to basic eye health.



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*"Força para frente Olhos do Mundo  
Na luta contra a cegueira evitável  
Força para frente sempre sem cessar".*

"Go on Eyes of the World, fighting against avoidable blindness, go on always and don't stop" is the chorus of the song that **Julian Felizberto Manganhe** composed for the Foundation in 2007. The song was sung by children in Posto Social de Alegria in Guava (Maputo), who are sons and daughters, sisters and brothers and friends of Eyes of the World patients.

Julian, 40 years old, resident of the neighborhood of Mahotas in Maputo, knows what it means to suffer from eye problems. When he was 23 years old, he lost his sight completely due to badly diagnosed and late treated cataracts.

Julian Felizberto explains that he agreed to compose the song for Eyes of the World *"to contribute to raising awareness among people and also to convince them to visit hospitals. I have lost my sight due to cataracts, but nowadays, this illness can be treated."* Juan recognizes the work done by the Foundation in his country: *"They prevent situations like mine. My life is really difficult. I am an unemployed person and with family responsibilities. I have some knowledge but I have never been able to show it due to a lack of opportunities."*



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## RESOURCES FOR EYE HEALTHCARE CENTERS

### MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTATION

Eyes of the World provided the hospitals of reference of each program with the necessary **equipment** to complete the ophthalmologic units. It also provided **instrumentation** and **consumables** to ensure that the units remain operational and continue to be sustainable.

Besides the reference eye healthcare centres, Eyes of the World has also provided the General Hospital of Chicupe (Mozambique) and the primary unit of Quime (Bolivia) with medical materials and drugs, thus geographically expanding the ophthalmologic care of these two countries. Throughout the year, the Foundation supplied replacement units and made it easier periodically monitoring the equipment; the latter activity was carried out by volunteers that also provided training to local staff.

Material and equipment provision has been boosted during the commissions' period, allowing professionals in the field to carry out visits and surgical procedures in the safest manner possible. For example, at the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane, there was donated materials for 2,000 visits and 600 surgical procedures.

Throughout 2007, **non-ophthalmologic material and equipment** was added to the already-existent infrastructures: a refrigerator to properly preserve drugs in the operating room at the National Hospital of Rabuni, a glass cabinet and a shelf to store the surgical material and a folding screen to organize the visitor area at the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital.

	Ophthalmologic equipment and instrumentation	Optical material
Eyes of Sahara	1 slit lamp, 1 phacoemulsificator, 3 direct ophthalmoscopes, 2 phoroptors, 2 template machines, 2 cross-cylinders, 1 retinoscope handle	3,260 presbyopia glasses, 60 special prescription glasses, 1,978 sun glasses, 1,619 frames, 1,500 lenses
Eyes of Mozambique	1 helper viewer for surgical microscopy	–
Eyes of Bolivia	1 phacoemulsificator, 6 optotypes, 2 test glasses, 1 eye test board	1,165 presbyopia glasses, 509 prescription glasses, 1,270 sun glasses

### INFRASTRUCTURES

The main infrastructure activity was the building of a **new area at the Hospital of Dajla**. This work was financially supported by the Foundation together with *Médicos del Mundo* and it made it possible to provide the workshop with the space next to the optician.

Eyes of the World also supported the refurbishment of the building where the **Ophthalmology Service of the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane** was transferred and the foundation was laid to build an **optician's workshop** at this hospital.



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## PREVENTION OF EYE PATHOLOGIES

### EYE CHECK-UPS

Eyes of the World carried out eye check-ups of primary students at the Saharawi refugee camps, primarily at the primary schools of the *wilayas* of El Aaiun and Dajla, at the special schools of Dajla and Smara and at the blind schools of Dajla. In total, **1,940** children were given eye exams, 133 of which had pathologies and received treatment, while 131 had refractive defects and were given glasses.

### PREVENTION AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Within the framework of the child eye check-ups commission, five lectures were carried out, which were addressed at **children from the school of Dajla** to improve the prevention of eye diseases.

In Mozambique, different courses on basic ocular health were organized for the *triagem*s that have acquired knowledge to do a first selection of patients and the subsequent referral of patients. Two courses were provided for the *triagem*s from the health care network of the province of Inhambane, which were attended by 25 students, and a course in the district of Jangamo, which was attended by four *triagem*s.

The latter course was part of a pilot project of staff training in prevention and awareness in Jangamo that also has included the training of six **health care visitors**.

These are people with direct contact with the population, visiting them at their homes to inform them about different topics, such as eye health.



In addition, 30 lecturers were given on post-surgical treatment to **patients from the Provincial Hospital of Inhambane** and their families. And, **1,000 posters** on visual health were printed to be distributed at the health care centers of Inhambane. This material includes basic advice to prevent eye illnesses among the population.

In the program *Eyes of Bolivia*, eight lectures on awareness in eye health were given in the town of El Alto and in other rural communities. The lectures were attended by **890 people**, including groups of mothers, neighbors, adult associations, etc. Leaflets published by Eyes of the World about visual health were distributed (**100,000 copies**) with basic advice on ophthalmologic health, focusing on the necessity of visiting a doctor.



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### STUDIES

Under the program *Eyes of Sahara*, a **pilot project** was carried out dealing with the **prevalence** of the main eye pathologies that cause blindness. The study was organized by an ophthalmologist and an epidemiologist, and the information was collected in the field by an ophthalmologist and a local optician. The results from the study are expected to be implemented throughout 2008.

A **survey of the traditional midwives** in the *wilayas* of Dajla and El Aaiun was also carried. This survey confirmed the low level of knowledge that they have about detecting congenital pathologies that cause blindness. Another **survey** was done among the **population** which confirmed the influence that traditional medicine has in the camps.

In Bolivia, a **study** was started which deals with the **possibility of ophthalmologic care** at the health care centers of El Alto and its surrounding areas. This study should help define the future strategic actions on eye health to be taken in the region. The project was carried out by social workers at the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital who recorded data from 120 public and private health care centers. Another **study on the prevention of pathologies** among the population of El Alto was designed. This study will be done in 2008 by the doctors of the INO, taking into account about 12,000 medical histories corresponding to patients treated at the Ophthalmologic Service.





# THE SIGHT OF EYES OF THE WORLD: AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

We open the eyes of society

## INFORMING ABOUT OPHTHALMOLOGIC REALITY

Throughout 2007, Eyes of the World showed the ophthalmologic reality of poor countries to our society, informing, in a precise and thorough way, about the ocular health situation in the different territories and the link between the health conditions of those countries and poverty.

Specifically, Eyes of the World made presentations at **professional forums** related to ophthalmology health in Spain and in Portugal, where it provided information and material to the attendees.



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Congress	Place	Date
Spanish Ophthalmology Society Congress	Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	27th – 29th Sept.
International Congress for the Prevention of Blindness in Developing Countries	Logroño	26th – 27th Oct.
Portuguese Ophthalmology Society Congress	Porto	6th – 8th Dec.
International Refractive Surgery Congress	Barcelona	14th Dec.

The Foundation also took part in **debates** on cooperation related to health and gave **lecturers** addressed at health professionals and at non-health professionals interested in the health development of poor countries.



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Activity	Speaker	Place	Date
Spanish Ophthalmology Society Congress	Dr. José Juan Martínez Toldos	Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	29th Sept.
Royal Academy of Medicine Forum	Dr. Borja Corcóstegui	Barcelona	9th Oct.
Lecturer about the ophthalmologic precariousness in poor countries and consequences for the quality of life of the people	Dr. Andrés Müller-Thyssen	San Sebastián	10th Oct.
International Congress for the Prevention of Blindness in Developing Countries	Dr. Andrés Müller-Thyssen	Logroño	27th Oct.

## AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Throughout 2007, Eyes of the World used two **photography exhibitions** to promote reflection and raise the awareness of people of the eye health needs of thousands of people around the world.

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Title	Author	Location	Date
"Opening the Eyes to the World. Five years of fighting against preventable blindness in Sahara"	Manel Esclusa Núria Andreu	La Pedrera, Barcelona	13th Mar. - 9th Apr.
"Eyes of Inhambane"	Elisenda Pons	Fundação Gulbenkian, Lisbon	23rd Mar. - 1st Apr.
		Museu Torre Balldovina, Santa Coloma de Gramenet	11th - 29th Apr.
		Sala de Cultura, Abrera	29th Nov. - 19th Dec.

## SOLIDARITY EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Eyes of the World encouraged the public to participate in and actively commitment to the ophthalmologic development of the most vulnerable societies in the world by organizing and taking part in activities designed to increase the number of people interested in the work done by the Foundation. Such activities included the celebration of the sixth **Anniversary of Eyes of the World** by the members of the Patronage and the Operative Team, collaborators and volunteers who went to the Parliament of Catalonia on July 4th.

## INTERNET AND MEDIA IMPACT

Eyes of the World was mentioned in the main media in Spain and in Portugal. On World Sight Day (celebrated on October 11th), a **TV commercial** and a **radio break** showed the cooperation work done by the Foundation.



Also, Eyes of the World participated in the radio **program** *El Matí de Catalunya Ràdio*, presented by Antoni Bassas, which aired in April from Mozambique to promote the situation there and to talk about Catalan cooperation.

The Foundation has published the main information about its work on its **website** ([www.eyesoftheworldfoundation.org](http://www.eyesoftheworldfoundation.org)) and in the **newsletter** sent to volunteers, associates, collaborators and financial supporters every three months by e-mail.



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## THE NIGHT OF EYES OF THE WORLD

For the first time, the Foundation organized the annual awareness and fundraising dinner outside Spain. A *Noite dos Olhos do Mundo* was held at the Centro Cultural Belem in Lisbon on November 16th, 2007. People from the Administration, institutions and Portuguese companies participated, and it had the support of two important Portuguese organizations: the António Champalimaud Foundation and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

A total of 263 people contributed to the dinner and 180 attended, where they were able to learn first hand from Eyes of the World representative about the main activities done during the year and the results achieved. The event, presented by the journalist Julio Isidro, also had the participation of the well-known singer of fados Katia Guerreiro, and Dr. Marcelo Revelo da Sousa gave a speech.



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On November 11th, 2007, Eyes of the World received the ONCE Catalunya Award for Solidarity and Achievement in recognition of its work caring for people with ophthalmologic disabilities in the countries that need it most.

Miguel Carballada, president of ONCE, giving the prize to  
Núria Ramon, general manager of Eyes of the World.



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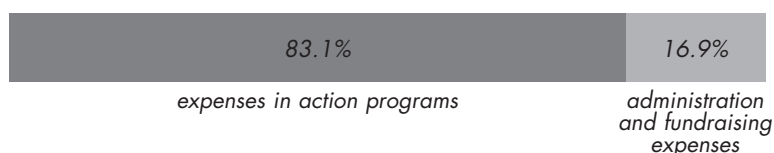


# FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME	<b>PUBLIC INCOME</b>	<b>624,745.88</b>
	<i>Institutional Foundation Sponsors</i>	200,460.00
	<i>Other Institutions</i>	424,285.88
	<b>PRIVATE INCOME</b>	<b>767,755.59</b>
	<i>Companies and institutions</i>	474,693.24
	<i>Members</i>	24,816.36
	<i>Occasional donors</i>	79,859.20
	<i>Material and equipment donations</i>	23,091.79
	<i>"The Night" income</i>	157,306.09
	<i>Other incomes</i>	7,988.91
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,392,501.47</b>



EXPENSES	<b>ACTION PROGRAMS</b>	<b>926,089.15</b>
	<i>Cooperation for the development</i>	775,380.59
	<i>Ophthalmologic treatment</i>	103,987.97
	<i>Equipment and material supplies</i>	310,163.34
	<i>Training</i>	63,946.60
	<i>Prevention studies and campaigns</i>	5,055.68
	<i>Technical coordination, on the field follow-up and evaluation</i>	289,121.41
	<i>New programs research</i>	3,105.59
	<b>Sensiting</b>	<b>150,708.56</b>
	<i>External advertising and awareness campaigns</i>	58,640.33
	<i>Operating expenses</i>	92,068.23
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDRAISING</b>	<b>188,100.21</b>
	<i>Fundraising</i>	12,321.42
	<i>Central services</i>	172,311.05
	<i>Trusteeship</i>	3,467.74
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,114,189.36</b>



\*The positive remainder from 2007 is to be applied to action programs in 2008.





# COFINANCERS AND SUPPORTIVE ENTITIES

Throughout 2007, ties with companies, individuals and supportive entities was established, helping to develop cooperation activities and to strengthen the social support and presence of Eyes of the World in the Spanish, Catalan and Portuguese society.

## PUBLIC COFINANCERS

### Foundation sponsors



### Local authorities

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## COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

### Collaborating entities



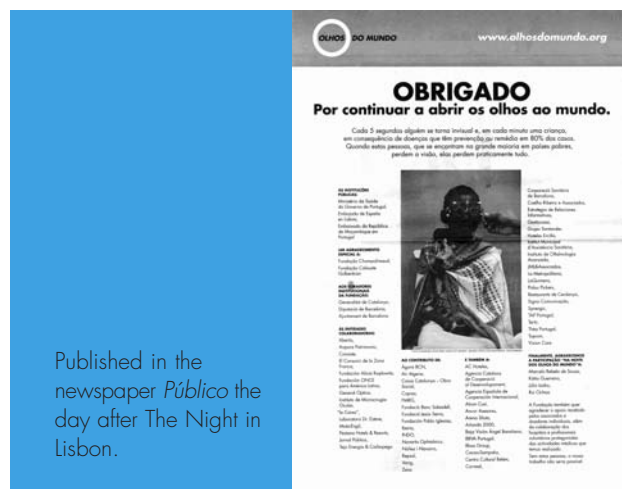
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A special thanks to the ophthalmologic health care centers that provided us with the dozens of professionals from all over Spain and Portugal that participated in the international cooperation programs of Eyes of the World in 2007.



Published in the newspaper *Público* the day after The Night in Lisbon.

# SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

## EFFECTIVE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

*In 2007, we motivated some changes in the organization and we applied new criteria addressing the effective management of human, material and financial resources:*

- We planned multi-annual projects to continue with **ongoing cooperation activities** and we framed each one in a global strategy.*
- We boosted the **follow-up systems and assessment of the projects** with the aim of assessing the impact of our activity and improve the actions on the field.*
- We broadened the result of our onsite activities by **fostering group work and coordinating health organizations devoted to international cooperation**, since we are aware that getting closer means that we will get better results in our aim to eradicate preventable blindness by 2020.*
- We made a commitment to the **systematic and resolute inclusion of optometry care in cooperation programs**. According to the recent data of the World Health Organization, refractive defects can be a barrier to children's progress at school, reduce the work-related options and production of adults, and, generally speaking, causing difficulties in their quality of life. In this respect, correcting refractive problems with the appropriate lenses is among the most effective eye health treatments with regard to its cost.*
- Finally, we strictly and transparently managed available resources and provided **detailed information to everyone** interested and linked to the Foundation.*

*For 2008, we intend to take a bigger step forward in the sustainability of projects by supporting the health authorities in each territory in the establishment of integral plans relating to ophthalmologic care. We also expect to broaden our area of intervention with the establishment of an ophthalmologic development cooperation program in Mali, and to consolidate the organization by prioritizing effective activities that are stabile over the long run.*

*Núria Ramon i Garcia  
General Manager*



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