

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





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Eyes of the world is a private foundation with headquarters in Barcelona, established on July 9, 2001 and registered in:

- Registry of Foundations of the Government of Catalonia, with number 1568, on July 18, 2001.
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- Registry of Foundations of the Basque Country, on July 19, 2005.
- Registry of Associations of Seville, on January 23, 2007.
- Registry of Foundations of the Valencian Community, on January 29, 2007.
- Register of the Headquarters of Puy-de-Dôme, France, on December 27, 2012.
- Bureau of Associations, Foundations and Professional Associations of Pamplona, Navarre, on November 20, 2013.
- Registry of the Agents of International Development Cooperation in Andalusia. Andalusian Agency for International Development Cooperation, March 29, 2019.
- Lafede.cat, organizations for global justice, as an observer member, on June 15, 2019.
- Register of the Navarre DNGO Coordinator, 8 September 2022.

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Eyes of the world appreciates the contribution of all the people who, either with photographs or with information, have documented the activities of the Foundation.

A close-up photograph of a person's eye, likely of African descent, being examined by a healthcare professional. A finger is gently holding the upper eyelid, and a medical instrument is visible near the eye. The person is wearing a blue surgical mask.

## MISSION

Eyes of the world works to achieve a world in which people with visual impairments and without economic resources from countries with a medium or low development index can receive quality ophthalmological care from their health services and create the necessary conditions to reduce the incidence of eye pathologies in each territory.

It also raises public awareness in our environment regarding the deficiencies of basic health in those areas.

## VISION

Eyes of the world envisions a world in which no one is needlessly blind, the right to sight is effective and everyone has the opportunity to realise their full potential.

# PRINCIPLES AND ACTION GUIDELINES

## FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

HUMANITY

INDEPENDENCE

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES  
AND GENDER EQUITY

ALTRUISM

PROFESSIONALISM

TRANSPARENCY

## ACTION GUIDELINES

PERMANENCE

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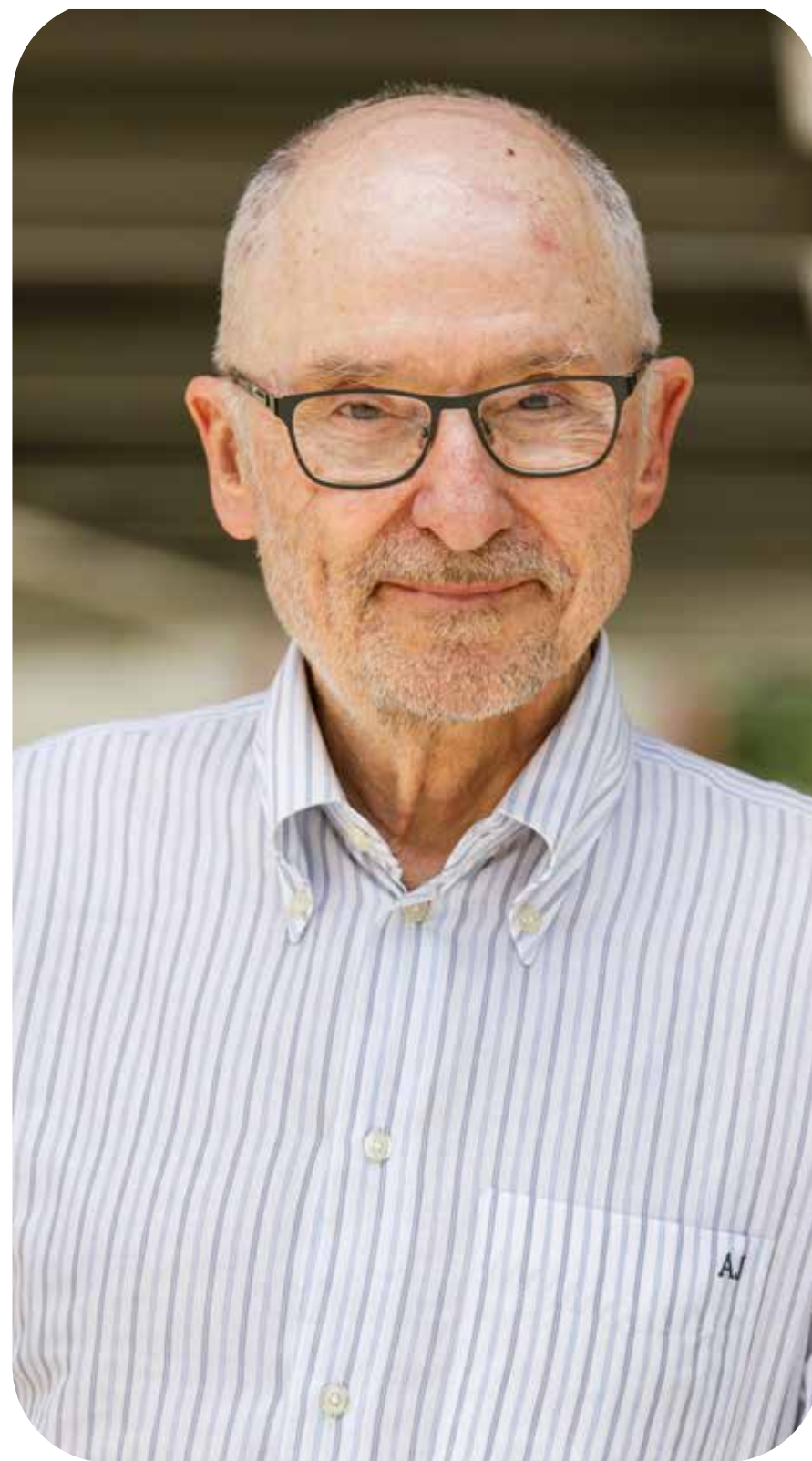
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## PRESENTATIONS

### Vision without borders

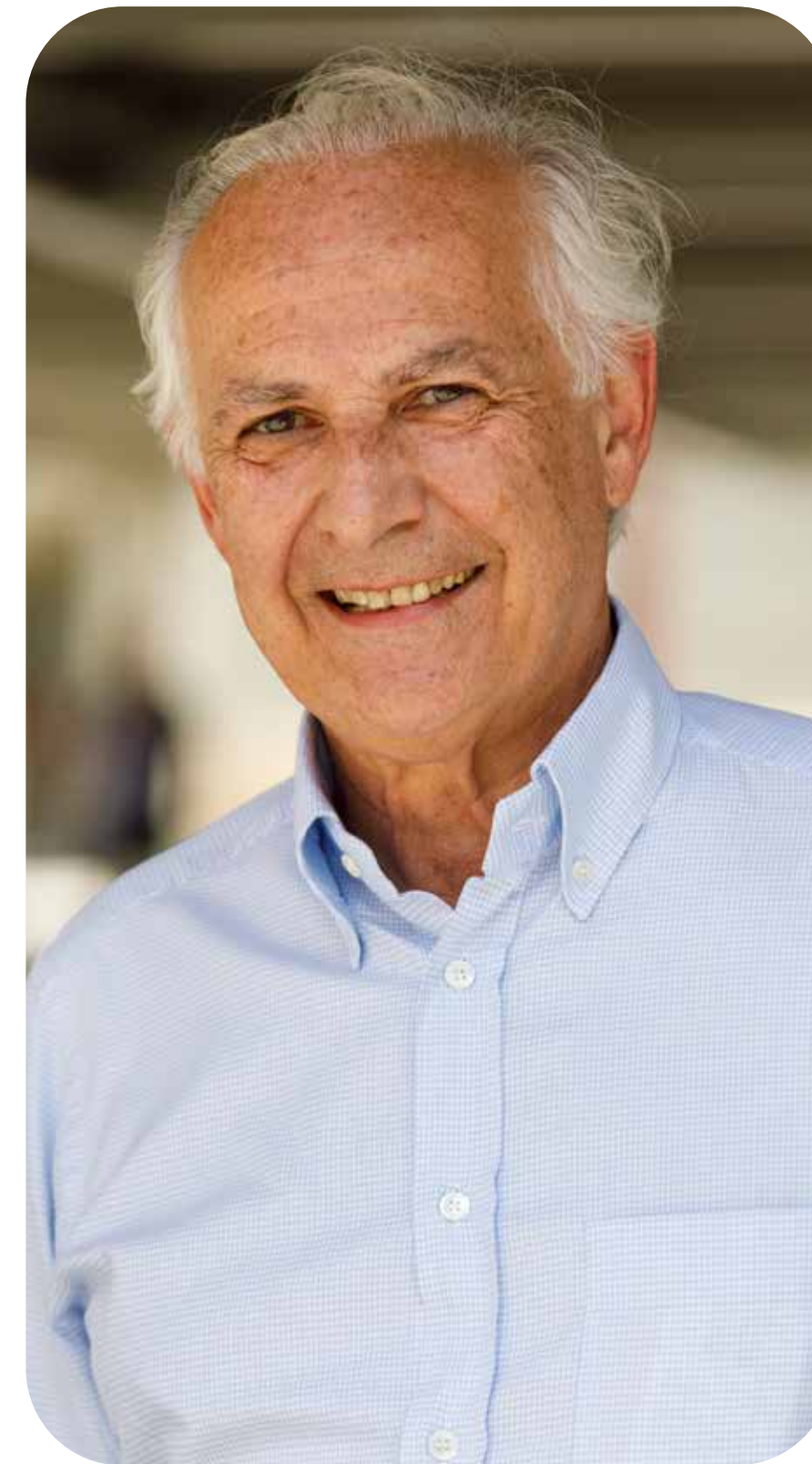


President  
Rafael Ribó

To move forward in the defence of the universal right to sight, it is important that we **pool our efforts** and unite our demands, support and calls, to become a powerful instrument and loudspeaker in the struggle against preventable blindness. For this reason, Eyes of the world has increased its presence and involvement in organisations such as the **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)**. And not simply to draw attention to and take part in global awareness-raising campaigns, but also by collaborating in concrete actions focused on health determinants such as gender and the environment.

In 2022, the Foundation played a **highly active role in the IAPB's work groups on equity and climate action**. Over the course of the year, Eyes of the world also formed new partnerships with and received endorsements from international organisations that recognise our work on the ground and support our projects, such as **Christian Blind Mission (CBM) and the European Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS)**. Thanks to the trust of large organisations, our initiatives deliver more and better results and enable us to advance the aims of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda.

### New technologies for a new future



Vice president  
Borja Corcóstegui

Eyes of the world's projects would be worthless if their ultimate aim were not to strengthen the capacities of local teams and provide them the ophthalmological knowledge and resources necessary to visit, treat and operate on the people in their territories.

To this end, the Foundation draws on whatever means it has at its disposal. For us, **2022 was a pivotal moment in terms of innovation and digital transformation**, in which we incorporated new virtual tools and devices to enhance local training and make the procedures more effective. On the one hand, **telemedicine** enabled us to train and support, from here and with local professionals, health workers thousands of miles away. The objective behind this form of telelearning was to increase the number of people capable of providing eye care and, by doing so, increase the availability of eye health services in each territory. Furthermore, to optimise the quality of eye procedures, we also incorporated new technologies such as the **Boost Cataract app**, through which we can monitor surgical outcomes and improve their efficiency. This year, the initial tests with this app were performed in Mozambique, with the aim of validating it, exporting it to other projects and ultimately integrating it into public health systems.



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## A transformative vision

Director  
Anna Barba



By working towards the universal right to sight, Eyes of the world transforms the life of vulnerable people with eye problems, contributing to the reduction of inequalities and helping them realise their full potential. This transformative vision was the basis of **the new 2022–2024 Strategic Plan, which was defined and approved this year**; a plan which will adapt to the needs of each context, as each presents different constraints and sensibilities. In this regard, 2022 was a year for visiting the territories in which we cooperate to get a better sense of the projects. **We travelled to Mozambique and Bolivia** to validate the impact of our work and support the creation of alliances with local stakeholders. **We also visited Euskal Herria and Nafarroa** to inform those public administrations that support us of the progress achieved in the projects in which they are involved and share our thoughts with the wonderful team of volunteers who make our projects possible. Because only by understanding the diverse realities and building trust with the teams can we effectively develop action plans that serve to strengthen local eye health services.

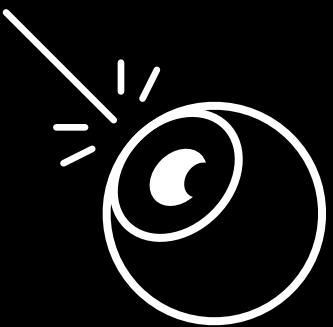


# IN 2022



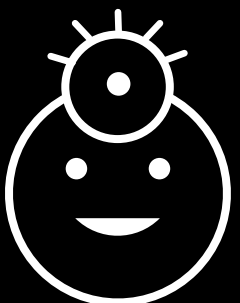
136,015  
PEOPLE ASSISTED

78,917 ADULTS (55% WOMEN)  
57,098 MINORS (50% GIRLS)



3,530 SURGERIES

50% WOMEN



1,501 TRAINED  
PROFESSIONALS

67% WOMEN



63,909 PEOPLE  
MADE AWARE

64% WOMEN

1,024,100  
PEOPLE IMPACTED

BY LOCAL MEDIA



# A FOCUS ON WOMEN

Eyes of the world's commitment to equality and equity is clear and consistent with its Gender Strategy. It is an issue that **cuts across and permeates** our organisational culture (staff management, work-life balance, care), communication, awareness-raising efforts and cooperation projects. If there is one thing our programmes have in common, it is the **struggle against gender inequality** in access to eye health. At a global level, 55% of the visually impaired are women. There are numerous barriers that impede their access to eye health services: lack of control over family resources, lack of information, fear of surgery... To reduce these barriers, **a number of activities aimed at ensuring eye care for**

**women and girls** were carried out in 2022, including:

- Home visits to diagnose and treat women in situations of social exclusion in Sahrawi refugee camps.
- Equipment of a mobile optician's run by women to provide eye care primarily to women in remote areas of the province of Inhambane (Mozambique).
- Deployment of mobile brigades to the rural towns of Oruro and Tarija (Bolivia) to perform procedures on peasant women.
- Consolidation of a system of microcredits to economically empower women in Mali and help them afford the cost of eye care.

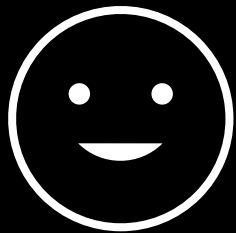




# EYES OF THE SAHARA

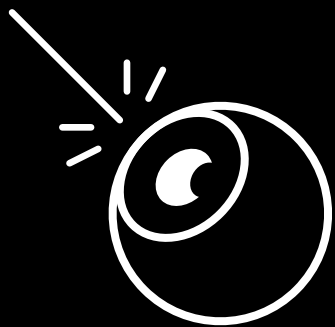


As commissions could not be sent to the camps due to unrest in the region, the Béchar Ophthalmology House, an accommodation facility for ophthalmology patients, played a highly significant role in treating eye conditions and ensuring access to the public health system.



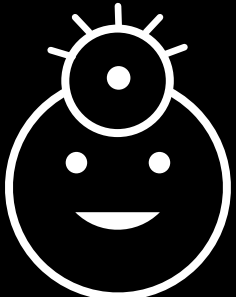
22,038 PEOPLE ASSISTED

11,531 ADULTS (54% WOMEN)  
10,507 MINORS (51% GIRLS)



855 SURGERIES

56% WOMEN



78 TRAINED PROFESSIONALS

46% WOMEN



2,775 PEOPLE MADE AWARE

91% WOMEN

173,800 PEOPLE IMPACTED

BY LOCAL MEDIA

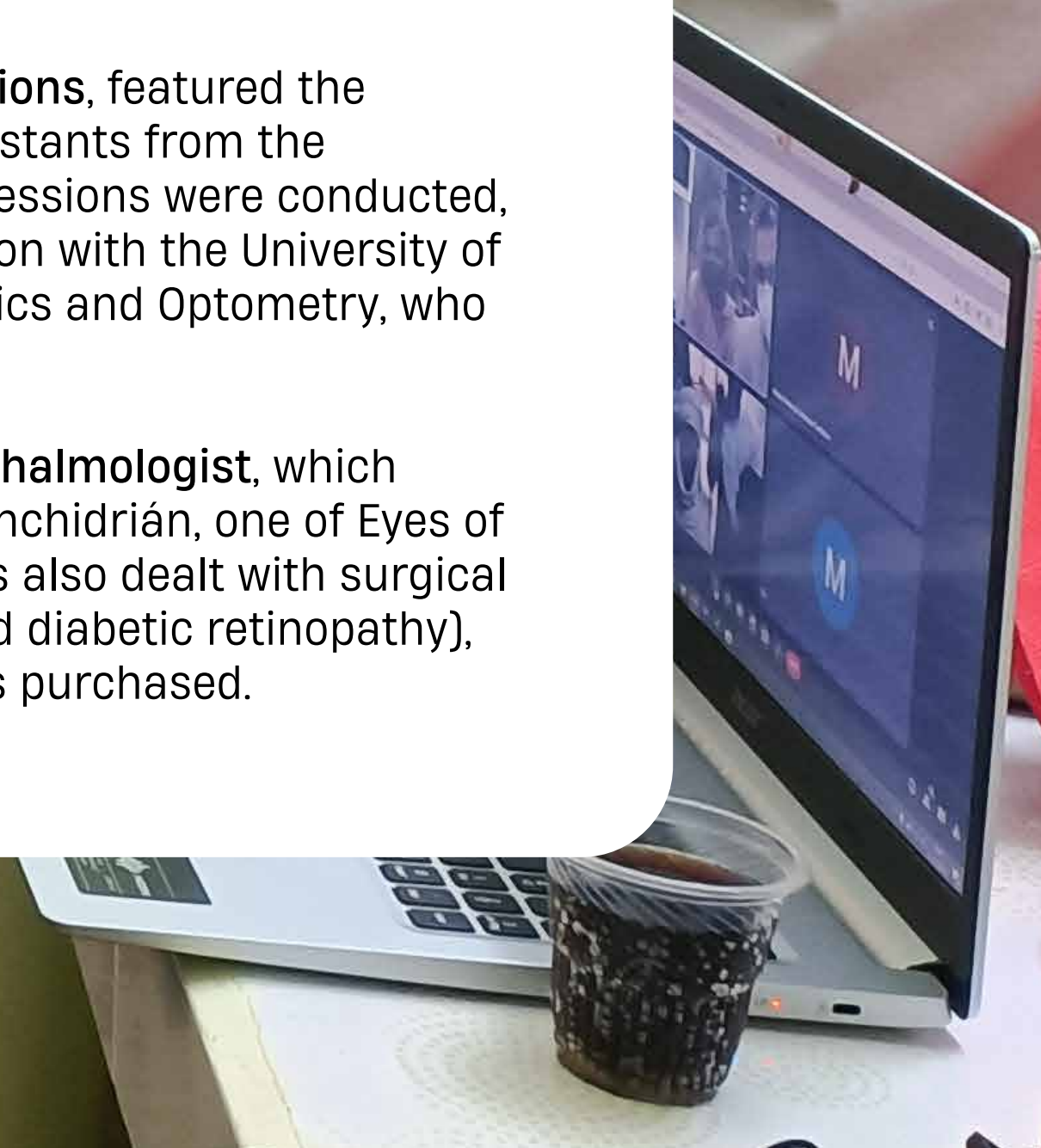




## TELEMEDICINE REINFORCED THE TRAINING OF LOCAL WORKERS

In accordance with the Spanish Government's safety recommendations, in 2022, no non-essential activities requiring the on-site deployment of staff could be carried out. As a result, what was intended to be field training was changed to online training. Two important telemedicine projects were launched:

- › The first, which involved **paediatric optometry sessions**, featured the participation of 12 optometrists and 3 workshop assistants from the ophthalmology department. Over the year, 7 online sessions were conducted, along with 2 on-site sessions in Rabuni, in cooperation with the University of Zaragoza and a female Sahrawi degree holder in Optics and Optometry, who visited the camps.
- › And the second, **surgical training for the local ophthalmologist**, which involved 8 online clinical sessions led by Dr María Sanchidrián, one of Eyes of the world's volunteer ophthalmologists. The sessions also dealt with surgical complications and chronic conditions (glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy), for which a comprehensive telemedicine system was purchased.





## COVERAGE OF CONSULTATIONS AND OPERATIONS

## PERMANENT ACTIVITY IN THE BÉCHAR HOUSE

In 2022, the Sahrawi ophthalmologist, the opticians in the wilayas and specialists from the Béchar Ophthalmology House performed a total of 11,531 examinations (53.8% women). In addition, 11,082 pairs of lenses (5,087 for presbyopia and 5,995 corrective lenses) were distributed, 55% of which for women. As regards operations, due to the inability to deploy surgical commissions, all procedures were performed at the ophthalmologic hospital in Béchar: 855 operations (56.4% women). In June, a new system for assessing surgical quality was implemented. Béchar was also a site for treating chronic conditions: 109 people with glaucoma (60.55% women) and 56 with diabetic

retinopathy (67.85% women). With the opening of the Ophthalmology House, the Eyes of the Sahara project has become more sustainable and now ensures permanent, high-quality care.



## PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS

## NEW PROCEDURES FOR EXAMINING MINORS

During the year, visual acuity screening campaigns were conducted in 3 schools in the Bojador wilaya and 7 in the Auserd wilaya, in

which eye examinations were performed on 5,347 girls and 5,160 boys. A total of 639 minors required correction (48.8% girls), all of whom received glasses.

In 2022, changes were introduced in the procedures for performing examinations at schools and new tools were created to collect and systematise data.

Two optometrists were tasked with managing school health and the 15 cases that required visual therapy were referred to a third optometrist, who assisted them with support from optometrists from the University of Zaragoza and a paediatric ophthalmologist. In the primary care centres in the Bojador, Aaiun, Auserd, Dajla and Smara wilayas, 87 eye health activities with a gender perspective were organised by the head of the IEC and the school nurses from each centre.



## AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIONS

## INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS

In terms of raising awareness, mention must be made of the 13 talks on eye health with a gender perspective organised in the daïras, which were attended by 2,394 people (97% women). After each session, visual acuity screenings were performed, based on which



either glasses for presbyopia were distributed or the individuals were referred to clinics for more comprehensive testing.

Local media, such as radio and TV, were also used to spread messages aimed at raising awareness. The Sahrawi television aired several reports on the patients treated at the Béchar Ophthalmology House, and the Ministry of Health dedicated several posts to it on social media.

With regards to traditional medicine practitioners, 25 healers were invited to a capacity building activity in Rabuni with a view to discussing prevention and eye hygiene and eliminating harmful ophthalmological practices that lead to complications.



## IMPROVED FACILITIES

# CONSTRUCTION OF NEW OPHTHALMOLOGY CENTRES

March saw the opening of Bojador Regional Hospital, which includes a new ophthalmology clinic. Eyes of the world was charged with supplying the necessary material and equipment and supporting the people who would provide eye care to the population. In terms of infrastructure, in December, construction began on an ophthalmology centre attached to Rabuni National Hospital. The centre will have 3 consultation rooms and an optical workshop and is expected to become operational sometime in mid-2023. Maintenance and improvement work was also carried out at the clinics in Aaiun and Auserd and the offices and warehouses in Rabuni, Dajla and Smara. Equipment and consumables were also purchased for the workshops and clinics.

## A FOCUS ON WOMEN

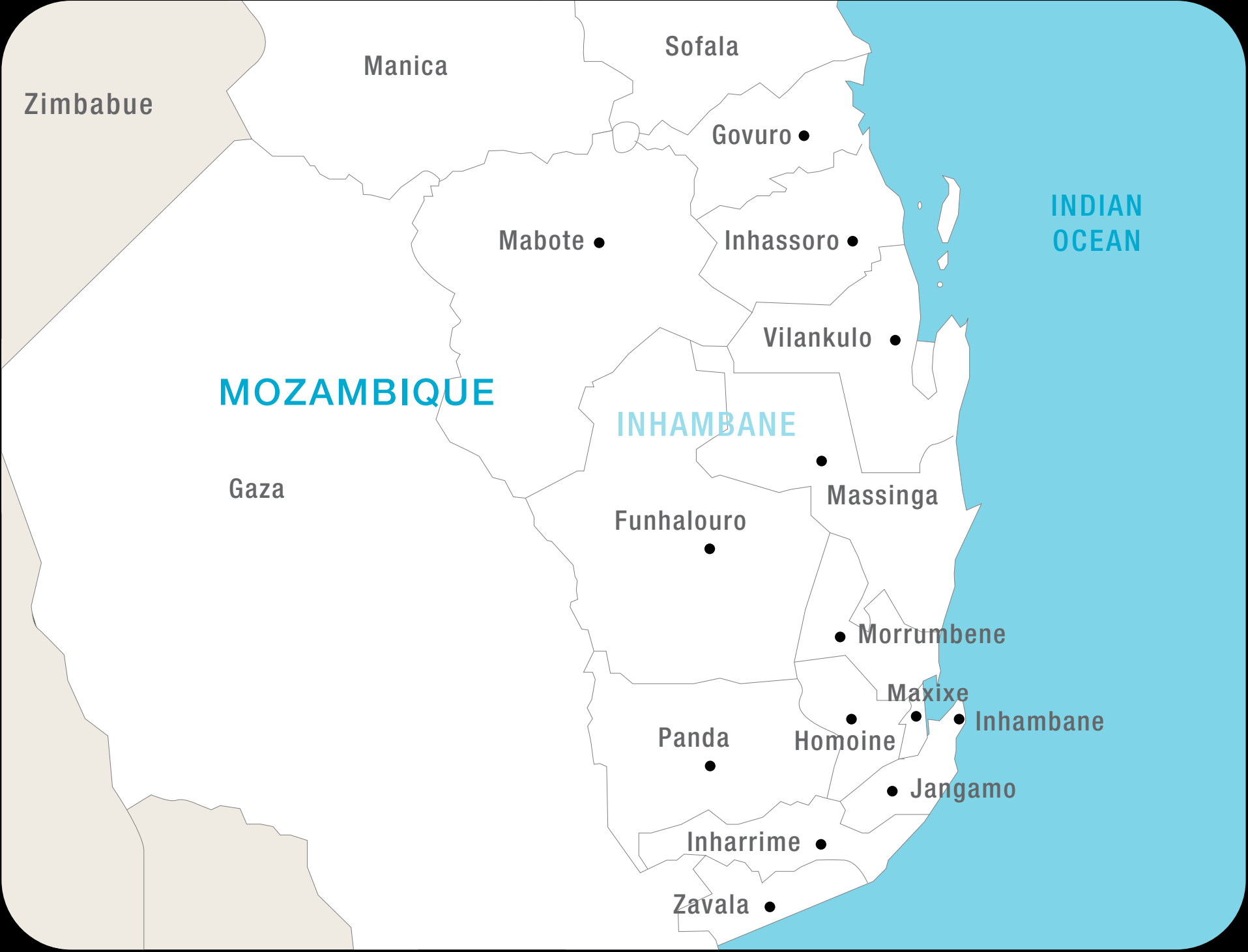
# HOME VISITS, FROM WOMAN TO WOMAN

One of the barriers that impedes access to eye care is the difficulties that people with special needs or in situations of social exclusion, many of whom are women, have getting around. To ensure they do not go without care, in 2022, the Eyes of the Sahara project began organising home visits to bring eye care to their tents, in coordination with the Sahrawi Red Crescent Society. To do so, **a group of women from the local association Basmat Khayr** received eye health training from the Foundation prior to the visits and learned to perform the basic tests to identify refractive problems and common eye conditions. Any eye patient who was unable to travel to the clinics for a more exhaustive examination and diagnosis was again visited at home by optometrists from the wilayas.

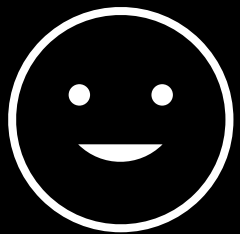




# EYES OF MOZAMBIQUE

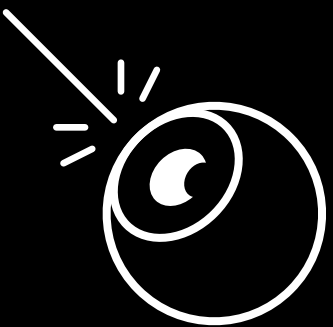


Despite the lack of medical staff and ophthalmology specialists in the public health system and the difficulties of the health administrations in acquiring material and equipment, the gender gap in access to eye care in Mozambique’s Inhambane province continues to close.



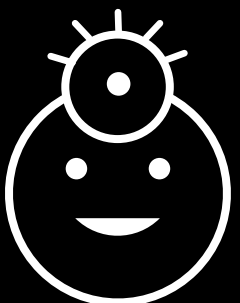
32,457 PEOPLE ASSISTED

25,378 ADULTS (57% WOMEN)  
7,079 MINORS (52% GIRLS)



828 SURGERIES

44% WOMEN



30 TRAINED PROFESSIONALS

70% WOMEN



819 PEOPLE MADE AWARE

57% WOMEN

250,000 PEOPLE IMPACTED

BY LOCAL MEDIA





## CREATION OF AN OPTICIAN'S ON WHEELS

2022 saw the launch of an innovative project to attend to the most remote rural populations in Inhambane, where permanent eye care does not exist: the Eyes of the world's mobile optician's. An adapted and fully equipped vehicle that makes it possible to **travel throughout the territory and ensure access to eye examinations and correction in 14 districts.**

The mobile unit began operating on July 8 in Vilankulos, when it was turned over to the AMODEVI women's association, the organisation responsible for running the new care service. In six months, 3,279 people were seen (59% women) and 182 pairs of glasses (59% women) were distributed.

The aim of this project is to improve the sight and well-being of the population and strengthen the capabilities of the public health system through relevant information, as the screenings serve to assess the ophthalmologic needs in villages.



## INTENSIVE SURGERY CAMPAIGNS

# INTRODUCTION OF THE BOOST CATARACT APP

In 2022, there was only one ophthalmologist serving the entire population of the province of Inhambane, making it impossible to operate all cases of cataracts at the hospital. To reduce waiting lists, Eyes of the world organised intensive surgery campaigns in Inhambane, Massinga and Zavala. These campaigns were led by Dr Mónica Lecumberri, who travelled to Mozambique to gauge the feasibility of applying the Boost Cataract tool, a new application for assessing the outcomes and optimising the quality of cataract surgery. The Foundation supplied the equipment, materials and consumables needed to perform the consultations and operations. In 2022, 25,378 adults were assisted (56.78% women) across all districts and 828 cataract surgeries were performed (43.7% women).

The equipment required to open a new ophthalmology service in the district of Jangamo was also delivered.



## MOBILE CLINICS

# EXAMINATIONS AT SCHOOLS, FAIRS AND ORPHANAGES

The ophthalmology technicians from the districts of Vilankulos, Massinga and Maxixe conducted screenings at 5 schools to correct refractive errors and detect pathologies. These



consultations eliminated two of the main barriers to eye care: travel and the cost of treatment and lenses. Altogether, 1,120 students (49.4% girls) were seen; 31 girls and 26 boys presented vision problems and were given prescription glasses. The mobile brigades also travelled to various communities to visit vulnerable collectives such as people with albinism and girls and boys from the Inhambane orphanage and their carers, distributing medication and glasses to all those who required them. The Vilankulos health fair on March 3, the first event held to celebrate women's month, included a talk on visual health and was attended by 253 people (67%), during which 24 visual problems were detected and 18 pairs of glasses were donated.

## GENDER PERSPECTIVE

# RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT EQUALITY

In cooperation with the Men for Change Network (HOPEM), a series of awareness-raising



activities with a gender perspective were organised in communities in Inhambane, Vilankulos, Zavala, Maxixe and Massinga. They were attended by a total of 149 people (85 men and 64 women) and addressed positive and inclusive masculinity, equality and the struggle against gender violence. Sessions aimed at raising awareness about gender equality in access to eye health and the importance of women's involvement in decision-making also took place in the districts of Inharrime and Jangamo, with a total of 670 attendees (60% women).

In addition, the community radio stations in 10 districts were used to broadcast programmes and debates urging men to play an active role in promoting change and women's empowerment.



## MULTIDISCIPLINARY SKILL BUILDING

# TRAINING IN OPTICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

As part of the mobile optician's project, training was offered to 11 women from the AMODEVI association: 7 women were trained in glass assembly, while 4 were given the accounting skills necessary to sustainably manage the mobile optical unit.

The HOPEM Network also provided training concerning Mozambique's current legislation on women's rights to 10 women and 9 men from the Eye Health Services, with a view to ensuring equitable eye care.

## A FOCUS ON WOMEN THE MOBILE OPTICIAN'S, IN WOMEN'S HANDS

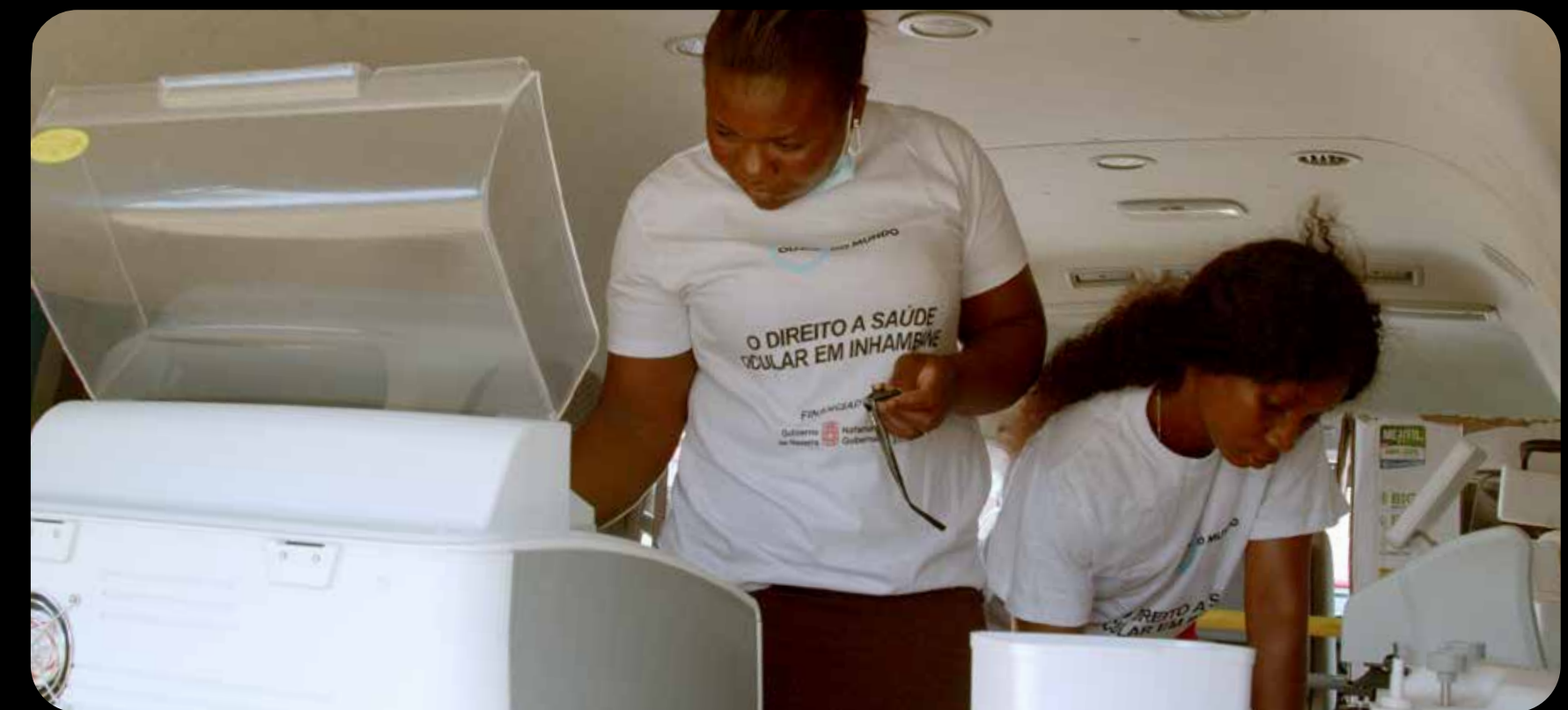
At the core of this new activity are two gender-related aspects.

On the one hand, women and girls have greater difficulty accessing eye health, and the mobile unit helps bring them the care they need.

And on the other, this service is possible thanks to women, as the **mobile optician's serves to further empower the local women's**

**organisation AMODEVI, in charge of running the unit.** Eyes of the world provided the necessary training to assemble glasses and use the vehicle's optical equipment, strengthened their management skills and offered support to ensure that the initiative was efficient and sustainable.

**Women who bring eye care to women with difficulty accessing healthcare.**

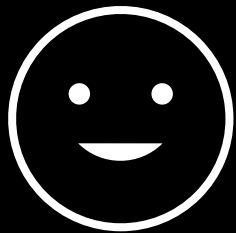




# EYES OF BOLIVIA

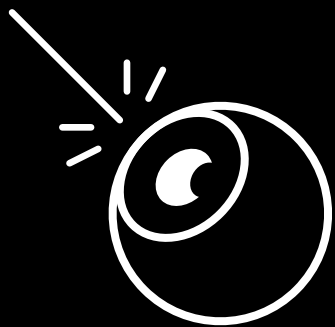


In Bolivia, the project's initiatives targeted the rural regions of Tarija and Oruro and cooperation with local partners in Coroico (La Paz) and Santa Cruz, providing and improving the public ophthalmologic care and surgery service with a view to decentralising access and making it more equitable, inclusive and sustainable.



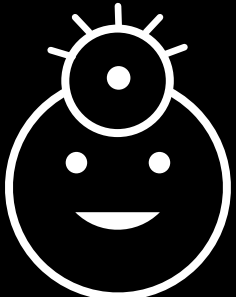
22,269  
PEOPLE ASSISTED

10,948 ADULTS (55% WOMEN)  
11,321 MINORS (50% GIRLS)



298 SURGERIES

51% WOMEN



1,259 TRAINED  
PROFESSIONALS

70% WOMEN



23,535 PEOPLE  
MADE AWARE

56% WOMEN

12,000  
PEOPLE IMPACTED

BY LOCAL MEDIA





## AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS TO CREATE SCHOOL EYE HEALTH PLANS

One of the Foundation's priorities in Bolivia has been to **raise awareness among local authorities of the need to designate resources for the early detection** and treatment of refractive errors in schools. To do so, first, brainstorming and training sessions were organised with school directors, student representatives and school boards to draw up eye health plans. Afterwards, Eyes of the world offered this group support in raising awareness and stressing the benefits of these plans before local governments, which were urged to include the provision of corrective lenses in municipal budgets. **The allocation of public funds to eye health constitutes an important precedent** that will be sustained in the long-term, thus ensuring the project's sustainability.

In 2022, eye health plans were drawn up at 4 schools in Tarija and 3 in Oruro, and 4 municipalities included eye health in the budget for the first time.



## EXAMINATIONS AND SURGERIES

# PROVIDING CATARACT SURGERY TO THE RURAL POPULATION

Rural indigenous populations are hampered by social determinants such as poverty and exclusion, which affect their access to eye health. In 2022, a strategy to recruit people with cataracts was implemented in 8 rural municipalities in Oruro (Poopó, Machacamarca, Caracollo, Eucaliptus, Curahuara, Corque, El Choro and Oruro) and 3 in Tarija (Bermejo, Yacuiba and Padcaya). As a result, most of the 298 cataract surgeries carried out last year were performed on patients from these municipalities, as well as rural areas of La Paz and the border between Chuquisaca and Tarija. In 2022, Eyes of the world continued to bolster the public health system in the target areas, providing eye care to 22,269 people (52.4% women): 10,304 people (52.4% women) in Tarija, 11,434 people (52.2% women) in Oruro and 531

people (55.3% women) in La Paz, and distributing a total of 2,299 corrective lenses to 626 women, 525 men, 570 girls and 578 boys.



## SCHOOL VISITS AND AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIONS

# TEACHER TRAINING AND EYE HEALTH PROMOTION

This year, the Ministry of Education published Ministerial Decree 001/2022, which establishes the requirement to provide teachers in all forms

of general education the skills to detect and screen for visual acuity. This measure was promoted by the departmental heads of Education in Tarija and Oruro, the areas targeted by Eyes of the world's initiatives.

To this end, training was provided to 157 teachers from seven municipalities in Tarija (84% women) and 104 from two municipalities in Oruro (62.5% women). And screenings were performed in 78 rural schools: 38 in Tarija and 40 in Oruro, during which 4,810 girls and 4,890 boys had their eyesight checked.

This initiative served to raise the awareness of 12,308 students (51.4% girls) on the subject of prevention and gender equality, with talks in schools, special education centres and fairs. Awareness-raising and eye health promotion campaigns were also conducted outside the student community, with the participation of 11,227 people (61.3% women), along with online actions and radio spots.



## TRAINING FOR LOCAL PROFESSIONALS

# LAUNCH OF A WETLAB IN ORURO

In efforts to continue enhancing the skills of local professionals, Eyes of the world entered into a partnership with the office of the Governor of the Oruro Department to implement a new surgical ophthalmology training centre in San Juan de Dios Hospital. This WetLab is the second in the country's public health system and has all the equipment and materials that the public system's ophthalmology workers need to practise and improve their cataract surgery skills. In addition, 169 workers from the Mi Salud, SAFCI



and Telesalud programmes (61.5% women) were trained in basic eye care and in recruiting patients with cataracts in Tarija, Oruro and La Paz. In Oruro, the theoretical portion of the training was delivered online, increasing the number of attendees.

## INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

## INVOLVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM AND NEW STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

Entities from the public health system were reinforced in their efforts to make progress in the area of eye health. In 2021, Eyes of the world donated a mobile operating room to the Ministry

of Health and Sports, which in 2022 launched the programme 'Look Bolivia', which is run by the Ministry and travels to different municipalities, offering consultations, tests, surgery and postoperative follow-ups. Coordination efforts were also made with the municipalities to allocate part of their budgets to the care and treatment of cataract patients and cover travel, laboratory and surgery costs. As regards alliances with non-profit organisations, inter-institutional agreements were signed with the Fundessol Foundation in Tarija, Caritas Coroico in the Amazon region of La Paz and the Tesäi Foundation in Santa Cruz to implement the programme led by Eyes of the world and funded by CBM in each of the target areas.



## A FOCUS ON WOMEN ACTIONS SUPPORTING THE RESTORATION OF EYESIGHT FOR MORE PEASANT WOMEN

The hindrances which impede Bolivian women in rural areas from accessing eye health include not only poverty, job insecurity and geographical barriers, but also unawareness. To reach them and provide the information and reassurance they need to make decisions, Eyes of the world teamed up with local women's organisations, such as the Bartolina Sisa Federation of Peasant Women, to spread awareness of prevention, treatment and, most importantly, the benefits of surgery. Altogether, over 30 on-site awareness-raising talks with a gender perspective were organised in Tarija and Oruro.

Specific plans for families, communities and local services were also implemented to ensure that women diagnosed with cataracts have access to economic means and travel

concessions.

Thanks to these actions in rural areas, in 2022, 51% of all people who underwent cataract surgery were women.

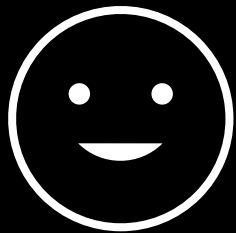




# EYES OF MALI

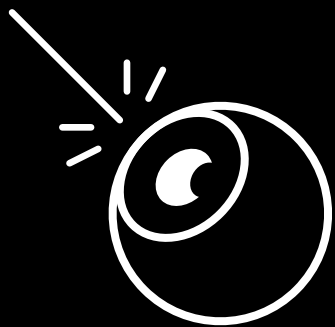


With a domestic context that has grown increasingly difficult due to the constant fighting and precarious socioeconomic situation, Eyes of Mali continued to coordinate actions to bring eye care to refugees in camps for internally displaced people.



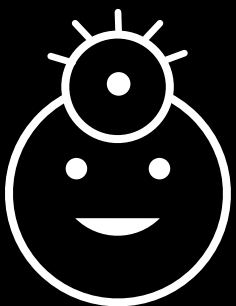
59,251  
PEOPLE ASSISTED

31,060 ADULTS (54% WOMEN)  
28,191 MINORS (47% GIRLS)



1,549 SURGERIES

49% WOMEN



134 TRAINED  
PROFESSIONALS

46% WOMEN



36,780  
PEOPLE MADE AWARE

67% WOMEN

588,300  
PEOPLE IMPACTED

BY LOCAL MEDIA





## NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE

Eyes of the world incorporated yet another activity into the ophthalmology consultations organised in camps for people displaced by internal conflicts: food assistance, a vital need for 91% of this population.

Nutritional deficiencies add to the patients' suffering and increase the risk of death. In this regard, the most vulnerable groups are girls and boys, many of whom develop nutritionally acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

In December, local social development services and cooperatives from the health districts of Bandiagara, Bankass, Djenné, Douentza, Koro and Mopti pooled their resources to purchase and organise food for Eyes of the world's new nutritional programme. **Covering basic food needs also improves eye health, as it provides heightened protection against certain conditions.**



## THOUSANDS OF EXAMINATIONS AND OPERATIONS

## MOBILE BRIGADES AND A NEW OPERATING ROOM

The commissions visited 85 sites and provided eye care to 23,264 internally displaced people: 9,758 women, 7,204 men, 3,369 girls and 2,933 boys. In addition, the clinics at the health centres in Koro, Bankass, Bandiagara, Mopti,



Douentza, Djenné and Sominé Dolo assisted 14,098 adults (49.5% women) and 5,252 children (51.2% girls).

Altogether, 1,476 cataract operations were performed (48.2% women), along with 73 operations for conditions such as pterygium and trichiasis (75.3% women). The Foundation donated surgical kits and medicinal products in order to carry out these surgeries.

Construction was also completed on a new independent surgical unit that is exclusively for the ophthalmology department at Sominé Dolo Hospital in Mopti.

## SCHOOL CAMPAIGNS

## EARLY SCHOOL DROPOUT PREVENTION

Screening campaigns were organised in 42 schools to identify students with refractive errors and reduced vision, factors which may result



in learning problems. These campaigns served to conduct 22,939 examinations (10,697 girls and 12,242 boys), in which 494 students with refractive defects were detected. Of these, 234 received the correction they needed with corrective lenses, while the rest were referred to Sominé Dolo Hospital for further and most exhaustive testing. In addition, large visual acuity charts were hung in 10 basic education schools to stress the importance of eye care and detect eyesight problems in time.

## MOBILISATION AND TRAINING

## CAPACITY -BUILDING FOR HEALERS AND FEMALE HEALTH PROMOTERS

In 2022, the on-site activities, particularly those organised by women's associations and NGOs in Bandiagara, which included 464 sessions on the right to eye health with a gender perspective, helped to raise the awareness of 36,780 people (67% women). Contracts were also signed with 8 local radio stations to broadcast messages and programmes about health eye focused on enhancing awareness and social mobilisation. Some of the main eye health training actions



were:

- > 7 technical directors from health centres were trained to detect the most common eye disorders and refer conditions to ophthalmology units;
- > 30 traditional healers and herbalists (7 women and 23 men) were provided a basic understanding of eye care and how to refer patients to specialists;
- > 50 women were trained as eye health promoters.

## SANITATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

## DRINKING WATER COLLECTION POINTS TO ERADICATE TRACHOMA

In a bid to implement a community-led total sanitation approach in the district of Koro, in 2022, a solar pump and two manual pumps were installed at three drinking water collection points, ensuring access to clean water for 71,931 people (49% women). Furthermore, 127 latrines were installed, 19 waste disposal sites were built and 72 women and 41 men were made aware of the importance of maintaining and disinfecting latrines and protecting the environment. As for the correct handling of biomedical waste, 16 women and 23 men were trained in controlling production, management and disposal. Eyes of the world also managed the construction of a biomedical waste incinerator in the health centre in Djenné and donated 41 bins for sorting this type of waste.



## A FOCUS ON WOMEN MICROCREDITS MANAGED BY AND FOR WOMEN

2021 saw the launch of a programme to give women the means and financial independence necessary to reduce barriers to eye care and surgery. This project, managed by women from the women's association in Koro, was expanded in 2022 with an enhanced supervision, monitoring and follow-up system to improve its functioning. This year, **115 women in situations of vulnerability were able to launch income-generating activities** (transformation of local products, animal rearing, traditional dyeing, farming activities, etc.). The aim is for them to have the resources necessary to make decisions about their own health. The health promoters continued to raise awareness among women in their communities about the use of ophthalmological care services.





# COMMUNICATION FOR CHANGE

## TRANSFORMATIVE NETWORKS

In 2022, the social media content posted by Eyes of the world to encourage reflection, increase awareness and promote the interaction of its followers played a key role: the campaigns aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG3), upholding the right to health and Universal Healthcare Coverage; the action #LoveYourEyes, which fostered healthy habits and tips and helped raise awareness of the importance of eye health; and numerous posts aimed at shedding light on gender inequality and promoting a critical attitude towards the barriers impeding women's access to eye care.



## EDUCATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Actions were also taken to generate commitment and a sense of shared responsibility among citizens in the struggle against preventable blindness. As part of the Education for Development strategy, the Foundation took part in service-learning initiatives at secondary

schools in Catalonia and Donostia to promote students' involvement in demanding the universal right to vision through their projects. Another important activity was the online forum set up to exchange knowledge and experiences between Mali and Bizkaia on people-centred eye health services, with a gender perspective, in partnership with the Biscay Medical Association.

## MEETINGS THAT MAKE HISTORY

The Eyes of the world Night was held on 3 November in El Born, the heart of culture and history in Barcelona, with a charity dinner aimed at raising society's awareness of the need to make history by eradicating preventable blindness in the world and raising funds for the Foundation's projects. Another annual event was the commemoration of Eyes of the world's 21st anniversary, which brought together Foundation volunteers, partners, members and donors at the Barcelona



Design Hub. Attendees were photographed wearing original heart-shaped glasses to endorse the IAPB's Love Your Eyes campaign and demand accessible and affordable eye health for all by 2030.





# AWARENESS -RAISING ACTIONS

Euskal Herria and Nafarroa played host to numerous activities held to raise awareness among various collectives. Conferences and screenings of the documentary *Gabor*, including a session in Zarautz featuring Aitor Francesena, a blind world champion surfer, and another at Zabálburu Upper Secondary and Vocational Training School, which included information panels. The photograph exhibition Eyes of Inhambane visited Geltoki in Pamplona and also Arizkun-Baztán. Other activities included charity



events with cultural visits and talks in Donostia and Pamplona, as well as participation in various solidarity and volunteering fairs in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa. As a cultural action, mention must be made of the World Sight Day celebrations in Gipuzkoa, which included a remarkable concert by the symphonic group from Musikene, made up of 50 young musicians, which helped raise awareness of the universal right to sight.



# PROJECTS THAT HELP

In addition to the numerous fundraising activities organised each year, 2022 saw 3 particularly innovative initiatives:

- › Eyes of the world was one of the beneficiaries of Worldcoo's social rounding programme and received donations from the rounding up of purchases by customers at General Optica and Bonpreu/Esclat.
- › Launch of the 'Wings of Miranza' charitable surgery, which the Miranza Group uses to facilitate cataract operations in remote locations, in addition to donating the fees that the professionals from their clinics would charge to perform the surgeries.
- › Cooperation with Javier Bardem on the *Irises of the world* project, in which he donated an exclusive photograph of his iris, which was auctioned to raise funds for Eyes of the world's cooperation programmes.





FINANCIAL DATA

REVENUE

PUBLIC €1,171,762

Foundational institutional trusts €145,000  
Cooperation grants €1,026,762

PRIVATE €821,445

Companies and entities €612,488  
Individual members €27,960  
One-off donors €51,998  
The Eyes of the world Night €121,000  
In-kind donations €8,000

TOTAL REVENUE €1,993,207

EXPENDITURE

ACTION PROGRAMMES €1,553,299

Development cooperation €1,434,992  
Eyes of the Sahara €390,213  
Eyes of Mozambique €300,784  
Eyes of Bolivia €297,886  
Eyes of Mali €438,109  
In-kind donations €8,000  
Education for global justice €118,306

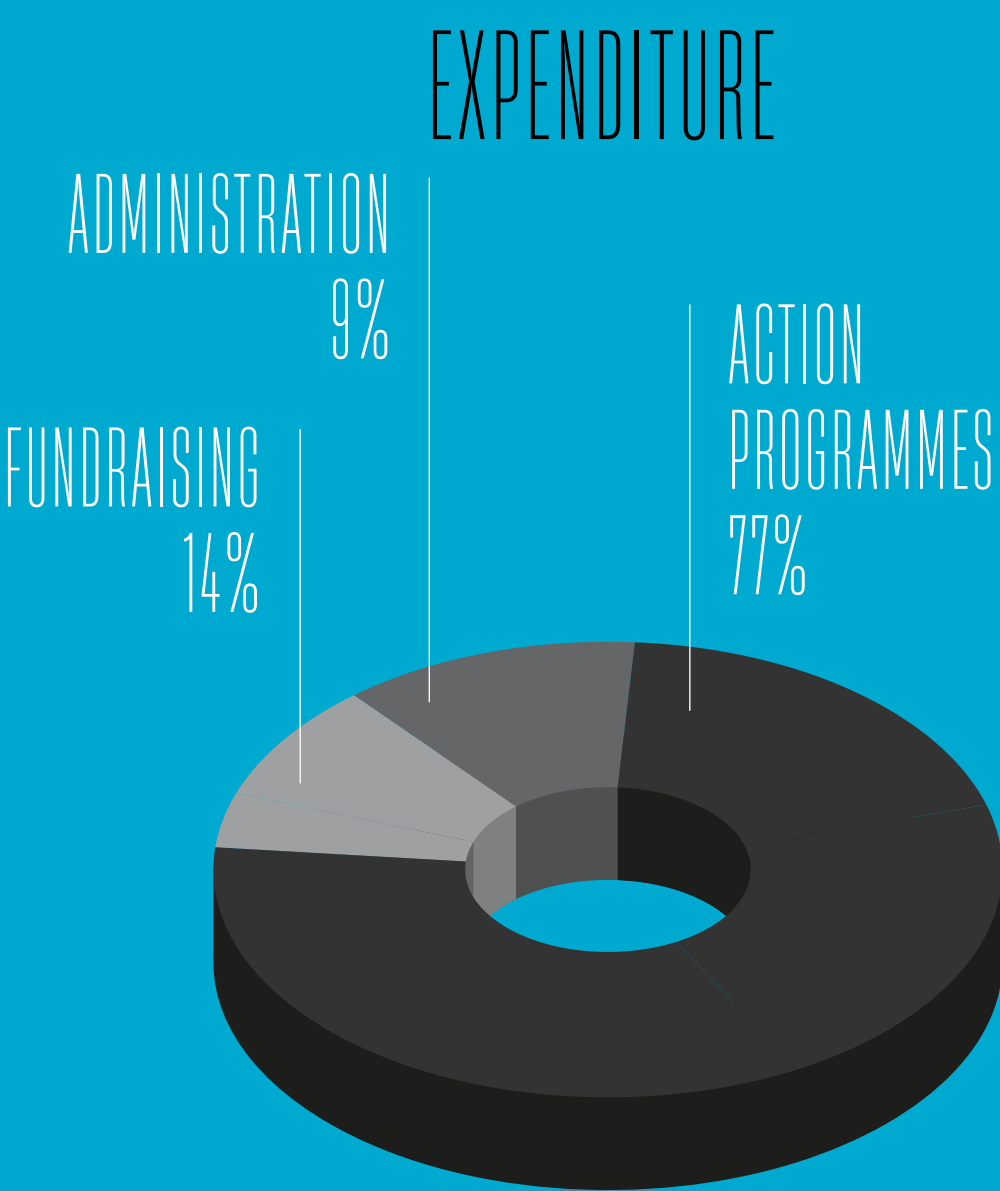
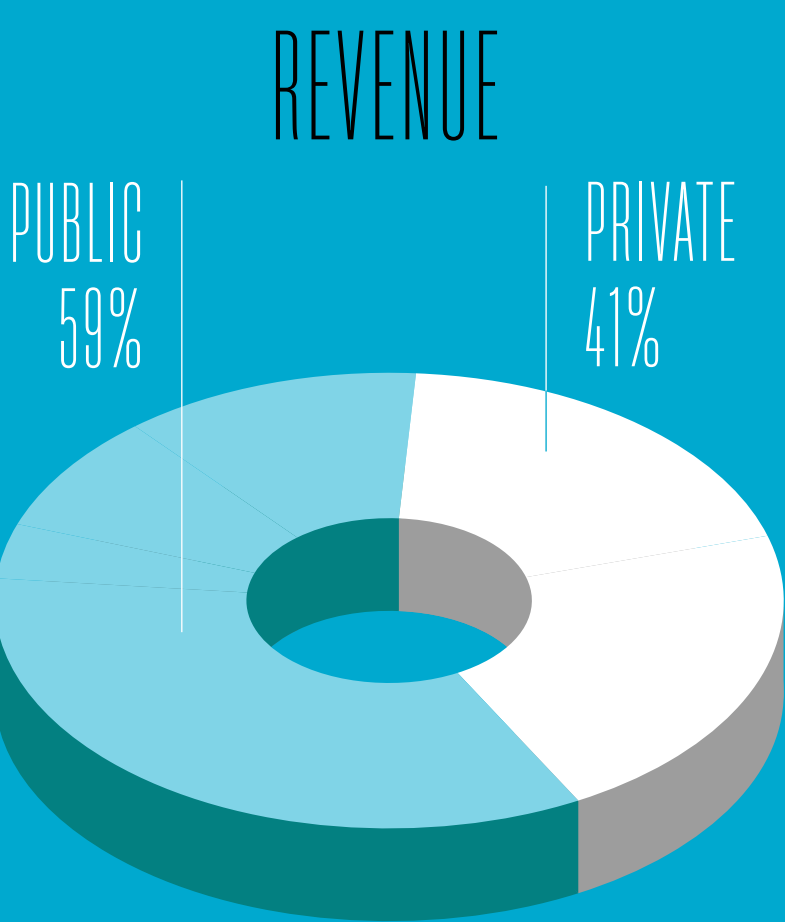
FUNDRAISING €274,744

ADMINISTRATION €181,089

TOTAL EXPENDITURE €2,009,131

GENDER

10%  
10%  
4%  
30%  
1%  
7%  
14%  
10%  
2%  
9%



The result of the financial year is transferred to the retained earnings account



PARTNERSHIPS

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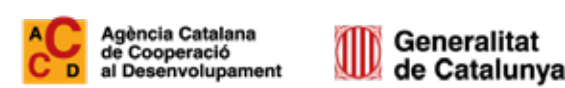
FOUNDATION TRUSTEES



LOCAL AUTHORITIES



OTHER PUBLIC BODIES



PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS

COLLABORATING ENTITIES





# PARTNERSHIPS

## LABORATORIES AND ORGANISATIONS LINKED TO THE HEALTH SECTOR

Angelini Farmacéutica  
Bausch&Lomb  
Bloss Group  
Colegio Oficial de Médicos de Bizkaia  
Col·legi Oficial de Metges de Barcelona  
Col·legi Oficial d'Òptics i Optometristes de Catalunya  
Laboratorio Théa  
Ofaltech Solutions  
Topcon

## OTHER ENTITIES

AC Hotels by Marriott  
Ágora Bolivia  
Arizkunenea  
Banc Sabadell  
Bankia  
Bidons Egara  
Bonita  
Bufete Guerrero Castro  
CI Burlada FP  
Cliau Holding  
Colegio Zabálburu  
Consorti per a la Normalització Lingüística  
Creative Technology Spain  
Departamento de Internet  
Disseny Hub Barcelona  
DKV Assegurances

EDM  
El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria  
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Fanorsan  
Fundación Alicia Koplowitz  
Fundación ARPA  
Fundació Damm  
Fundació Vila Casas  
Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian  
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Grupo Ercilla  
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MRW  
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Peña Aldapa  
Peña Anaitasuna  
Peña La Jarana  
Peña Oberena  
Raventós Codorniu  
RBA  
Repsol Bolivia  
Sauleda  
Sociedad Gastronómica Gazteluleku  
Sociedad Gastronómica Itsas Buru  
Sociedad Gastronómica Unión Artesana  
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Ara  
La Vanguardia  
Xarxanet  
COPE Euskadi  
Noticias de Navarra  
Diario Vasco

Onda Vasca  
Noticias de Gipuzkoa  
Atica FM  
Zarauzko Hitza  
Berria

## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)
- IAPB CAWG (Climate Action Work Group)
- IAPB GEWG (Gender Equity Work Group)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Alliance for the Global Elimination of Trachoma by 2020 (GET 2020)
- + International Trachoma Control Coalition (ICTC)
- Mozambican Eye Care Coalition (MECC)
- VISION 2020 Latin America

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