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A BRIGHT FUTURE

Restoring sight to give people a clear path out of poverty

The Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness

A powerful partnership that is restoring sight and changing lives





The Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness is a partnership program launched by the IDB in 2008, with the aim of using South-South partnership to prevent and cure vision problems, giving people not just the gift of sight, but a path out of poverty.

100,000

cataract surgeries,

with 80%

intervention

programs on

uncorrected

achieving good

visual outcome

Establish national

refractive error in

countries

selected member

Screen provide them with eyeglasses if required

glaucoma treatment centers in six selected

member countries

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COUNTRIES:

Burkina Faso, Chad,

Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire

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Develop

Mozambique, Niger

health teams by training or re-training at least

90 eye care

Develop eye

Provide

20 scholarships to medical doctors to be specialized in ophthalmology and

a further

to opthalmic nurses





FIRST GENERATION 2008-2015 TREATMENT FOCUS: Cataract

244,197 patients received free eye care

RESULTS

49,486

consultations

women, men and

children received cataract surgeries free of charge

TRAINING FOCUS

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eye care specialists benefited from training

More than **US \$6m**

in grant resources raised from partners



Why fight blindness?

In many of our member countries, to live without vision is to live without education, employment and independence. As a result, millions remain trapped in a cycle of poverty. On a national scale, this puts a huge strain on a country's economy, and is a major obstacle to development.

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Initiate diabetic

Strengthen at least

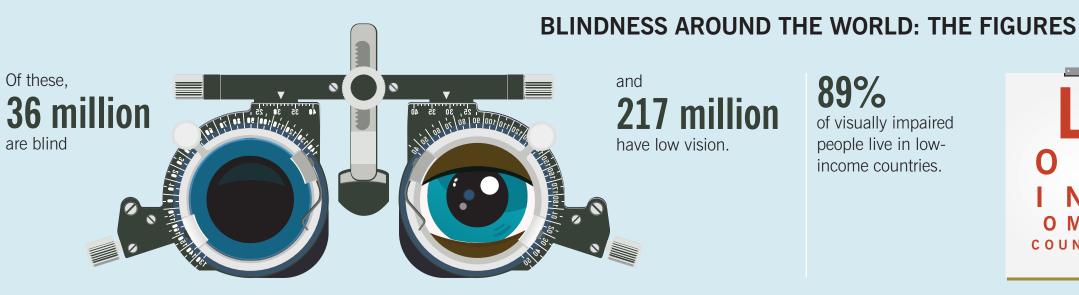
5 regional centres through capacity development of faculty, scholarships and e-learning



According to The Vision Loss Expert Group (Lancet publication in 2017) estimates, there are

approximately 253 million

visually impaired people worldwide.



COUNTRIES:

Benin, Burkina Faso,

Cameroon, Chad,

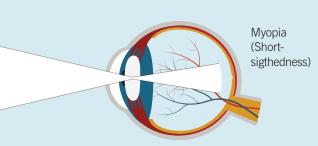
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89%

of visually impaired people live in lowincome countries.





CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

Among the leading causes of visual impairment are cataracts, glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and refractive errors such as long- or short-sightedness.

80% of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured.







A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP

The Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness is composed of a number of key partners, each with a unique role to play in bringing sight to communities where people are living in darkness.

Donors

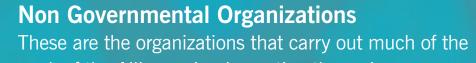
Our generous donors provide the essential funding that makes the Alliance possible. These kind individuals and organizations share our dedication to fostering development by saving sight, and their contributions enable us to carry out training, provide vital equipment to medical centers, and pay for the screening and treatment of hundreds of thousands of people.

National Blindness Control Programs (NBCP)

Each NBCP collaborates with its Ministry of Health and co-ordinates the complex activities of Alliance teams within that country. With a particular focus on long-term sustainability, they also provide technical and logistical support where needed, as well as monitoring the work and reporting back to the IDB.

South-South Partnership

At the heart of the Alliance is the co-operative spirit of South-South partnership that is critical to its success and goes far beyond ophthalmology. As countries share resources and knowledge, collaborating to solve the problem of blindness, they are weaving a network of expertise and forming relationships that will continue to bear fruit for years to come.



work of the Alliance, implementing the various programs as effectively and transparently as possible and making sure that funds are being put to the best possible use.

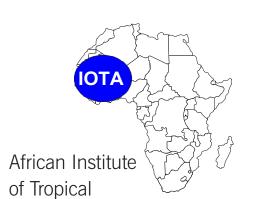
Training Centers

To strengthen a country's ability to fight avoidable blindness, these centers provide training to eye care specialists, using internationally approved and up-to-date curricula and administering courses that are properly certified and accredited. This is how we ensure local teams learn best practice and that they are best placed to save the sight of the people they treat.

Join the Alliance

Help give a Bright Future to people, and nations, who need to see a clear path out of poverty. To find out more about how you can help, contact:

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