



Impact Report **2019/2020**



Dear friends,

Last year, in a world very different from today, we reached 1.24 million people with our work. Today, in the midst of the coronavirus crisis, we do not give up hope. We do everything in our power to keep the most vulnerable people safe, to strengthen health systems in our partner countries and to shape a better future for generations to come.

► **Eye health:** in 2019 our partners performed 68,000 eye operations and distributed 12.6 million doses of medication against diseases

like blinding trachoma. We continue to fight against avoidable blindness and save the vision of thousands of people every year.

► **Education:** by combining education and rehabilitation, we aim to give children with disabilities the best start in life. 14,000 children and youth with disabilities received education in our projects, 45,000 girls and boys, women and men accessed rehabilitation.

► **Empowerment:** 15,000 adults took part in income generating activities and received job training. Our focus lies on supporting and empowering women and girls with disabilities, as they often face double discrimination.



Karin Krobath
*Chairperson Light
for the World*



Rupert Roniger
*CEO Light for the
World*

► **Inclusive humanitarian aid:** the ongoing humanitarian crisis due to COVID-19 impacts our programme work. We grow with these challenges and do everything in our power to make emergency response disability inclusive.

Thank you for being part of this amazing journey to change the world. Together we have a chance to weather these turbulent times.

Why we act

Light for the World is a global disability & development organisation, enabling eye health services and empowering people with disabilities in some of the poorest regions of the world.

We want to break down barriers to unlock the biggest potential!

We aim at systems change, because we want our impact to last.

We focus our work on African countries like Burkina Faso, DRC, Ethiopia, Mozambique, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. We work with partners, such as local eye clinics, schools, government actors, and Disabled People's Organisations, because together we are stronger. We focus on the poorest and hardest to reach because those are the people who need our help the most.

Our work is made possible by our generous donors from our member organisations in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, The Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom and USA.

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Think global, act local

- members
- programme countries
- country offices



Eyesight

Our goal is to provide comprehensive and high quality eye care services, focusing on the poor and hard to reach. In Africa, we support the training of eye health staff and work in collaboration with national governments to make our efforts last.

- ▶ Our pilot programme on uncorrected refractive errors in **Uganda** has been a real game changer: Services are now available throughout the country, and the first local optometrists have graduated. Starting 2020, similar programmes will be rolled out in other countries as well.
- ▶ **Mozambique's most modern eye clinic** reopened after sustaining damage during the cyclone in early 2019. The clinic serves more than 2 million people in the Sofala region and is a training centre for local eye care staff.
- ▶ The training programme for ophthalmologists in **Burkina Faso** is working out well: we have already celebrated the first "home grown" eye doctors.
- ▶ In **Ethiopia**, we contributed to eliminating trachoma and other infectious causes of blindness in Tigray and Oromia and continue to distribute medication, provide surgeries and increase hygiene. The end of trachoma is in sight!
- ▶ We started a multi-country, 10-year child eye health programme, to reach the youngest and most vulnerable in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Mozambique. We will also tackle glaucoma!

Inclusive Education

We are committed to ensuring that children with disabilities, especially girls, have access to education. We break down barriers, train teachers, and prepare children from early childhood on to develop their full potential.

- ▶ With our "One Class for All" initiative in **Burkina Faso** and **Ethiopia** we expanded our inclusive education programme to more than 35 projects. Since 2016 we steadily increased the number of schools in our programme and are now reaching 606 schools, where 8,824 students with disabilities are enrolled. 6,419 participants benefited from teacher training on inclusive education.
- ▶ **Interlinking Inclusive Education and Rehabilitation** became our strategy in **India** and in our **African** partner countries, to help children with disabilities enrol and stay in school.
- ▶ More than 1,000 teachers in **Bolivia** received training in Inclusive Education with a manual developed by Light for the World.
- ▶ Our report "Leave no child behind" discusses the importance as well as the challenges of early childhood interventions and is a central tool for programme and advocacy work.
- ▶ **Child protection** is a main focus in all aspects of Light for the World, internal and external, and we conduct training for our staff and partners to ensure the safety and security of children in our projects.



Empowerment & Emergencies

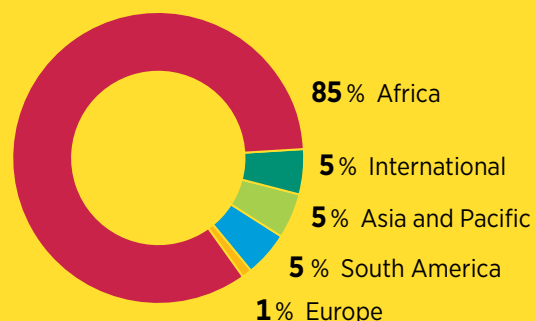
We support programmes increasing the living conditions of people with disabilities through access to rehabilitation, education, the labour market and all their human rights.

- ▶ **Our emergency response capabilities** were put to the test in **Mozambique**, in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai. During COVID-19, and in countries like **South Sudan**, we continue to share our disability inclusion expertise with other organisations.
- ▶ **We are part of the WHO-led campaign "Rehabilitation 2030"** to promote the development of rehabilitation within health systems. Our activities range from providing access to medical services to working with governments on disability inclusive community development.
- ▶ **We support people with disabilities** to enter the **job market** and lead economically independent lives, with a strong focus on empowering women.
- ▶ **At international settings** such as the World Economic Forum, the High Level Political Forum, the Conference of States Parties and the Global Disability Summit our voice was heard. We successfully advocated for the rights of persons with disabilities.
- ▶ **In countries including Bolivia, Cambodia, India, Burkina Faso and Mozambique** we supported 518 organisations of persons with disabilities.

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT: *

- 12,583,000** doses of medication against trachoma, river blindness and lymphatic filariasis distributed
- 1,236,000** people reached with crucial support including eye care, rehabilitation and education
- 985,000** eye consultations
- 68,000** eye operations
- 45,000** people with disabilities reached with rehabilitation
- 19,000** people trained in disability inclusion
- 15,000** people participated in livelihood and income generating activities
- 14,000** children and youth with disabilities received education
- 258** projects in
20 countries and
2 regions

PROGRAMME EXPENSES



* This covers the activities and impact of the legal entity Light for the World in 2019.

Impact 2019

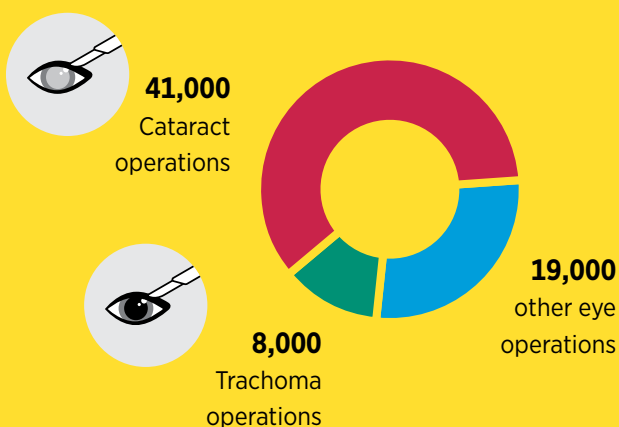


1,236,000

Women and men, girls and boys reached with crucial support, including eye health, rehabilitation and education.

Additionally, we distributed **12,583,000** doses of medication against trachoma, river blindness and lymphatic filariasis.

68,000 EYE OPERATIONS



45,000 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES REACHED



32,000 in Africa

11,000 in Asia & Pacific

2,000 in South America

15,000

People accessed
**LIVELIHOOD AND INCOME
GENERATING ACTIVITIES**

14,000

Children with disabilities received
SCHOOL EDUCATION

Changing lives

CHANGING SYSTEMS

We catalyse change in health and education systems to empower women and men, girls and boys in the world's most vulnerable communities. In addition to our efforts in supporting individuals, we also spark long-lasting change for generations to come.

CATARACT SURGERIES

64% base hospitals

36% outreaches



+390% TRAINED IN PRIMARY EYE HEALTH



(2019: 15,825 / 2018: 4,060)

59 % were women. Most of trainees were health professionals (14,257 or 90% of the total), the remainder community health workers and school teachers.

+135% CHILDREN SCREENED FOR EYE PROBLEMS AT SCHOOLS



(2019: 159,423 / 2018: 67,979)

15,870 were referred to eye services, which is a seven-fold increase compared to 2018. Number of children who received spectacles as part of school eye health increased by 72 %.

ASSISTIVE DEVICES DISTRIBUTED

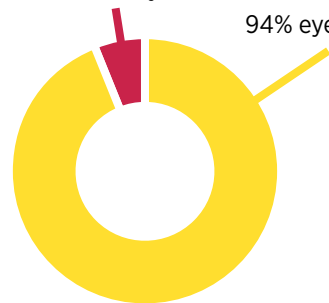
wheelchairs	742
prothesis	149
orthesis	447
crutches	1476
hearing aids	186
braille materials	944
white canes	352
communication devices	221
other	1376



PEOPLE REACHED BY PROJECT AREA

6% inclusive society

94% eye health

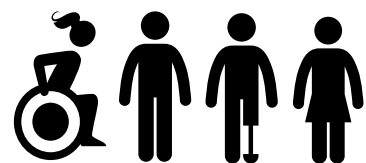


+6% INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



(2019: 13,742 / 2018: 12,953)

The highest increase between 2018 and 2019 was registered in Burkina Faso (+580 children), Kenya (+266) and Rwanda (+224).



+25% PEOPLE TRAINED TO PROMOTE DISABILITY INCLUSION

(2019: 18,808 / 2018: 15,073)

- school teachers (4,342)
- other government staff, both managerial and administrative (3,883)
- field-level (3,620)
- staff of mainstream NGOs (3,689)
- CBR workers (1,822)
- people with disabilities empowered to act as self-advocates (1,452)



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Saving the sight of millions

80% of visual impairment is avoidable. Visual impairment or blindness — caused by uncorrected refractive errors, cataract, and infections like trachoma and other neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) severely impact the daily lives of millions of people around the world.

CAUSES OF BLINDNESS

65 mio people are visually impaired or blind due to **cataract**



treatable!

After cataract surgery, a person can see again.

124 mio people have uncorrected **refractive errors**



treatable!

Many people just need a pair of glasses.

142 mio people live in danger of contracting **trachoma**



treatable and preventable!

Surgery and antibiotics treat; facial cleanliness prevents infections.

Facts & Figures

1 billion people worldwide are blind or visually impaired with a condition that could have been prevented or addressed

55% are women

90% live in low and middle income countries

80% of visual impairment and blindness is avoidable

84 PROJECTS 2019

54 eye clinics and other eye health projects

30 NTD projects



68,000
eye surgeries

Francisco

To be able to fish those little silvery, delicious fish again, to see his grandchildren play in the shade, these are Francisco's dreams ...

The grandfather from Mozambique lost his vision over a year ago. He could no longer make a living and support his family. During a mobile ophthalmic outreach conducted by the Light for the World eye clinic Beira, he was diagnosed with cataract. Within 24 hours after surgery he returned home, overjoyed with being able to see again. A single, 15-minute operation gave him back his independence, his future.

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What we do

Our main focus is to reach the unreached — women, children, rural populations, and people with disabilities — who have little or no access to comprehensive and affordable eye care.

We do this through nationwide eye health plans, as well as concrete support for eye clinics and organising mobile outreaches. We are developing a multi-country, 10-year child eye health programme, to reach the youngest and most vulnerable of society. We have also started tackling glaucoma

more systematically. Through the provision of spectacles — especially for school children — we shape futures and support access to education. Training of local eye health staff and ophthalmologists ensures the sustainability of our programmes. We participate in large-scale distribution of

medication against neglected tropical diseases, among them trachoma and onchocerciasis, which can lead to irreversible blindness. Light for the World has more than 30 years of experience in efficient, comprehensive and sustainable eye health programmes, changing thousands of lives every year.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



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Knowledge is power

The majority of children with disabilities out of school live in low and middle income countries. They are often excluded from education due to physical, ideological, systemic, or communication barriers. Even when general school attendance rises, inclusion of children with disabilities continues to lag behind.

HOW WE WORK TOWARDS LASTING CHANGE



Locally with children and their families, community-based rehabilitation workers, schools, teachers and communities

Nationally with ministries, regional bureaus and governments to change education systems



Internationally through partnerships and alliances advocating for disability-inclusive education

Facts & Figures

258 mio children are out of school worldwide
38.7 mio of them are children with disabilities

The chances of a child with a disability going to school declines when they are a girl, come from a remote region, or belong to an ethnic minority group. Inclusive Education delivers more and costs less than segregated special needs education.

48 PROJECTS 2019

Mainly in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, India, Mozambique & South Sudan

A young girl, Barnita, is standing in front of a chalkboard. She is wearing a blue school uniform with a white shirt and a dark tie. She has a prosthetic leg on her right side. The chalkboard behind her has some drawings on it. In the top right corner, there is a yellow circle with the number 14,000 and text about children with disabilities. On the right side, there is a vertical text credit for Light for the World.

14,000

children & youth
with disabilities
enrolled in
school

Barnita

She loves reading and music, playing with her friends, sits in class with a radiant smile, paying close attention to the teacher. But this girl from North East India was almost denied her education because of her disability ...

When Barnita was born, her right leg was not fully formed: directly beneath her knee was a single, small toe. This condition severely impacted her mobility for years. But through a rehabilitation programme the girl from a poor rural family gained access to a new life. Not only was she enrolled in school, she also received surgery and was fitted with an artificial leg. Today, Barnita is an energetic and lively girl, always ready to support others in need.

What we do

Light for the World is committed to reaching children with disabilities from the earliest possible age, supporting them to develop their abilities. Inclusive Education means that all children can learn together, from pre-school through to vocational training and higher education.

Our inclusive education programme started with the Lighthouse project 'One Class for All', an initiative of a group of wealthy philanthropists and visionaries, who wanted to bring about change in the education systems of Burkina Faso and

Ethiopia. Today, in close collaboration with our rehabilitation projects we support children with disabilities to enrol and stay in school in 13 countries. We work together with governments and other stakeholders, train teachers and provide learning

materials to ensure a transformation from mere participation to quality education. We provide capacity building and knowledge for policy-makers. Light for the World has been recognised as an expert organisation on inclusive education.

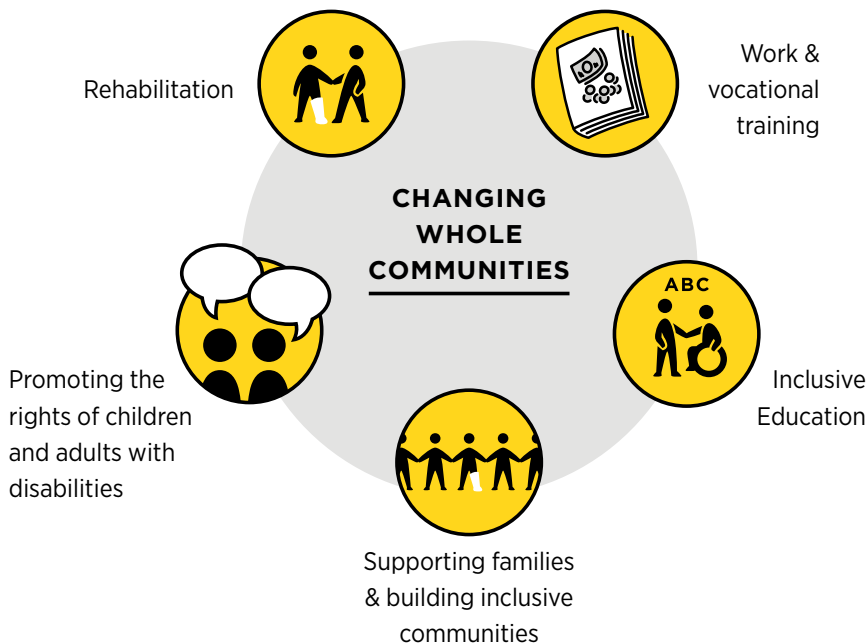
DISABILITY INCLUSION



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Small steps — big impact

Disability Inclusion in Community Development (DICD) is one of the cornerstones of our work. Our goal is to support people with disabilities and build a society where everybody can take part and no one is left behind.



Facts & Figures

One billion people world-wide live with a disability

50% of people with disabilities cannot afford healthcare, increasing the risk of acquiring more disabilities and lowering life expectancy and quality of life

78 PROJECTS 2019

45 rehabilitation
33 inclusive development



46,000

people with
disabilities
accessed
rehabilitation

Mathieu and Nourou

Nourou's family thought their boy would not live long. Born with cerebral palsy, he did not learn to sit, stand, or eat without help. Then rehabilitation worker Mathieu entered his life and from that day on, everything was different ...

Mathieu started training with Nourou and also showed the family how to support his physical development. Then the dedicated rehabilitation worker talked to the prefect of the local primary school to allow Nourou to enrol. Today, the little boy from Burkina Faso walks on his own, plays with his friends and goes to school. "It gives me great joy to see such a significant evolution in my patients," says Mathieu with a smile.

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What we do

Women and men, girls and boys with disabilities need to have access to rehabilitation, education and means of income to lead independent lives. At the same time society must adapt to welcome everybody. Disability Inclusion in Community Development is our approach to reach this goal.

At the individual level, we provide access to medical services, from physiotherapy to inclusive eye health, education, vocational training and other income generating activities. To foster sustainable change, we go further: within communities,

we support organisations of people with disabilities to develop networks and contribute to political decisions, and train health workers in rehabilitation methods. At regional and national level we cooperate with governments and

ministries to include Community Based Rehabilitation and Disability Inclusion in official health plans and university curricula. Internationally we advocate for the inclusion of women and men, girls and boys with disabilities in all aspects of life.

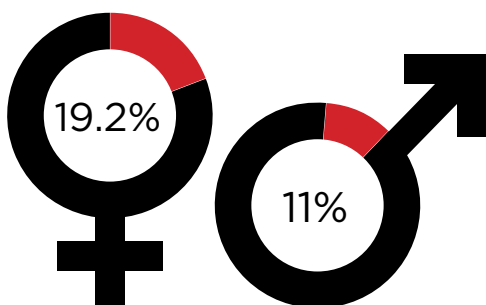


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In an inclusive community, every person is welcomed and valued. Light for the World advocates for the rights of women and men, girls and boys with disabilities to lead independent, empowered lives and includes them in programme planning and implementation.

GENDER AND DISABILITY



19.2% of women and girls live with a disability, compared to 11% of men and boys.

The fight against poverty and injustice has to be disability inclusive and gender sensitive.

Facts & Figures

1 billion people live with one or more forms of disability

80% in low-income countries

1 in 5 of the poorest people has a disability

3 out of 4 people with disabilities in low and middle income countries are women

more than 80% of women with disabilities have no independent means of livelihood

48 PROJECTS 2019

32 Promoting rights

16 Livelihood and economic empowerment



19,000

people trained
in disability
inclusion

Fiona

A kullu Fiona Okello, 28, has a bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Rural Innovation. She has a visual impairment. She certified as a Disability Inclusion Facilitator with Light for the World and now works for the national Association of Youth with Disabilities in Uganda.

“One time during a Disability Awareness Training, a participant confessed that he denied an applicant a job, because he didn't know how to handle her disability. He said that if he had got such a training earlier, his reaction would have been different. It's exhilarating each time I realise that my message is taken home and is bringing about positive change.”

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What we do

Light for the World works towards creating a society where everybody is welcome, valued and can reach their full potential. We focus on systemic change from international to local level to encourage further inclusion and accessibility for women and men, girls and boys with disabilities.

We strongly believe that everybody needs access to the same rights and possibilities — be it health care, education, work, political participation or any other aspect of community life. Core human rights documents like the UN Convention on the Rights of Per-

sons with Disabilities or political commitments, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development guide our work. We support organisations of persons with disabilities so that they can make their voices heard and develop networks. The empowerment

of women and girls with disabilities is a strong focus of our work, because they often face double discrimination. By collecting and distributing evaluation and evidence based knowledge we create and maintain a scientific foundation for our work.

Leave no one behind

COVID-19



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Protecting the most vulnerable

COVID-19, also known as coronavirus, has changed the world as we know it. Among the most vulnerable are older people, those suffering from previous illnesses and people with disabilities – especially those with little or no access to clean water and medical help. In short: the people we focus on in our programme work. We are witnessing the impact across all of our programmes.

People with disabilities are suffering: Besides the obvious risks from COVID-19, people with disabilities are trying to cope with hunger, and medicine and health care shortages. The poorest and most remote people receiving inaccessible and dangerously distorted information about the spread of COVID-19 and how to protect themselves. Many people are also in cramped living

conditions and have lost their jobs as day laborers as a result of quarantine.

“The COVID-19 outbreak is impacting each one of us as individuals; but the world needs inclusion, solidarity and collaboration now more than ever.”



Rupert Roniger
CEO of Light for the World

Lives are at risk

- Hospitals need clean water, soap, medication, and protective clothing fast.
- Food is running out; children and adults with disabilities already face barriers in providing for basic needs.
- The economic impact - losing income during lockdown - is especially severe for the poorest and most vulnerable.
- Information and health services to fight COVID-19 must be accessible for everyone, to stop the spread of the virus.

We are deeply worried

Weak health care systems in many African countries leave the continent at grave risk. Light for the World, with its long-standing expertise in addressing infectious diseases on a large scale, is helping some of the poorest and hardest to reach people through this crisis.

Through Light for the World's work on eye health and rehabilitation for people with disabilities, we know how important strong health systems are — and we know what steps need to be taken to reach the poorest and most vulnerable.

“No country in the world is ready to take care of COVID-19. It is a pandemic. African governments are working hard to protect their people. But our health systems need urgent support.”



Elie Bagbila
National Director of
Light for the World Burkina Faso



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Actions:

- In Uganda, Entebbe Regional Referral Hospital is serving as an isolation centre for COVID-19 patients.
- In Tigray, Ethiopia, we are raising awareness on how to stop transmission of COVID-19 in rural communities, together with the Regional Health Bureau.
- In Burkina Faso we are making sure that our partner hospitals have clean water, soap and disinfectants, protective clothing, and thermometers.
- In Mozambique we are providing food for people with disabilities and their families to cover the next months and cooperating with UNICEF.
- In South Sudan we are protecting at-risk communities in refugee camps.

What we do

No one could have prepared for this — but Light for the World is an expert in strengthening health systems and managing infectious diseases. We use this knowledge to prevent and protect against the spread of COVID-19.

Every year we distribute medication to millions of people against infections like trachoma and other Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), mainly in northern Ethiopia. We also improve water and sanitation facilities, and provide easily understandable information on health issues and disease control for a great number of people.

Our very good relationships with the Ministry of Health and government hospitals in the countries where we work, including Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique and Uganda dramatically raise the efficiency of our comprehensive work.

We are calling on government, partners and donors to ensure immediate upscaling of health system strengthening in Africa, leaving no one behind.

Foussena

Born almost blind, Foussena struggled to keep up in school. A teacher recognised her condition - and her potential - and organised for the girl to attend an inclusive school in Ouagadougou. Here the clever girl learns braille and has found many new friends with and without disabilities.



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Changing Lives

6 ophthalmologists graduated from Ouagadougou University and are being placed in under-served regions. Eye clinics are about to receive equipment and consumables.

Teachers were trained in inclusive education, to ensure every child can develop their full potential. To support access to the labour market we implemented **two livelihood programmes** for people with disabilities.

Changing Systems

With our involvement **the first course in ophthalmology** was established in Ouagadougou. Our 10 year child eye health programme is in its final planning stage, improving access to eye care for generations to come. Due to our involvement Burkina Faso now has a **national strategy on inclusive education**. Our **Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) programmes** interlink with livelihood, education, health, and advocacy.



"Our partners know the local conditions way better. We always make sure that the actions we support are sustainable and locally-owned."

Elie Bagbila
Country Director
Burkina Faso

Outlook

- A pilot project on **school eye health** will provide school children with free glasses.
- We are changing lives through our **CBR programmes** and supporting people with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- An **initiative against glaucoma** will be launched, to overcome the world's main cause of irreversible blindness.
- We continue to support **Organisations of Persons with Disabilities**, especially those targeted at women.

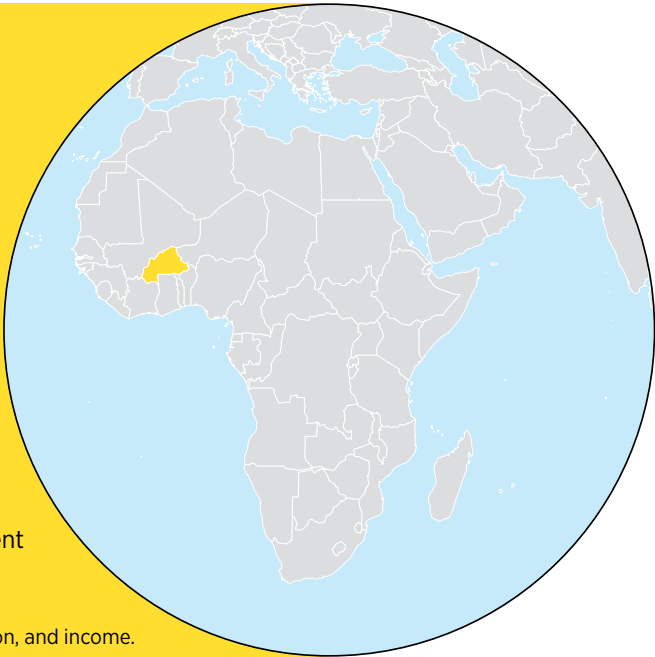
BURKINA FASO

Area	274,200 km ²
Population	19.8 million
HDI*	0.434 (182 nd of 189 countries)
Below poverty line	40.1%
Life expectancy	61.2 years
Health care	6 doctors per 100,000 inhabitants 37 ophthalmologists in total
Blindness rate	1.05%

PROJECTS 2019

9	Inclusive Education
7	Eye Health
7	Rehabilitation & Inclusive Development
4	Empowerment

* Human Development Index, based on factors like life expectancy, education, and income.

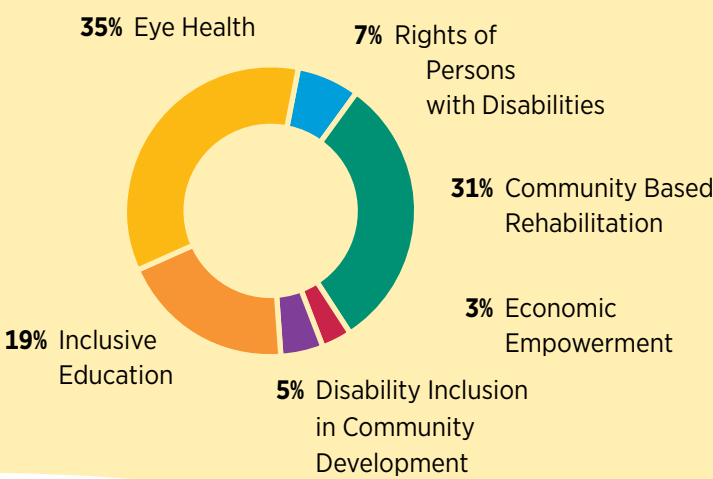


What we achieved

49,199	People reached
4,676	Children with disabilities accessed education
2,813	Children with disabilities received rehabilitation
1,287	Cataract operations
7	Mobile outreaches

In 2019 we received support for our programme in Burkina Faso from Foundation L'Occitane. The total of our programme expenses for 2019 amounted to EUR 1,993,743.

WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?



Our local Partners

ABAPE | CCI Handicap |
CEFISE | CHR Koudougou |
CHR Ouahigouya | CHR Banfora
| CHR Kaya | CHUSS | CHUYO
| COZ | DDEC Manga |

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Kaya, Koupéla, Manga, Nouna,
Tenkodogo | SNEC | SBO |
SOB | UNABPAM/EJA |
UNAFEHB | UFR/SDS/DES |
CN-EPT |

Kameru

“I must be able to see again, to care for my husband and me, there is nobody else.” Kameru lost her sight to cataract and could no longer tend to her vegetable patch or cook meals. When an ophthalmic outreach came to the area, her hopes came true. Surgery restored her sight. Today, Kameru is once again self-sufficient and independent.



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Changing Lives

In 33 districts in Western Oromia and Tigray we achieved the **required treatment coverage with mass drug distribution** against infectious causes of blindness like trachoma.

Ophthalmic nurses were trained in Quiha and the graduates were deployed throughout the region.

More than 700 aspiring teachers were trained in sign language and braille, to support children with disabilities.

Changing Systems

In our **fight against neglected tropical diseases**, we took care to make drug distribution accessible for people with disabilities.

A strong link between community-based rehabilitation and inclusive education helps children with disabilities stay in school.

We started a **multi-country glaucoma programme**, focusing on human resources, referral and equipment. Our **long-term child eye health programme** started.



“We are a trustworthy and reliable organisation communicating encouraging, powerful and positive messages.”

Aynalem Tefera
Country Director
Ethiopia

Outlook

- We continue to intensify disability mainstreaming and inclusive development throughout our projects and support people with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A school eye health programme will reach a vast number of children.
- We are part of a government-led cataract campaign to clear the surgery backlog of 50,000.
- We will deepen our inclusive education work to make sure that children with disabilities access quality education.
- Our aim is to reach more people with Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) activities and to train more eye health and NTD professionals.

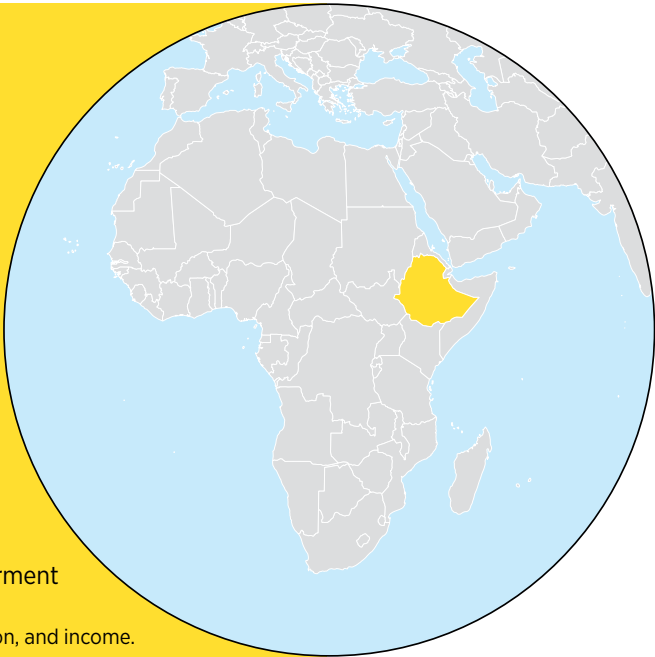
ETHIOPIA

Area	1,104,300 km ²
Population	109.2 million
HDI	0.470 (173 rd of 189 countries)
Below poverty line	23.5%
Life expectancy	66.2 years
Health care	10 doctors per 100,000 inhabitants 150 ophthalmologists in total
Blindness rate	1.86%

PROJECTS 2019

37	Eye Health and NTDs
11	Inclusive Education
10	Rehabilitation
5	Inclusive Development and Empowerment

* Human Development Index, based on factors like life expectancy, education, and income.



What we achieved

12.6 million doses of medication
against NTDs distributed

331,463 People reached

22,212 Cataract operations

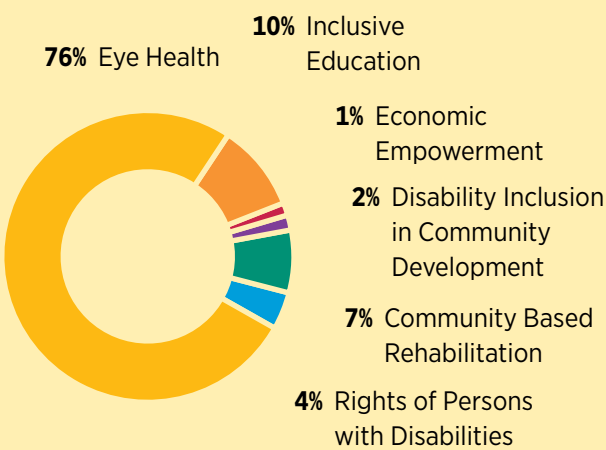
1,608 Children received rehabilitation

1,842 Children with disabilities
accessed education

244 Mobile outreaches

In 2019 we received support from the Ferster Foundation, RTI/USAID, and OFID, among others. The total of our programme expenses for 2019 amounted to EUR 4,240,458.

WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?



Our local Partners

ADV | Addis Vision Development | Amhara Region Education Bureau | Amhara National Regional State Health Bureau | Berhan Lehetsanat | British Council Ethiopia | Cheshire Services Ethiopia | College of Medicine and Health Sciences of the University of Gondar | East Wollega Zonal Health OFC | Education Bureau of Addis Ababa City Administration | Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development |

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Luísa

“The cyclone took our belongings, our dignity, our future.” When the storm hit their home, Luísa took her two children, who are both deaf, and ran. They survived, but were left with nothing. People with disabilities and their care givers in emergency situations often face additional hardships. Luísa receives targeted help from our programmes, to start a new life.



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Changing Lives

Our **emergency relief actions** in the aftermath of cyclone Idai reached 13,435 people with disabilities and their families.

17 new ophthalmic nurses were deployed in previously under-served districts.

We trained **218 teachers** in inclusive education techniques.

50 mothers of children with severe disabilities received support to set up their own businesses.

Changing Systems

We facilitated the set-up of a **DPO-led disability task group** within the emergency response, and pushed for **rebuilding schools accessible** to children with disabilities after the disaster. We partnered with UNICEF and **trained humanitarian aid organisations** in inclusive emergency response.

Our **glaucoma programme** started, to overcome the world’s main cause of irreversible blindness.



“People with disabilities in the Búzi District of Mozambique, where Cyclone Idai hit, are in dire need.”

Zacharias Zicai
Country Director
Mozambique

Outlook

- We continue to focus on the provision of comprehensive and accessible eye health services in 5 provinces (Sofala, Tete, Zambezia, Cabo Delgado, and Niassa)
- Our 10 year child eye health programme started, improving access to eye care and saving eye sight for generations to come.
- A pilot project on school eye health will provide school children with better access to eye care and free glasses.
- We are supporting people with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

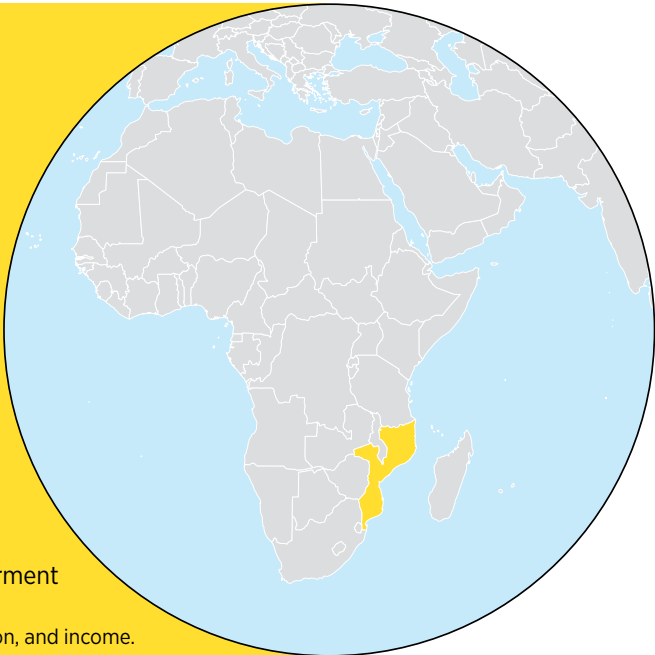
MOZAMBIQUE

Area	799,380 km ²
Population	29.5 million
HDI	0.446 (180 th of 189 countries)
Below poverty line	46.1%
Life expectancy	60.2 years
Health care	7 doctors per 100,000 inhabitants 30 ophthalmologists in total
Blindness rate	0.82%

PROJECTS 2019

31	Rehabilitation
19	Eye Health and NTDs
5	Inclusive Education
6	Inclusive Development and Empowerment

* Human Development Index, based on factors like life expectancy, education, and income.

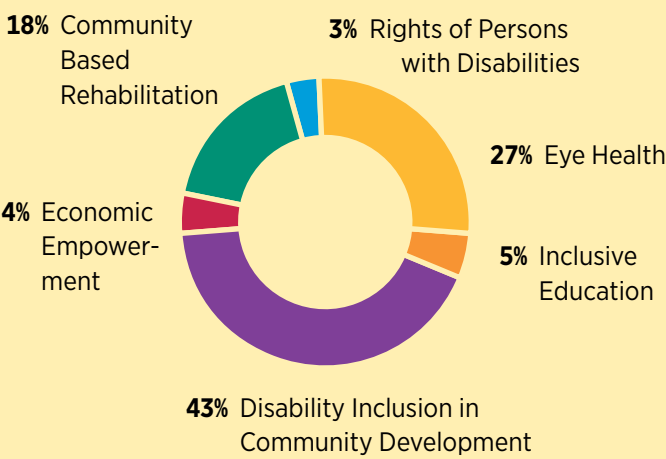


What we achieved

354,490	People reached
6,810	Cataract operations
1,276	Children with disabilities received rehabilitation
876	Children with disabilities accessed education
31	Mobile outreaches

In 2019 we received support from the Austrian Development Agency, UNICEF, Invicta Foundation, the European Union and other individual donors. The total of our programme expenses for 2019 amounted to EUR 3,096,800.

WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?



Our local Partners

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Focus Countries

SOUTH SUDAN 2019

Nyabedeng

Sitting upright in her chair, Nyabedeng laughs with joy and communicates with everybody. The girl from South Sudan was born with cerebral palsy and received rehabilitation to help her gain more body control and mobility. Now she has one wish: to join her sister in school. An inclusive education system could make this possible.



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Changing Lives

We held a **workshop for 15 people with disabilities** to become Disability Inclusion Facilitators. Together with these experts we conducted **training for rehabilitation workers** in refugee camps, to increase accessibility and inclusion for internally displaced people. Members of our successful **“Sports for Peace”** project support people with disabilities, advocate for inclusion and act as good role models for peaceful coexistence

Changing Systems

20 participants from 18 organisations, among them World Vision, International Rescue Committee, and others, received **training in inclusive humanitarian aid**. The training was conducted jointly with the new Disability Inclusion Facilitators. Light for the World supported the development and strengthening of **Organisations of persons with disabilities**, to give them a better chance to make their voices heard.



“We are authentic, passionate, partner-oriented and close to our beneficiaries. We build long-lasting relationships on mutual respect.”

Sophia Mohammed
 Country Director
 South Sudan

Outlook

- We will publish a report on “Inclusion in Humanitarian Aid”, with knowledge and feedback from NGOs who implemented action plans, including Light for the World’s development of expertise and training model.
- We develop a revised and expanded Sign Language Dictionary together with the National Association of the Deaf.
- We continue to foster disability inclusive community development in Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps.
- We support people with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SOUTH SUDAN

Area	644,329 km ²
Population	11 million
HDI*	0.413 (186 th of 189 countries)
Below poverty line	82.3%
Life expectancy	57.6 years

PROJECTS 2019

- 3** Empowerment
- 2** Rehabilitation and Inclusive Education
- 1** Eye Health

* Human Development Index, based on factors like life expectancy, education, and income.

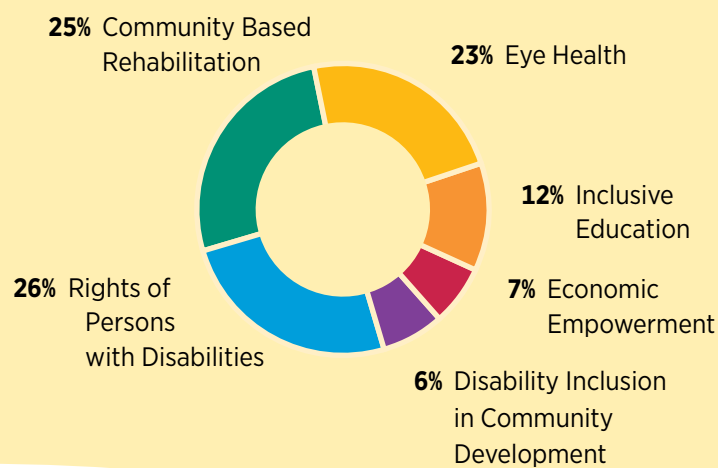


What we achieved

- 6,849** People reached
- 5,101** People with disabilities received rehabilitation
- 422** Cataract operations
- 333** People trained in disability inclusion
- 130** Children with disabilities accessed education

In 2019 we trained members of other organisations in disability inclusive humanitarian response, including from the Stromme Foundation, World Vision, OVCI and International Committee of the Red Cross. The total of our programme expenses amounted to EUR 566,019.

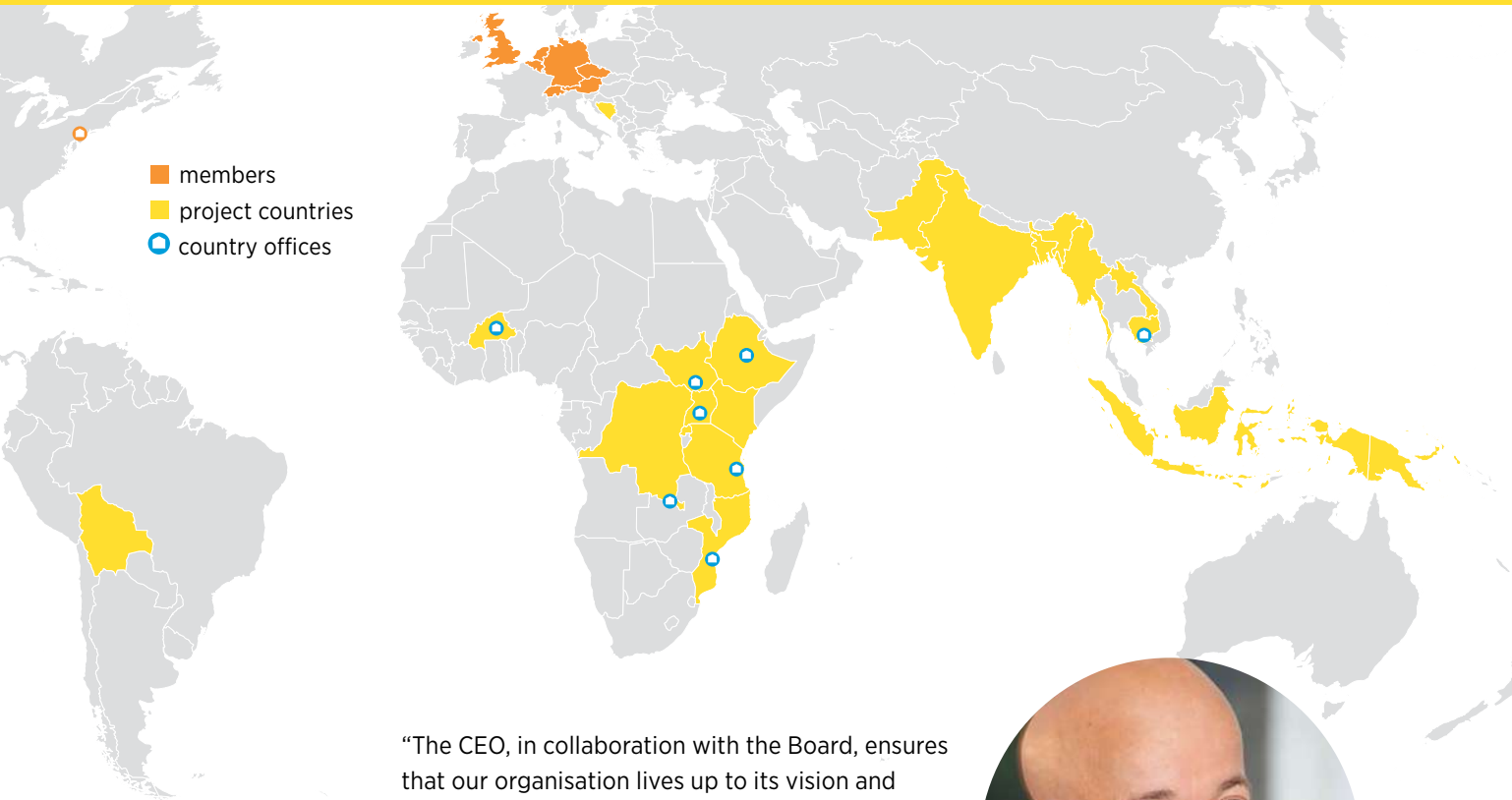
WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?



Our Partners

ECSS
SEM
Rumbek Hospital
Dorcas

OUR GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE



“The CEO, in collaboration with the Board, ensures that our organisation lives up to its vision and mission to achieve sustainable impact by implementing our strategy.”

Prof. Tom Shakespeare
International Trustee
Chair UK



Who we are

Light for the World is an international disability and development organisation. Our vision is an inclusive society for all where no one is left behind. We enable eye health services and empower people with disabilities in some of the poorest regions of the world.

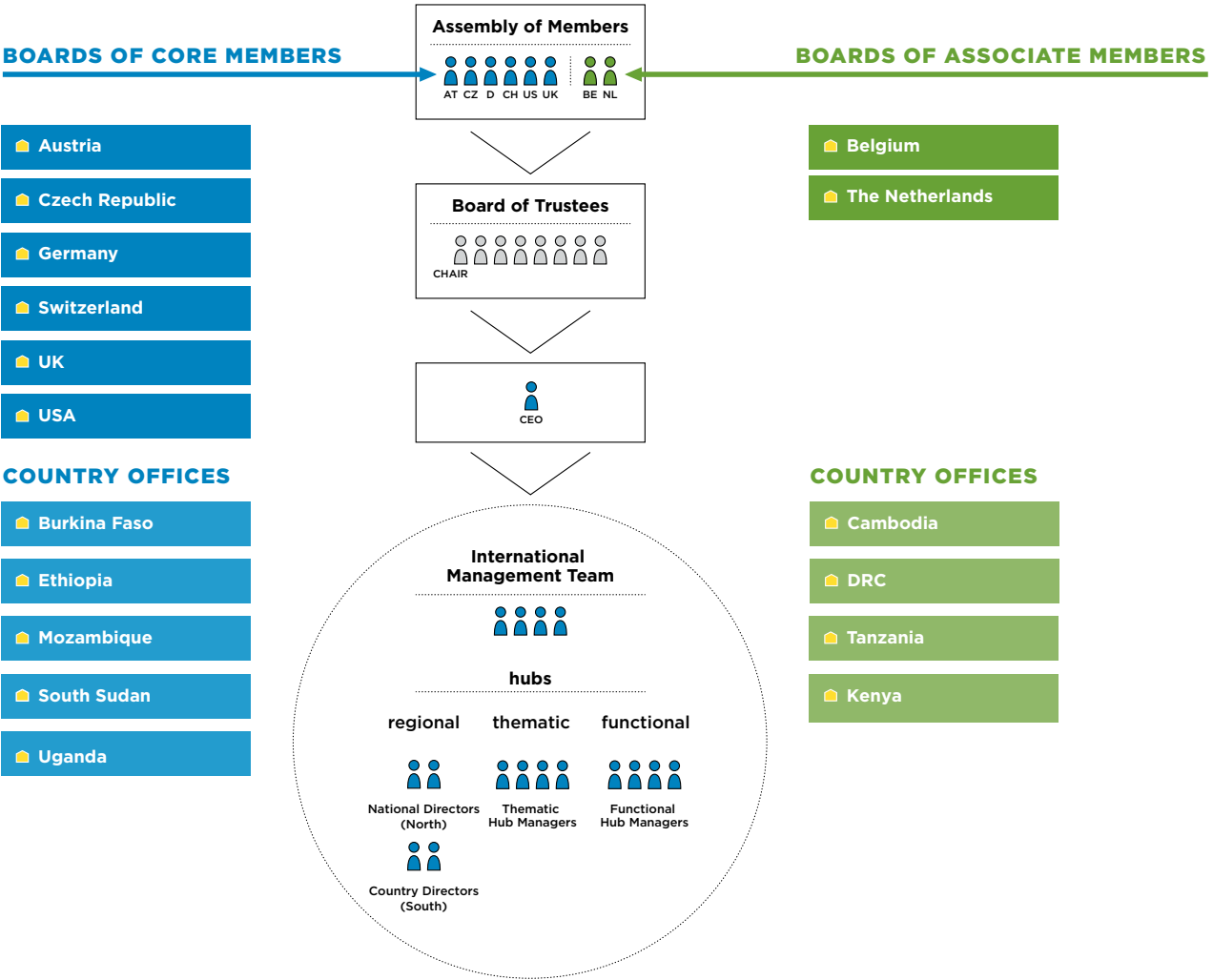
Our structure

Our association Light for the World International is made up of Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America as core members and Belgium and The Netherlands as associate members.

Each core and associate member is a non-profit organisation under the respective national law. Light for the World International is registered at the national register of associations in Austria.

The Articles of Association and the partnership agreements govern the collaboration and relationships between Light for the World International and its members.

We have country offices in Burkina Faso, Cambodia, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda as well as an EU liaison office in Brussels. All our offices are part of Light for the World International or one of its associate members.



Our Governance

Assembly of Members

The Assembly of Members is the highest body of the organisation. It is the interface between the national members and the international organisation. The Assembly of Members decides on the vision, mission, strategic framework and policies that are binding for all members. The Assembly of Members consists of delegated national board members representing each core and associate member. They elect the Board of Trustees and appoint the auditor.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the association. Its members, called trustees, are appointed by the Assembly of Members for a three-year term and serve the interest of the association and safeguard its mission. The Board of Trustees appoints the CEO and decides on strategy and annual workplans.

National Boards

The National Boards are the governing body of our national members. National Boards ensure national accountability, including compliance with national laws and standards.

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) leads the international team. She/He is appointed by and accountable to the Board of Trustees for a period of three years. The CEO is responsible for the overall management of the organisation as well as the implementation of the strategy and annual work plans.

Our policies and guidelines

With our policy portfolio we demonstrate that our organisation is operated in an efficient manner. Our policies ensure compliance with laws and regulations, give guidance for decision-making, and streamline internal processes. Our policies are subject to the approval and review of the Assembly of Members. The CEO oversees their coherent and consistent implementation.

Programmes and advocacy

We create lasting change through collaboration with local partners such as eye clinics, schools, government actors, and organisations of persons with disabilities. Thereby, we are striving for the highest possible quality and impact for the most marginalised people in developing countries.

Safeguarding

We believe that everyone we come in contact with, regardless of age, gender, identity, disability, sexual orientation or ethnic origin has the right to be protected from all forms of harm, abuse, neglect and exploitation. Therefore, we address all areas of safeguarding through prevention, reporting and response.

Accountability and transparency

We hold responsibility for the ethical, efficient and sustainable raising of funds on the one hand, and for the efficient and thrifty usage of the donations entrusted to us on the other hand. The international organisation and its members have their accounts reviewed by independent external auditors and have been granted quality seals in their respective countries. As part of our commitment to tackle corruption and to be as transparent as possible, we produce and publish an Anti-Corruption report on our organisation every two years.

Policies across the organisation

Policy Transparency and Anti-Corruption

Policy Safety and Security

Policy Gender

Policy Environment

Data Protection and Data Secrecy

Policy Safeguarding

Policies relating to programmes and advocacy

Programme Approach, Policies and Guidelines

Policy Comprehensive Eye Health

Policy Disability Inclusion in Community Development

Policy Disability-Inclusive Education

Policy Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Policy Partnerships with Disabled Persons Organisations

Policy Partnerships in Programmes

Policies relating to fundraising & communications

Policy Ethical Behaviour

Corporate Design Manual

Policies relating to Human Resources

Policy Human Resources

Policies relating to finances

Policy Reserves and Investment

Financial Standards

“Our policies facilitate a coherent, consistent approach and ensure that our standards are upheld throughout the organization.”

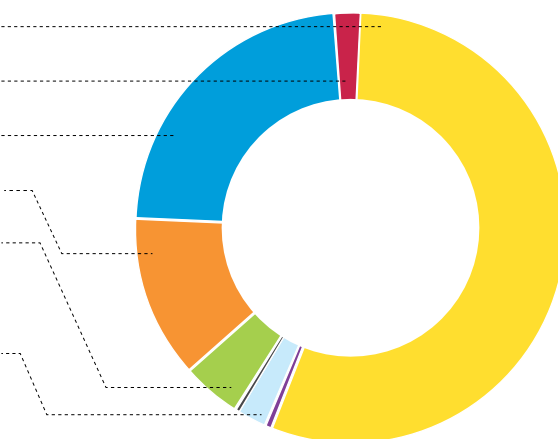
Amanda Ramos
Corporate Policies and Compliance Officer



Every donation counts

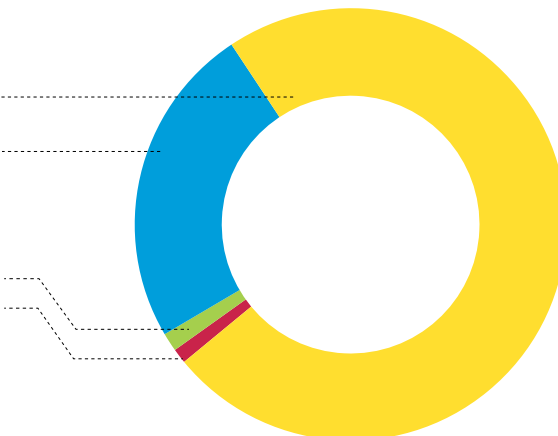
SOURCES OF INCOME 2019

	in Euro	%
Individual Giving	12,149,158	55 %
Corporates / Donations in Kind	451,137	2 %
Institutional Funding	5,056,947	23 %
Foundations, Trusts	2,663,882	12 %
Bequests	994,801	5 %
Other Income	68,134	< 1 %
Project Support Alliance Partners	462,326	2 %
Membership fees	103,698	< 1 %
Total	21,950,082	



AREAS OF EXPENSES 2019

	in Euro	%
Programme Work incl. Advocacy	16,112,981	74%
Information on Programme Work, Public Relations and Donor Administration	5,292,741	24%
Administration and Infrastructure	319,953	1%
Allocation to Reserves	224,408	1%
Total	21,950,082	



TRANSPARENCY & ANTI-CORRUPTION

Those are the consolidated financial results of the legal entity Light for the World and its core members in Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland, UK and USA. Light for the World adopted an Anti-Corruption Policy in 2014 and is producing a biennial anti-corruption report, which is available on request.

RELIABILITY

The member organisations of Light for the World have their accounts audited/reviewed by independent external auditors and have been granted quality seals in several countries. Donations to Light for the World are tax deductible in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, The Netherlands, Switzerland, UK and the USA.

For further information on the financial figures of the different legal entities please download the national reports from the respective websites, all accessible under:

www.light-for-the-world.org

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