Seeing light again
The winning photograph in the 2nd Eyes of the world competition taken by the optometrist Carol Camino from the medical-surgical mission in Mali in December at Bankass Hospital.
Our thanks go to all volunteers (81) who, in 2009, worked with the Eyes of the world Foundation and to all ophthalmic centres that facilitated the participation of healthcare professionals from Spain, Portugal, Argentina and the United Kingdom in the development cooperation programmes.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

SEEING AGAIN IN DIFFICULT TIMES

It has been nine years since Eyes of the world started trying to improve the quality of life of people in the most vulnerable parts of the world. Today, this objective also has to deal with the consequences of the current global economic crisis, which is having a considerable impact on international investment in development. As a result, if sufficient progress is not made in eradicating poverty worldwide, the global health gap will grow even wider.

This crisis also affects us as an organisation and, in this regard, I particularly want to thank all of the people, institutions and companies, who, despite the circumstances, have maintained their support for Eyes of the world. Efforts to achieve a more equitable and sustainable world are currently even more necessary than ever.

At Eyes of the world, we intend to manage this crisis by reaffirming our commitment to people who are unnecessarily blind, and by reviewing our cooperation strategies to ensure that the actions we are undertaking are more efficient and effective, that progress is being made to improve the coherence and coordination of projects and that emphasis is being placed on local agents to take ownership of initiatives.

At Eyes of the world, we propose to make structural changes in eye care resources in the poor countries that require political commitment by the governments with whom we cooperate and, although not easy to achieve, they are essential to help communities progress and to ensure that work continues in the future.

In 2009, we managed to implement effective initiatives to reduce preventable blindness and have seen thousands of people smiling again after receiving eye treatment, often provided by local health professionals who have been trained by Eyes of the world. There are however still many difficulties to overcome and the challenges are great.

In the current climate, the international community, society and each and every one of us must not forget the poor. As a collective, Eyes of the world has a moral obligation to try to solve the problems that have solutions, such as blindness caused by visual impairment that can be prevented or cured. We are engaged in a struggle to ensure the Universal Right to Sight, we have declared war on preventable blindness and we want to win.

Thank you all for making this possible!

Rafael Ribó
THE FOUNDATION

Mission

Eyes of the world is a non-profit organisation that enables visually impaired people without economic resources in poor countries to receive quality ophthalmic care through their local health services, and create conditions to reduce the incidence of eye diseases in each country. The organisation also seeks to inform public opinion in our society about the deficiencies in basic health care in these countries.

Constitution and locations

- A private foundation based in Barcelona, formed on 9 July 2001, and registered in the following:
  - Catalonia Regional Government Registry of Non-Governmental Organisations for Development, Department of Overseas Cooperation, number 29, since 19 June 2003.

- The Foundation has permanent offices in the Basque Country, Valencia and Andalusia, and offices in Portugal and Argentina.
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Programme Coordinator: Malian office **

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Financial Management Technician
Communications Technician

Administrative Officer

Head of Administration

Head of Communications (1)

(1) Functions assumed by the Chief of Staff
(2) Functions assumed by the Department Head
* Post occupied until 18 October
** Post occupied until 28 February

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BLINDNESS IN THE WORLD

- There are 314 million people in the world who have reduced vision, of which 45 million are blind.
- 9 out of 10 visually impaired people live in countries with less economic resources.
- 8 out of 10 cases of blindness are avoidable or can be prevented

Blindness and gender

Women account for 60 - 65% of blind people in the world.

In poor countries, men seek eye care services twice as many times as women.

More women than men lose their vision because they tend to live longer and vision loss is associated with age.

Biologically, women have a slightly higher risk of developing cataracts than men.

Blindness caused by cataracts could be reduced by 12.5% if the same proportion of women as men were operated on.

Worldwide, women represent approximately 70% of trichiasis cases resulting from an infection linked to gender roles in society.

VISION 2020: the Right to Sight

Since 2005, Eyes of the world has been a member of the Council of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, an agency which, in conjunction with the World Health Organisation (WHO), is promoting the VISION 2020: The Right to Sight programme, which aims to eliminate preventable blindness in the world by the year 2020.

In 2009, the Foundation participated in various international events, such as the 13th meeting of the WHO’s Alliance for the Global Elimination of Trachoma (GET2020), held in July at the WHO headquarters, and celebrating World Sight Day (8 October) in Mali.
Distribution of missions by territory and objective:

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(a) Including 5 courses carried out in 3 training missions
(b) Including 3 medical training missions
(c) One of the missions involved the setting up of an operating theatre in Bankass and an optical laboratory in Mopti

Distribution of patients by territory and type of eye care:

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(a) Including 3,255 consultations carried out by local optical technicians as part of eye care campaigns
(b) 1,014 consultations carried out in rural communities
BACKGROUND

- After 34 years, the Western Sahara conflict remains unresolved. The American, Christopher Ross, was appointed in early January as the United Nations mediator, replacing Peter van Walsum, but dialogue between the Government of Morocco and the Polisario Front, led by Mohamed Abdelaziz, remains at stalemate.

- The Minister of Health of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is Sidahmed Tayeb, who took office in 2007.

"This year we have carried out a greater number of activities related to eye health and I am very satisfied with the work done. We have had the support of our ophthalmologist, Jari Jowi, who visited the camps in the spring to treat people with visual impairments: he carried out 120 visits to the wilayas and 68 surgical operations. In the same vein, ophthalmic technicians have provided ongoing eye care to the population from their surgeries and ophthalmic laboratories: in one year, 4,700 patients have been treated, 3,600 refractive procedures have been carried out and 1,600 glasses provided". Hamudi Majtar, Head of the Ophthalmology Department.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Training

- 8 ophthalmic technicians (66% of the staff) have been trained in ophthalmic emergencies and pharmacology, children’s eye-testing and basic eye care.

- 30 health workers have been trained in basic eye care from the hundred or so that exist in the camps.

- 4 nurses from Rabuni National Hospital have continued to acquire knowledge in ophthalmic instrumentation, basic anaesthesia and pre and postoperative procedures.

Prevention

- 3,255 children from the primary schools of the wilayas of Smara, El Aaiún and the National Institution of 27 February have had eye tests provided by ophthalmic technicians.

- The eye testing of children carried out in recent years has been assessed and included in a report that reveals that refractive errors and strabismus are the most common diseases.

- Work has continued in the development of a prevalence study that will enable us to determine the main eye diseases in the camps.
Resources

- **Ophthalmic equipment and materials**
  The infrastructure at Rabuni National Hospital has been improved with 1 hand piece for the phacoemulsifier, 1 instrument and 1 anaesthesia cart. Disposable material and replacement parts to carry out 1,000 visits and 250 operations have been provided.

- **Optical equipment and materials**
  The surgeries and optical laboratories of the wilayas have been equipped with 1 direct ophthalmoscope, 3 retinoscopes, 1 lensmeter, 1 templating machine, 1 manual lens edger, 1 trial frames, 1 trial frames for children, 5 near-vision optotypes, 7,913 presbyopia glasses, 4,756 sunglasses, 4,415 prescription frames, 6,240 uncut lenses, 1,000 ophthalmic charts and 4,500 optometry record cards.

The Foundation’s institutional presence

- 4th Healthcare Negotiation and Coordination Meeting. Sahrawi refugee camps, 1-3 February.
BACKGROUND

- In 2009, Mozambique held general elections in which the current president, Armando Guebuza, was re-elected and the Liberation Front of Mozambique (FRELIMO) secured a mandate to continue in power for five more years.
- Also remaining in office was the Health Minister Ivo Garrido, who, in 2007, initiated the setting up of a National Ophthalmology Plan (2007-2010).

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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Through the eyes of... Iñaki Genua, ophthalmologist and medical supervisor for the Eyes of Mozambique programme

“Our efforts this year have focused on the prevention of eye diseases, with activities organised to enable us to improve the system for early detection and improve the knowledge of the population in relation to eye health. We have continued to pass on our ophthalmic knowledge to the health professionals who are in contact with the population and we have initiated efforts to provide eye testing for children, an area that we would like to strengthen in the future”.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Training

- Dr. Abel dos Santos has completed the fourth and final year of the scholarship scheme shared between Barcelona and Mozambique and soon hopes to sit the examination in Maputo that will enable him to be employed by the public health service of Mozambique as an ophthalmologist.
- 5 ophthalmologists and 2 residents at Maputo Central Hospital, from a total of 7 ophthalmologists and 5 residents, who constitute the staff, have continued to acquire knowledge in the treatment of orbit diseases.
- All 4 ophthalmic technicians at Maputo Central Hospital have been trained in ocular prosthesis insertion and the use of the campimeter, an instrument that can detect damage to the optic nerve.

- 2 ophthalmic technicians, 3 nurses, 3 nursing assistants and 1 eyeglass technician from Inhambane Provincial Hospital have been trained in surgical and diagnostic techniques, ophthalmic care, instrumentation and lens assembly, respectively.

Prevention

- The ophthalmic knowledge of 67 community health workers from the districts of Panda, Zavala, Massinga and Inhassoro has been improved by four courses that will enable them to incorporate eye care into their education and awareness activities.

- 35 triagens (nursing assistants) from the province of Inhambane have continued to gain ophthalmic knowledge by attending three courses, with the aim of improving the quality of case referrals.

- 420 children from the 1 May primary school in the city of Inhambane had their eyesight checked and 10 teachers have been trained in measuring visual acuity, with the aim of preventing eye disease at an early stage.

Resources

- Ophthalmic equipment and materials
  Maputo Central Hospital has been provided with 1 campimeter. The ophthalmic material necessary to enable ophthalmic surgical procedures to be carried out by Inhambane Provincial Hospital has been donated.

- Optical equipment and materials
  Inhambane Provincial Hospital has been equipped (including the optical laboratory) with 2 lensmeters, 1 automatic lens edger, 1 retinoscope, 1 ophthalmoscope, 1 trial lens set, 250 optotypes, 400 uncut lenses, 750 sunglasses and 227 prescription glasses for children.

"I can speak from experience of the happiness of being able to see well again, and for that I am enormously grateful to you". Beatriz Garrido, patient in the medical programme of Inhambane Provincial Hospital. May 2009.
Doubts about the outcome of the operation: uncertainty and fear of a dark future.
The wait was worth it: a smile and thanks for a new life.
**BACKGROUND**

- In January, a referendum approved the **new Constitution** that supports the creation of a multinational state and recognises the rights of the indigenous majority. **Evo Morales** was re-elected for five more years as president of the Republic of Bolivia, after the Movement for Socialism (MAS) won the 6 December elections.

- **Ramiro Tapia** continues as the Minister of Health and Sport, a position he has held since late 2008.

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

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*Information from the Human Development Report 2009, published for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).*

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**Through the eyes of... Alfons Sancho,** an expert in healthcare planning and a contributor to the Eyes of Bolivia programme.

“Community, ophthalmic services and the government assuming its responsibilities have been key factors in an innovative and ambitious project, through which Eyes of the world wants to address the eye care needs of the poorest people. The Foundation has laid the foundations for an eye care system that starts with primary care, continues with a good standard of ophthalmic care (five points of medical care) and ends with specialist care that is suitable for local circumstances. Eyes of the world is making great efforts in educating key community groups to be aware of their needs, rights and responsibilities regarding their eye health. International missions are taking on a role that is becoming increasingly training and advice oriented, given that training is fundamental within this strategy of knowledge and responsibility transfer.”

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**ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN**

**Training**

- Two new scholarships have been granted and there are now 6 residents being trained at the National Ophthalmology Institute (INO, Spanish acronym), who complete their studies with training in surgical and diagnosis techniques in Eyes of the world missions and with professional practice during visits to local communities.
Twenty or so ophthalmologists and residents from the INO have acquired knowledge in the surgical treatment of keratoconus and orbital tumours through two videoconference courses.

- 5 primary care doctors from the Corea Health System have been able to hold surgeries on a rotational basis with ophthalmologists from hospitals in El Alto.

- A hundred or so doctors, nurses, nursing assistants and students from El Alto have been trained in the primary care treatment of ophthalmic diseases, through three mission training sessions.

- 3 ophthalmologists and 3 nurses from the El Alto ophthalmic network, and 8 nurses from Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital have been trained in surgical techniques, diagnosis, eye care and instrumentation.

Prevention

- 1,650 children from five primary schools in the Corea, Los Andes and Lotes y Servicios networks have had eye examinations to prevent eye disease at an early stage.

- A total of 886 primary school teachers and parents from the Corea, Los Andes and Lotes y Servicios networks and representatives of citizens groups from the districts of El Alto have attended 28 talks on basic eye care and detection of visual acuity,

- 1,000 posters have been distributed in the eye care centres, schools, community and neighbourhood centres of El Alto and rural communities to raise awareness of basic eye hygiene among the population.

Resources

- Ophthalmic equipment and materials
  An entire consulting office has been created in Los Andes and Lotes y Servicios Hospitals and a second operating theatre has been completed at Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital with 1 instrument case, 2 autorefractor keratometers, 1 tonometer and 2 slit lamps. Medical and ophthalmic supplies have been provided to ensure patient care for one year.

- Optical equipment and materials
  Los Andes, Lotes y Servicios and Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospitals have been provided with 3 retinoscopes, 3 lensometers, 2 trial frames, 1 optotype projector, 2,552 presbyopic glasses and 4,143 sunglasses.
BACKGROUND

• The country is consolidating its democratisation process after Amadou Toumani Touré was re-elected as President of the Republic in the 2007 general election and Modibo Sidibé became Prime Minister.

• Since then, the Ministry of Health has been headed by Oumar Ibrahima Touré, who is placing great emphasis on the fight against preventable blindness through the National Plan for Prevention and Fighting Blindness 2006-2010.

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Through the eyes of... Borja Corcóstegui, ophthalmologist and vice-president of Eyes of the world

“I travelled to Mali in late 2007 on a fact-finding mission and we observed the deficiencies in a health infrastructure that focuses its efforts on primary care. Only two years later, we have started up a complete eye unit, consisting of a consulting room and operating theatre at Bankass Hospital. Also in operation, since June, is the optical laboratory at Soninê Dolo Hospital in Mopti, the second largest in the country, which offers low-cost eyeglasses to people with refractive errors”.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Training

• 2 second-year residents have been trained in ophthalmology at the Institute of African Tropical Ophthalmology (IOTA, French acronym) as part of a four-year scholarship with a commitment that one of the ophthalmologists will work in the region of Mopti.
• 14 ophthalmologists and residents from IOFA have been trained in the oculoplasty subspecialty at a training mission, in order to detect and treat patients with the disease.

• 51 ophthalmic professionals have acquired knowledge in the treatment of retinoblastoma, through a videoconference course.

• Dr. Adama Issaka Guindo has been trained in the vitreo-retinal subspecialty at the Institute of Ocular Microsurgery (IMO, Spanish acronym) in Barcelona, during a five-month scholarship.

• 1 ophthalmologist and 1 ophthalmic nurse from Mopti Hospital and 1 trichiasis technician and 2 nursing assistants from Bankass Hospital have been trained in surgical and diagnosis techniques, eye care and instrumentation.

Prevention

• 18 women from the Mopti regional delegation of the CAFO Women’s Association have acquired knowledge in basic eye care to pass on to the local population.

Resources

• Ophthalmic equipment and materials
  A complete ophthalmic unit has been set up at Bankass Hospital with 1 phacoemulsifier, 1 microscope, 1 biometer, 1 tonometer, 2 slit lamps, 1 retinoscope and 1 autorefractor keratometer. Instruments and disposable materials have also been provided to carry out consultations and operations.

• Optical equipment and materials
  The Sominé Dolo Hospital in Mopti (including the optical laboratory) has been equipped with 2 lensometers, 2 manual lens edgers, 2 automatic lens edgers, 1 templating machine, 2 ophtotype projectors, 2,219 prescription frames, 1,413 presbyopic glasses, 1,389 sunglasses and 888 uncut lenses.

The Majorcan artist, Miquel Barceló, who has close links with Mali and its people, has been travelling to the region for the past 20 years. “I’ve seen many blind people there. They don’t go to the city to visit because it’s over 1,000 kilometres away and they see it as a journey of no return”.

For this reason, he believes that the Foundation’s work in Mali is “fantastic news”. Miquel Barceló has donated 80 silkscreen prints of his watercolour painting, Femme Trepée, to Eyes of the World. The Majorcan artist also supported the Foundation by attending the opening of an operating theatre in Bankass.
A LOOK AT OUR SOCIETY

MORE THAN 25,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN EYES OF THE WORLD AWARENESS INITIATIVES IN 2009

Exhibitions

Eyes of Bolivia by Elisenda Pons, Sala Kutxa Boulevard. 3 - 19 July.
Eyes of Inhambane by Elisenda Pons, Bellvitge University Hospital. 8 October - 31 January 2010.

Talks

Opening Saharan eyes. Fighting preventable blindness in the Sahrawi camps, led by Dr. Josep Maria Rafart, Vic (Gribau private Foundation). 23 May.

Opening the world’s eyes, a càrrec del Dr. Itaki Genua, en el marc del Congrés Internacional per a la Prevenció de la Ceguesa als Països en Desenvolupament. Logronyo, 17 octubre.

Cooperation in Ophthalmic Development for Poor Countries, led by Dr. Borja Carcóstegui, at the Portuguese Ophthalmology Society Conference. Vilamoura, 7 December.

Conferences

The Spanish Ophthalmology Society Conference [information stand], Santander. 23 - 26 September.

International Conference on the Prevention of Blindness in Developing Countries. Logroño, 16-17 October.

The Portuguese Ophthalmology Society Conference [information stand]. Vilamoura, 5 - 7 December.

Solidarity events

The Eyes of the world Foundation’s Eighth Birthday. FC Barcelona stadium and museum. 29 July.

2nd photography competition: Restoring vision: another way of combating blindness.
Press and Internet

- 150 reports in regional, national and international media, 30 from countries in which cooperation projects are being carried out.
- 140 screenings of advertisements in advertising space donated by television companies and at the Barcelona Solidarity Documentary Film Festival.
- 24,000 annual visits to the website (www.eyesoftheworldfoundation.org).
- 4 editions of a quarterly electronic newsletter distributed to over 1,000 people.

Andorra Night of Light

For the second time, the Foundation organised its annual dinner outside Spain to raise awareness, present the annual accounts and fundraise. The eighth annual Night of Eyes of the world took place at the Andorra Park Hotel in Andorra la Vella on 6 November. The Andorra Night of Light was presided over by the Episcopal Co-Prince, Joan Enric Vives Sicília and the Andorran Head of Government, Jaume Bartumeu.

280 guests attended the dinner, including representatives from Andorran politics, business, culture and healthcare, as well as representatives from Catalonia and other regions of Spain, such as Madrid and the Basque Country. The event was hosted by the journalists, Noemí Rodríguez and Albert Om, and featured a musical performance by Toti Soler.

Recognising the work of the Foundation

Maria Teresa Cornellà, director of Radio Marina: "I have the utmost admiration for the work of the Foundation, and promise to help spread the news" (email, 10 June 2009).

Mercè Boronat: “The work you do is quite fantastic. I salute the selfless and human work you do. May you continue to give sight to these people whose existence is scarcely known to the world. On their behalf, I thank you” (visitors’ book at the Eyes of Inhambane exhibition at Bellvue University Hospital, opened on 8 October 2009).
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**EXPENSES**

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*The 2009 surplus will be used in the 2010 action programmes.*

This information has been selected from the 2009 annual accounts of the Eyes of the world Foundation, which were externally audited by GM Auditors who issued a favourable report (with recommendations for accounting improvements). The annual accounts, approved by the Board of Trustees of Eyes of the world on 16 June 2010, are available at the Foundation’s head office.
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SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

ACCESS TO GLASSES WITHIN COMPREHENSIVE EYE CARE SERVICES

2009 was a year of continuing cooperation activities, in which we carried out planned activities in the various action programmes and achieved significant improvements in patients’ lives; especially with regard to improving access to suitable optical correction.

Uncorrected refractive errors are the main cause of visual impairment in the world. Without appropriate optical correction, millions of children miss out on educational opportunities and adults are excluded from productive working lives, with severe economic and social consequences.

To address this situation, in 2009, we placed great emphasis on training local optical technicians and improving and setting up new optical laboratories where people with visual impairments can have access to quality care and glasses at affordable prices.

The aim of Eyes of the world is to establish comprehensive eye care services in all of the countries we work in, especially in public eye care centres.

In 2010, the Foundation plans to redefine intervention strategies in each country based on assessments we have conducted, with special emphasis on issues, such as coordination between the different agents involved in the development of programmes, community work, systems and adapting projects to the needs of each country, in particular concerning gender.

Núria Ramon i Garcia
Director General

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