

FOUNDATION REPORT 2010



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OPENING THE EYES OF THE WORLD

The photographs belong to Carmen García, a nurse from Seville, and show a 21-year-old Malian patient after cataract surgery performed by the Foundation's professional volunteers at a medical mission at Bankass Hospital.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The countdown to the elimination of avoidable blindness by 2020

The latest figures published by the World Health Organization show a downward trend in blindness and severe visual impairment in the world, which bolters our resolve and encourages us to continue implementing our ongoing cooperation projects.

The new statistics show an overall and significant reduction in the prevalence of vision problems, which is the result of considerable investment in recent years by governments and organisations that we support in the improvement of services and eye health strategies. In particular, there has been a significant decline in infectious diseases that predominantly affect the most vulnerable countries in the world, vis-à-vis chronic diseases.

In spite of this, cataracts continue to be one of the three leading causes of blindness and uncorrected refractive defects are among the most prevalent causes of severe visual impairment. In view of this, World Sight Day in 2010 was dedicated to highlighting that this situation can change by implementing the programmes, strategies and solutions that have proved effective in many countries and should be further developed in order to achieve the objectives of the programme VISION 2020: The Right to Sight, which has now been in operation for a decade and aims to eradicate preventable blindness in the world by 2020.

Eyes of the world is playing its part to achieve this objective, and, in the longer term, we aim to ensure the best possible vision for all people in the poorest countries of the world through the setting up of comprehensive and sustainable eye care systems that form an integral part of national health plans in each of the countries with which we collaborate.

It is a challenge that we face in uncertain times; on the one hand, the economic crisis, which has affected us greatly in 2010, has required us to make decisions based on the effectiveness of activities, with priority given to the most important elements to ensure that the quality and effectiveness of planned activities are maintained in spite of the reduced budget. On the other hand, we have had to address issues of insecurity in countries, such as Mali, particularly in the region of Mopti, where travel was discouraged in the final months of the year due to the risk of terrorist attacks.

In spite of all this, the Foundation has continued to work towards a fairer world, an improvement in the living conditions of people and their communities, and raising the awareness of citizens to enhance our society's commitment to improving visual health in the poorest countries of the world. We will continue moving forward with everybody's support in the countdown to ensure the universal right to sight.



Rafael Ribó



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OUR MISSION

Eyes of the world is a non-profit organisation that helps visually impaired people without financial resources in poor countries to receive high-quality ophthalmic care through their local health services and strives to create the necessary conditions to reduce the incidence of eye diseases in these countries. The organisation also seeks to raise awareness in our society of the deficiencies in basic healthcare suffered in those places.

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PRINCIPLES OF ACTION

- **Permanent action**, involving a long-term commitment to local people and health authorities.
- **Development** and commitment to **training** as a tool for the future.
- **Cooperation**, which involves collaboration with other organisations operating in the area and with authorities and local health services.
- **Efficiency** and ability to maximise and control resources and outcomes.



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OUR TEAM

The group of people who make the Foundation's work possible



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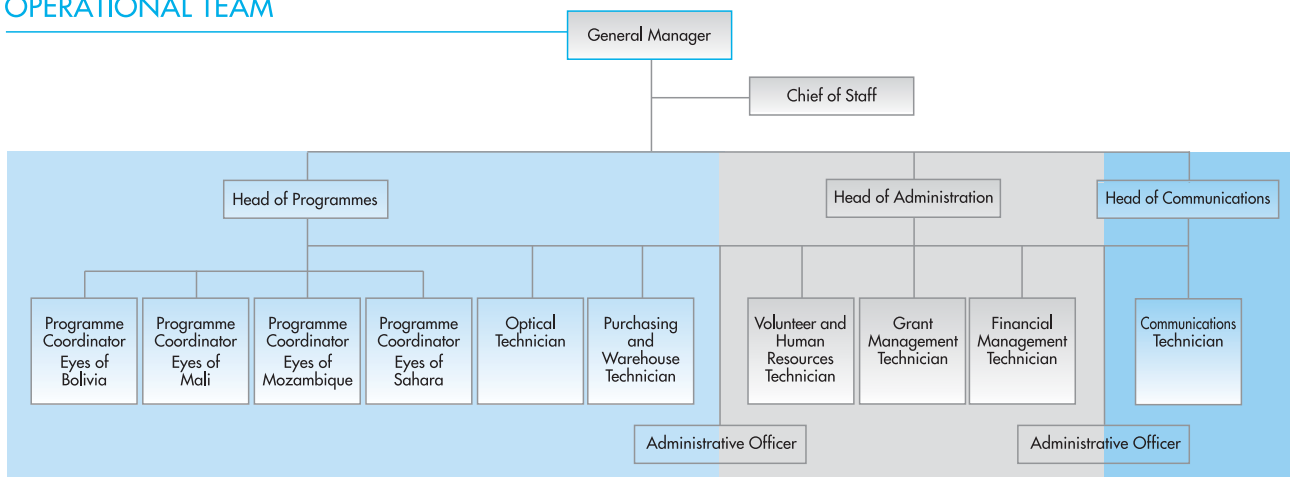
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THE GLOBAL CONTEXT OF OUR WORK

Figures for blindness in the world in the context of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight

Worldwide, there are **284** million people with severe visual impairment: **39** million are blind and **245** million have limited vision.

90% of blind people live in the poorest countries, and **80%** of the blindness could be prevented or cured.

Refractive defects are the leading cause of visual impairment, accounting for almost half of all cases. **Cataracts** are the leading cause in countries with fewer financial resources.

63% of people with visual disabilities and **80%** of blind people are over 50 years old.



Thanks to the launch in 2011 of the programme **VISION 2020: The Right to Sight**, promoted by the World Health Organization and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (Eyes of the world is part of its Advisory Council), notable success has been achieved:

- The number of severely visually impaired people in the world has been reduced by **10%** (in 2004, there were **314** million).
- The number of blind people in the world has been decreased by **13%** in the last six years (in 2004, the figure stood at **45** million).



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OPENING THE EYES OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES

Eyes of the world's ophthalmic cooperation programmes



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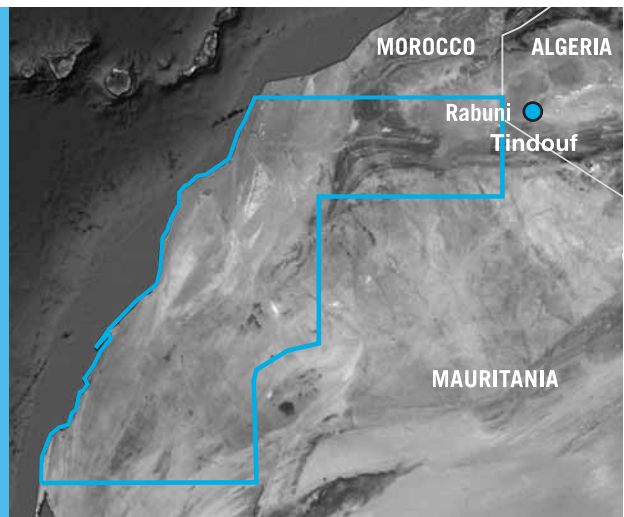
	Training	Medical	Monitoring & assessment	TOTAL
SAHARA	2	2	3	7
MOZAMBIQUE	5 (a)	2	1	8
BOLIVIA	1	-	1	2
MALI	6 (b)	3	2	11
TOTAL	14	7	7	28

(a) Including five courses carried out at three training missions

(b) Including two missions in Bamako and four videoconference sessions



EYES OF SAHARA



Source: Google Earth

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

Eyes of the world's work in the Sahrawi refugee camps of Tindouf is aimed at providing support for the prevention and treatment of ophthalmic and optical conditions identified by the Ophthalmology Services of the Ministry of Health of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, in accordance with the **Eyes of Sahara 2010-2012** programme. This represents the Foundation's involvement in activities organised by the local health services, as a result of the gradual assuming of responsibilities by the Ministry of Health and its Ophthalmology Services in recent years.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

TRAINING OF LOCAL STAFF

- **3 female ophthalmic technicians** will be joining the ophthalmic staff after being trained in the operation of optical laboratories.
- **4 ophthalmic technicians** and **1 nurse** have been trained in ophthalmic and optical equipment, and **1 technician** updated his knowledge of optical consultation and laboratory work.
- **1 nurse** and **1 anaesthetist** from Rabuni National Hospital were trained in ophthalmic instrumentation and anaesthesia techniques at the missions.



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PREVENTION OF EYE DISEASES

- **201 children** from nursery schools in Dajla and the 12 October primary school had eye check-ups performed by ophthalmic technicians. Schoolchildren with eye diseases were treated at the paediatric mission.
- A **gender study** was carried out by a specialist technician, which showed that fewer females than males used ophthalmic services.
- Studies on the use of **traditional medicine** in the treatment of eye diseases were carried out in order to prevent medical complications in some cases.

OPHTHALMIC HEALTHCARE FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION

- 4,031 people were attended to (3,805 consultations and 226 surgical procedures), either at the missions staffed by volunteer professionals or in support of local health services.

EQUIPPING OF MEDICAL CENTRES

Ophthalmic resources: Rabuni National Hospital was provided with 1 biometer, 1 tonometer, 1 retinoscope, 1 ophthalmoscope and equipment and materials to ensure that medical-surgical procedures can be performed in future.



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Optical resources: District optical consulting rooms and laboratories were equipped with 1 ophthalmoscope, 3 retinoscopes, 1 lensmeter, 1 templating device, 2 manual lens edgers, a pair of trial frames, a number of trial frames for children, 1 trial lens, 1 near-vision optotype, 3,381 presbyopia glasses, 3,777 sunglasses, 3,354 frames, 6,240 uncut lenses, 1,000 ophthalmic charts and 90 optometry record cards.

Three equipment technicians inspected and repaired equipment, and utility kits and toolboxes were provided to ensure future maintenance.



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EXPERIENCES RECOUNTED THROUGH A TRAVEL BLOG

As part of Eyes of the world's collaboration with Banc Sabadell, **Sandra Porcar** had the opportunity to recount her experiences at first hand as a member of a paediatric mission that visited the camps in October. It was the second consecutive year that an employee of the bank had participated as a logistics specialist on an expedition to Sahara, and her experiences could be followed on the website www.bsambullsdelmon.com.

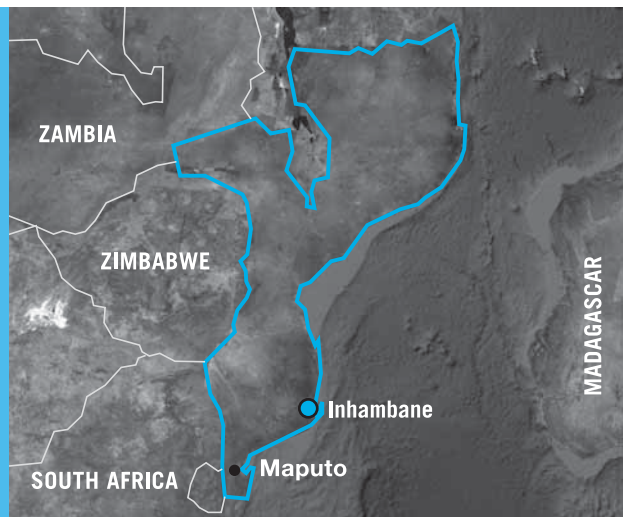
Below are some of her observations:

"It's exciting to go and see children who have recently been operated on. You enter and get a good feeling; the faces of the family members light up the room because of the success of the operations."

"This experience has helped me to see that, by doing our bit, we are helping to improve the lives of many people who are, after all, human beings just like us and who, because of a twist of fate, were born into a particularly difficult existence."



EYES OF MOZAMBIQUE



Source: Google Earth

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

The Foundation's work in Mozambique seeks to consolidate the ophthalmic cooperation strategy initiated in 2002 with the aim of improving the eye health of the local population in the province of Inhambane through prevention and early diagnosis activities, as well as ophthalmic and optical care. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Inhambane Provincial Health Authority, we focused our efforts on enhancing community health initiatives and training health staff in accordance with the extended **Eyes of Mozambique 2007-2009** programme.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

TRAINING OF LOCAL STAFF

- **Ligia Munguambe** received training during a six-month residency at the Ocular Microsurgery Institute in Barcelona (IMO).
- The **7 ophthalmologists** and **5 residents** at Maputo Central Hospital were trained in oculoplastics and paediatric ophthalmology. **20 professionals from the hospital's nursing and anaesthesia staff** also attended these training sessions, and 2 orthoptists were trained in paediatric ophthalmology.
- The hospital's **2 ocular technicians** continued to develop their knowledge of ocular prosthesis implantation.
- **2 ophthalmic technicians, 1 theatre assistant** and **1 glasses technician** from Inhambane Provincial Hospital received training in surgical and diagnostic techniques, paediatric ophthalmology, ophthalmic care and lens fitting, respectively.



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PREVENTION OF EYE DISEASES

- **7,265 children** from **40 schools** in four districts of Inhambane (Jangamo, Zavala, Panda and Inharrime) received eye check-ups. Ophthalmic technicians trained **80 teachers** in measuring visual acuity.

- **53 community health workers** from the municipality of Inhambane and the districts of Vilankulos and Morrumbene improved their knowledge of how to maintain good eye health by attending three courses. This knowledge was incorporated into programmes designed to raise the awareness of the local population.
- **12,000 schoolbooks** and **1,500 comics** to raise awareness of ophthalmic and optical eye health were distributed throughout Inhambane's primary and secondary schools and cultural centres with the aim of preventing eye disease through early diagnosis. **5 songs** and **1 radio programme** were also recorded.



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OPHTHALMIC HEALTHCARE FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION

- As well as the more than 7,000 children who had their eyes checked, **3,953** people were attended to (**3,586** consultations and **367** surgical procedures), either through the missions staffed by volunteer professionals or in support of local health services.



EQUIPPING OF MEDICAL CENTRES

Ophthalmic resources: Inhambane Provincial Hospital was equipped with medical and ophthalmic materials to ensure patient care throughout the year.

Optical resources: Inhambane Provincial Hospital's optical laboratory was equipped with 1 lens edger, 1 lensmeter and 300 children's frames, whereas the province's schools were provided with 80 optotypes.



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LIGIA MUNGUAMBE: "I AM CONVINCED THAT I CAN HELP THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTRY"

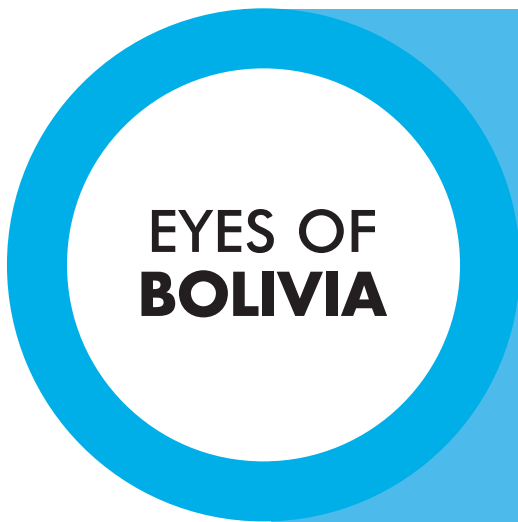
Ligia Munguambe will soon become Mozambique's fourteenth ophthalmologist for a population of more than 20 million people, after completing a training period at the Ocular Microsurgery Institute in Barcelona (IMO), thanks to a scholarship awarded by Eyes of the world. "It has been a

unique experience that has enabled me to work alongside the professionals of the IMO and has provided me with greater knowledge. I am convinced that I can help the people of my country who suffer from preventable or curable blindness."

After completing her residency, the Mozambican doctor joined the Ophthalmology Services of the African country to carry out ophthalmic healthcare services particularly aimed at the poorest members of the population. Ligia recalls what led her to choose this profession: "Being able to help a patient, who has been blind for many years, see again and appreciate this wonderful world gives you a feeling of great joy."







Source: Google Earth

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

Eyes of the world worked on the creation of a public ophthalmology service in the municipality of El Alto and its catchment area, facilitating access to eye care services for the poorest members of the population and improving the quality of ophthalmology services in the country's public health system. Activities carried out in 2010 in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Sport, the El Alto Regional Health Service and the El Alto Municipal Government represent a continuation of the **Eyes of Bolivia 2008-2009** programme.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

TRAINING OF LOCAL STAFF

- **4 residents** (2 second-year and 2 third-year) were trained at the National Ophthalmology Institute (INO) through scholarships and completed their practical training at the missions. **2 ophthalmologists**, previously trained by Eyes of the world, work in El Alto's health system and rural communities.
- The **5 ophthalmologists** who work in El Alto's health system received training in phacoemulsification surgical techniques as part of a mission at the Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital.
- **15 or so ophthalmologists and residents** from the National Ophthalmology Institute were trained in squamous-cell carcinoma of the conjunctiva, clinical retina cases and phacoemulsification techniques by attending three training sessions.
- **399 people** from the El Alto health system and rural area staff, including doctors, nurses, nursing assistants, social workers and students, were trained in primary care detection, treatment and referral of eye diseases.



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PREVENTION OF EYE DISEASES

- **383 children** from two schools from the Bolivian-Dutch and Los Andes education systems and a foundation for children at risk of social exclusion received check-ups. **22 teachers** were also trained in measuring visual acuity, and **36 educational talks** were organised for teachers.
- A total of **319 people**, including community representatives and health regulators from the Bolivian-Dutch, Corea and Senkata 79 health systems, attended **5 talks** on basic eye health and detection of visual acuity problems.



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OPHTHALMIC HEALTHCARE FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION

- In addition to the 383 children checked, **11,501** people were attended to (**11,444** consultations and **57** surgical procedures) mainly by professionals from the El Alto local health system, who have benefited from the support of Eyes of the world.

EQUIPPING OF MEDICAL CENTRES

Ophthalmic resources: An eye clinic at the Senkata 79 Health Centre was opened and equipped, and other centres were provided with equipment and materials to ensure continued medical services.

Optical resources: 1,000 uncut lenses were donated to the health service's various eye clinics by three local opticians.



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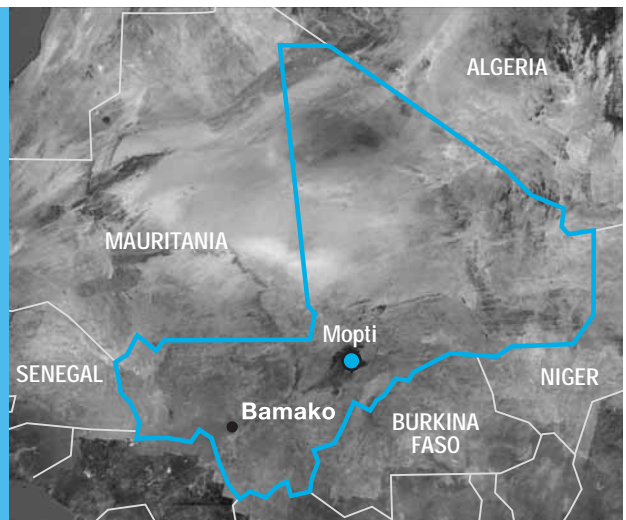
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BORJA CORCÓSTEGUI: "THE LOCAL OPHTHALMOLOGISTS HAVE TREATED MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE"

Eyes of the world's Vice President, **Borja Corcóstegui**, was one of the members of the original mission that visited Bolivia in 2003 and set up the programme. *"The situation in terms of ophthalmic services in El Alto and its catchment area has undergone major changes thanks to the work of the Foundation. At that time, there were practically no*

ophthalmic services, but now these services are offered by five medical centres staffed by professional ophthalmologists, most of whom have been trained by Eyes of the world."

In recent years, the Foundation has created an integrated healthcare system provided by Bolivian-Dutch Municipal Hospital, Modelo Corea Municipal Hospital, Los Andes Hospital, Lotes y Servicios Hospital and Senkata 79 Health Centre. Dr Corcóstegui explains: *"By 2010, local ophthalmologists had treated more than 10,000 patients throughout the healthcare system, which has enabled sufferers to overcome their eye problems and recover independence, the ability to study, work and look after their families. In other words, they have been given a chance to escape from the situation of poverty in which they live."*



Source: Google Earth

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

The Foundation has worked towards improving the eye health of the people of the region of Mopti, in accordance with the **Eyes of Mali 2008-2010** programme and the strategies contained in the National Strategic Plan for Preventing and Combating Blindness 2006-2010. The programme has addressed eye disease from a comprehensive perspective, through ophthalmic and optical care, the training of local health staff, the equipping of health centres and prevention and awareness-raising initiatives. To do so, it has benefited from the involvement of the Ministry of Health, the management of the National Plan for Preventing and Combating Blindness and the Mopti Health Authority.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

TRAINING OF LOCAL STAFF

- **2 residents** specialised in ophthalmology at the African Institute of Tropical Ophthalmology (IOTA) with the understanding that one of them will be working in the Mopti region after completion of the Eyes of the world-financed training.
- **Thirty or so ophthalmologists and residents** from IOTA received training in ptosis, eyelid surgery, congenital glaucoma, retina and paediatric ophthalmology by attending four videoconference courses and two training missions.
- **1 ophthalmologist, 1 ophthalmology nurse and 5 nursing assistants** were trained in surgical and diagnostic techniques, ophthalmic care and instrumentation at missions at Bankass Hospital.
- **17 health workers** from health districts in the region of Mopti received training in the basic concepts of eye diseases.

PREVENTION OF EYE DISEASES

- **1,306 children** from 9 primary schools in the districts of Bandigara, Douentza and Djenné (in the region of Mopti) and a school in Bamako had their eyes checked by local ophthalmic technicians in order to detect eye diseases and organise prevention initiatives.



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IN MEMORY OF MOHAMED TOURE AND SEYDOU KONE

Eyes of the world would like to pay tribute to **Mohamed Toure**, the glasses technician in charge of the optical laboratory at Sominé Dolo Hospital in Mopti, who died in November in a traffic accident. The Malian professional, 37, was trained at IOTA through a scholarship awarded by the Foundation and had been responsible for managing the optical laboratory since it opened in late 2009. We would also like to pay tribute to the ophthalmic technician, **Seydou Kone**, who died from illness in 2010. He had worked at medical missions at Bankass Hospital.



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- **1,125 people** from 6 districts in the region of Mopti, mostly **women**, learned about basic eye care by attending talks organised by the regional delegation of the CAFO Women's Association, previously trained by Eyes of the world.

OPHTHALMIC HEALTHCARE FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION

- **1,648 people** were attended to (1,273 consultations and 375 surgical procedures) at three missions staffed by volunteer professionals, and more than 1,300 children had eye check-ups.

EQUIPPING OF MEDICAL CENTRES

Ophthalmic resources: Bankass Hospital was equipped with consumables and materials necessary to carry out consultations and surgical procedures at the medical missions.

Optical resources: Bankass Hospital and the optical laboratory at Sominé Dolo Hospital in Mopti were equipped with 10 optotypes, 10 ocular occluders, 1,022 presbyopia glasses, 701 sunglasses and 80 uncut lenses.



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ANDRÉS MÜLLER-THYSSEN: "THEY CAN FIGHT POVERTY BY THEMSELVES"

Andrés Müller-Thyssen, the *Eyes of Mali* programme's medical supervisor, assesses the work undertaken by the Foundation in the African country in 2010: "We continued to consolidate and strengthen the project. We want to ensure its viability through greater mutual

engagement with local stakeholders and the population of Mali. They are actually showing us that they are willing and able to fight poverty and exercise their right to sight."

The Basque ophthalmologist points out: "Collaboration with the health authorities has been strengthened in the fight against preventable blindness. We were able to achieve most of our objectives in terms of direct medical care, provision of equipment and infrastructure and training of staff at all levels of the health system. We also fostered community participation in promoting eye health."

OPENING THE EYES OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

Awareness-raising initiatives in 2010

EXHIBITIONS

- **With different eyes.** Ocular Microsurgery Institute in Barcelona. 14 October - 14 December



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TALKS

- **Opening the eyes of the poorest countries.** Lelo Méndez. Seville. 2 June
- **Opening the eyes of Mali.** Josep Maria Rafart and Maria Mercè Franch. Vic. 20 November
- **Opening the eyes of Sahara.** Josep Maria Rafart and Maria Mercè Franch. Centelles. 15 October
- **Opening the eyes of the world.** Ricardo Casaroli at the Spanish Society of Ophthalmology's annual conference

CONFERENCES

- **Spanish Society of Ophthalmology conference.** Madrid. 22-25 September
- **Portuguese Society of Ophthalmology conference.** Vilamoura. 2-4 December

OTHER EVENTS

- The **third edition of the Eyes of the world photography competition**
- The **ninth anniversary of the Foundation.** Antoni Tàpies Foundation. 15 July
- The **second edition of the Munduko begiak golf tournament.** San Sebastian Royal Golf Club. 17 July



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PRESS AND INTERNET

- 130 appearances in the Catalanian, Spanish and international media.
- 250 screenings of the Foundation's television appeal with space donated by broadcasters as part of World Sight Day (14 October).
- 24,000 annual visits to the website (www.ojosdelmundo.org).
- 4 issues of the redesigned quarterly electronic newsletter.



El Periódico de Catalunya newspaper article on 21 October 2010

A NOITE DOS OLLOS DO MUNDO

The Foundation organised its ninth annual awareness-raising dinner, presenting the annual accounts and fundraising in Galicia. **A Noite dos Ollos do mundo** (Eyes of the world night in the Galician regional language) took place on 12 November at the Hostal dos Reis Católicos in **Santiago de Compostela**, coinciding with Xacobeo 2010.

The guest of honour was the President of the Galician Regional Government, Alberto Núñez Feijóo, and it was attended by 250 guests, including representatives from Galician politics, business, culture and healthcare, from other regions of Spain, such as Madrid and the Basque Country, and from Portugal. The evening was hosted by the journalist, Fernando Ónega, and the actress, Uxía Blanco, and featured a musical performance by Carlos Núñez.



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Fernanda Linchale, the Mozambican ambassador in Spain: "I am sure that your work will be greatly appreciated by the country's families and government" (in an email to the Foundation's General Manager dated 5 July 2010).

Núria Andreu, photographer and Eyes of the world collaborator: "I wish you every success in forging ahead with your projects and maintaining the vision of so many people" (in an email dated 8 October 2010).

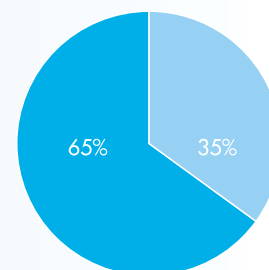
Rony Sandoval, from Peru: "The work you do to help people in need is admirable" (in an email dated 26 October 2010).

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Eyes of the world Foundation's 2010 accounts

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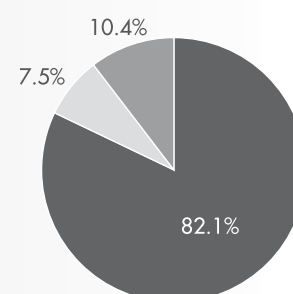
PUBLIC	985,746.28
Institutional patrons	178,834.11
Cooperation grants	806,912.17
PRIVATE	531,117.38
Companies and entities	223,261.14
Supporters	33,716.00
Occasional donors	70,438.33
Equipment and materials donations	64,760.00
Income generated from "The Night"	138,050.00
Other income	891.91
TOTAL INCOME	1,516,863.66



65% public
35% private

EXPENSES

ACTION PROGRAMMES	1,184,306.35
Development cooperation	1,038,477.20
Ophthalmic treatment	97,137.39
Provision of equipment and materials	254,562.51
Training	88,402.13
Prevention studies and campaigns	34,788.14
Technical coordination, assessment and monitoring in the field	576,075.83
Awareness raising	145,829.15
External dissemination and awareness-raising campaigns	77,776.52
Operating expenses	68,052.63
FUNDRAISING	107,478.01
ADMINISTRATION	150,329.32
Central services	141,565.74
Board of Trustees	8,763.58
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,442,113.68



82.1% action programmes
7.5% fundraising
10.4% administration

* The 2010 surplus will be applied to 2011's action programmes.

This information has been taken from the Eyes of the world Foundation's 2010 annual accounts, which were externally audited by GM Auditors, who issued a favourable report. The annual accounts, approved by the Board of Trustees of Eyes of the world, are available at the Foundation's head office.

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SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES

Reformulating programmes from a comprehensive perspective



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2010 was a year in which we strengthened cooperation programmes from a comprehensive perspective, for which we took into account the different aspects involved in improving the visual health of people with visual impairments and without financial resources in countries where we have ongoing projects.

In addition to making progress in defining and implementing programmes for training and knowledge as well as skills transfer to local health professionals, we have continued to provide equipment and materials to create local ophthalmic services that encompass the different levels

of eye care (from primary to tertiary) to facilitate public access to ophthalmic services. We also contributed to public eye care policymaking.

Also significant (and we hope that it will be even more so in the coming years) has been Eyes of the world's contribution in highlighting the **importance of gender** in the planning and implementation of ophthalmic cooperation programmes and the planning of **health education initiatives** aimed at people with less knowledge about eye hygiene and early detection of diseases.

In specific terms, we conducted a gender study in the Sahrawi refugee camps which revealed inequality between men and women; results that show us the importance of promoting equitable and inclusive practices that enable women to gain access to ophthalmic services in the future.

We also launched information, education and communication campaigns, especially in Mozambique and Mali, in an attempt to change eye health behaviour and habits among the population. The main focus was on raising awareness of eye diseases, prevention, treatment and the most appropriate surgery for each case.

In 2011, we will be focusing our efforts on enabling more people, especially women, to gain access to information, medical care, diagnosis and referral to the relevant ophthalmic services. We intend to continue implementing comprehensive programmes incorporated into public healthcare policies that ensure the establishing of sustainable and effective ophthalmic services in each of the countries in which we work.

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