



LIGHT FOR THE WORLD
Impact Report 2021





Dear friends,

I am so proud of what we, together at Light for the World, achieved last year.

Our colleagues, partners and beneficiaries came up against barrier after barrier in our programme countries, such as conflict, discrimination against people with disabilities, and a severe lack of resources for eye health, education and employment. The COVID-19 pandemic continued to wreak havoc on our programme countries, especially in terms of economic impact. But, through resilience and passion, we achieved incredible change!

Last year, we provided access to eye care, education and work for some of the poorest and most marginalised groups. We reached more than 791,000 people.

What's more:

- ✚ Our comprehensive child eye health programme "1,2,3 ... I can see" began.
- ✚ Our impactful Disability Inclusion Facilitator model for economic empowerment took flight.
- ✚ We kicked off an ambitious inclusive education project in Burkina Faso, which will eventually make 40% of all schools in the country inclusive.

- ✚ We began new humanitarian outreach programmes for people with disabilities in crisis situations in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique, with the support of the Austrian Development Cooperation and UNICEF.

These are just a few of the successes your continued partnership and support made happen these last twelve months. Read on to enjoy more stories of impact and inclusivity.

On a personal note, it is a perfect moment to be handing leadership over to our wonderful new CEO, Marion Lieser, who will join us in August 2022.

And on behalf of the whole Light for the World team, including the people we reach through our programmes — thank you, as ever, for your life changing support!

RUPERT RONIGER

CEO, Light for the World International

Why we act

Light for the World is a global disability and 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 including Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan and Uganda. We work with partners, such as local eye clinics, schools, government actors and Disabled People's Organisations, because together we are stronger.

Our work is made possible by our generous donors including from our member organisations in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland, UK and USA.

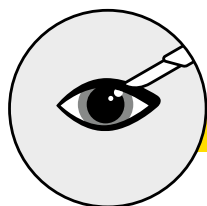
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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Highlights 2021

We reached **791,000** people in all their diversity with crucial support, including eye health, rehabilitation and education.

Additionally **7.3 M** doses of medication against diseases like Trachoma were distributed.



42,551 EYE OPERATIONS

of which

66% Cataract operations

10% Trachoma operations

7% Trauma operations

17% Other eye operations



684,425 TOTAL EYE CONSULTATIONS

48,000 PEOPLE REACHED WITH **DISABILITY INCLUSION**



3,715 TEACHERS TRAINED IN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

9,631 CHILDREN AND TEENS WITH DISABILITIES RECEIVED SCHOOL EDUCATION



7,874 PEOPLE ACCESSED **INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES**

3 out of 5 are women



Think global, act local

- members
- programme countries
- offices

Eye health

Without drastic action, global demand for eye care is set to triple by 2050. Light for the World focuses on accessible and affordable eye health for all, integrated into health systems. Last year we increased support among massively under-resourced communities:

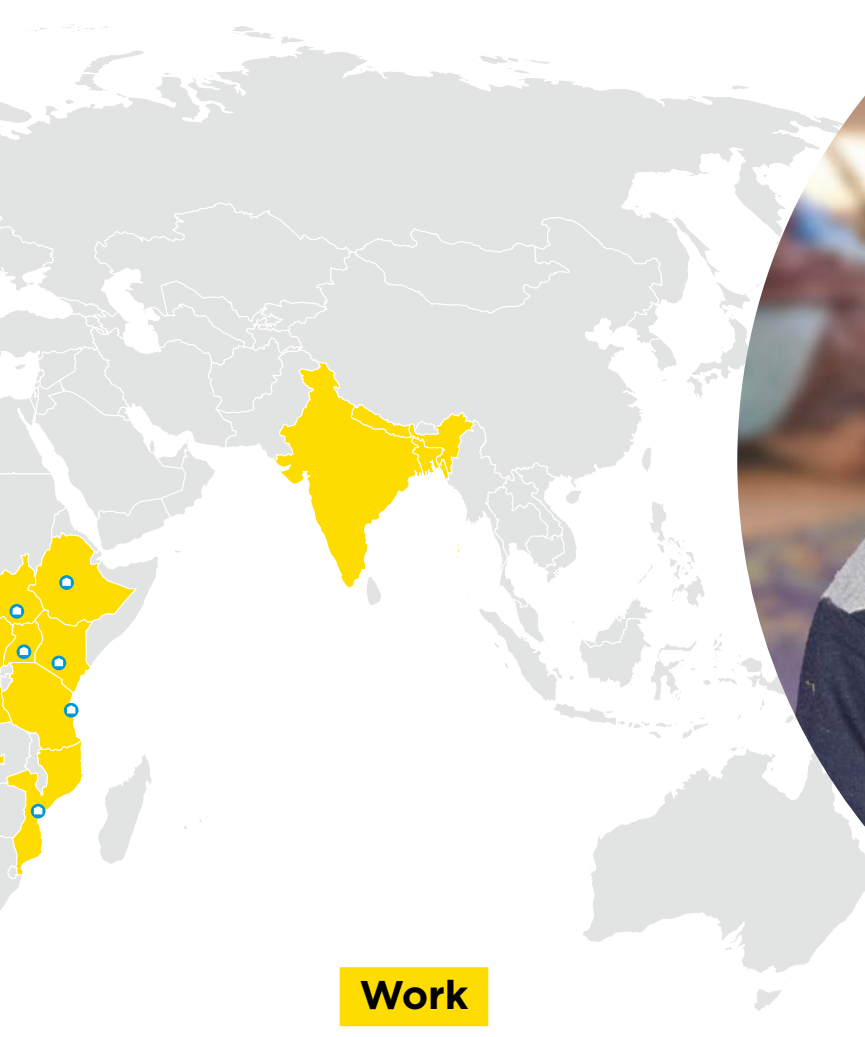
- ✚ Our comprehensive child eye health programme “1, 2, 3 ... I can see” began in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique and Uganda to make children’s services more available and affordable.
- ✚ We launched a “first of its kind” toolkit to combat glaucoma, the leading cause of irreparable blindness across Sub-Saharan Africa.
- ✚ We joined partners in successfully lobbying the UN General Assembly to adopt the “Vision for Everyone” Resolution, to ensure eye health for the 1.1 billion people living with preventable sight loss by 2030.
- ✚ Our Neglected Tropical Diseases work in Oromia, Ethiopia, continued, despite many challenges; and the Ethiopian Ministry of Health approved a national school eye health manual for teachers.
- ✚ We began implementing a trailblazing programme in three African countries to help close the gender gap in eye health, through generous support from the Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.

In 2022, we are working hard to ensure even more inclusive eye health services to dismantle many of the barriers women and people with disabilities face in their access to care.

Inclusive education

Children with disabilities are often denied their right to education. COVID-19 related school shutdowns have caused even more hardship. Inclusive education is needed now more than ever. Our 2021 work included:

- ✚ The kick-off of an ambitious new project in Burkina Faso which, together with the Catholic Education Secretariat, will eventually make 40 % of all schools in the country inclusive.
- ✚ Successful campaigning towards a new national Inclusive Education Policy in South Sudan, ensuring children with disabilities access to a quality education.
- ✚ Together with Mastercard Foundation, launching the CapAble platform to promote disability inclusion in Higher Education.
- ✚ High-level advocacy with partners at the Global Education Summit around International Education Day and towards Global Partnership for Education’s “Raise your hand” campaign for education.
- ✚ Celebrating with Hamele & Yekatit schools in Ethiopia which, supported by Light for the World and local partners, were delighted that all deaf students passed their exams.



Work

People with disabilities want to earn and learn but are often shut out of the job market. We support programmes which strengthen employment opportunities, including:

- + Our brilliant Disability Inclusion Facilitator programme which now has youth role models in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan and Uganda beyond—ensuring more and more people with disabilities have access to work.
- + Our partner Uganda Business and Disability Network, which grew from strength to strength in 2021, and now includes some of the country's largest companies.
- + Our work on Inclusive Futures, funded by UK Aid, which supports people with disabilities in Bangladesh, Kenya and Nepal to access livelihood opportunities.
- + Our Kenyan InBusiness programme, which received official recognition for exemplary service.

In 2022, we roll out our economic empowerment programme across Burkina Faso, Malawi, Mozambique and India, including 60 Disability Inclusion Facilitators, two innovation labs, and one new cross-regional learning route for awareness raising.

Amplifying voices

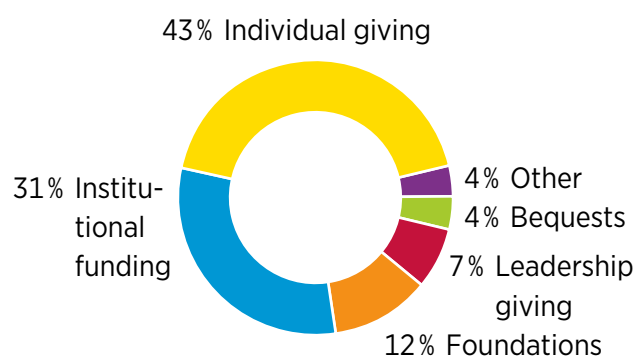
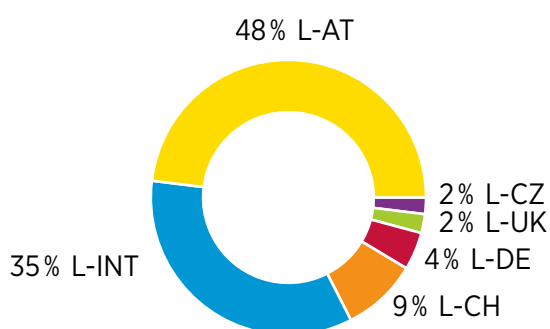
The voices of people with disabilities are key to a more equal world—so we are delighted that:

- + Tom Shakespeare, renowned British academic, broadcaster, sociologist and disability rights activist, became Chair of our International Board.
- + South Sudan's first national sign language dictionary was finalised, with the support of local activists, Organisations of People with Disabilities and Light for the World.
- + Nafisa Baboo, our Inclusive Education Director, appeared in the prestigious D-30 Disability Impact List.
- + Our global advocacy, in partnership with the World Federation of the Deaf, made waves around under-representation of deaf people in the UN.
- + Gamze Elibol, Bernice Oyeleke and Robbie Francis Watene received Light for the World's Her Abilities Awards, celebrated by Austria's First Lady Doris Schmidauer.

Income and expense statement

Income

before Deferrals



LEGAL ENTITY	in Euro	%
L-AT incl. South Tyrol	13,279,155	48%
L-INT	9,549,421	35%
L-CH	2,469,600	9%
L-DE	1,238,213	4%
L-CZ	567,085	2%
L-UK	517,135	2%
L-US	—	—
TOTAL INCOME	27,620,609	

INCOME STREAM	in Euro	%
Individual giving	11,869,482	43%
Institutional funding	8,473,621	31%
Foundations	3,261,045	12%
Leadership giving	1,995,220	7%
Bequests	1,098,114	4%
Donations in kind	505,201	2%
Network partners	229,887	< 1%
Other income	188,039	< 1%
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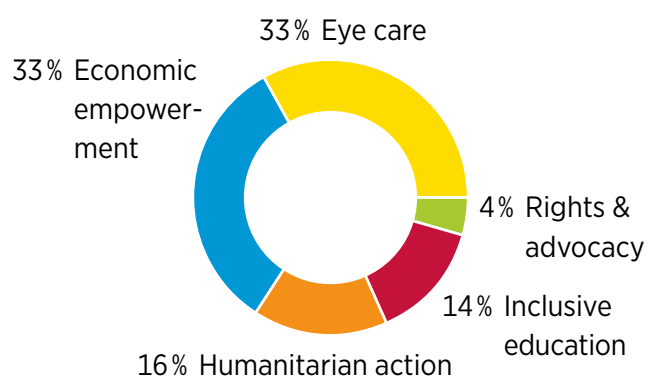
TRANSPARENCY & ANTI-CORRUPTION

Those are the consolidated financial results for the year 2021 of the legal entity Light for the World International and its core members in Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland,

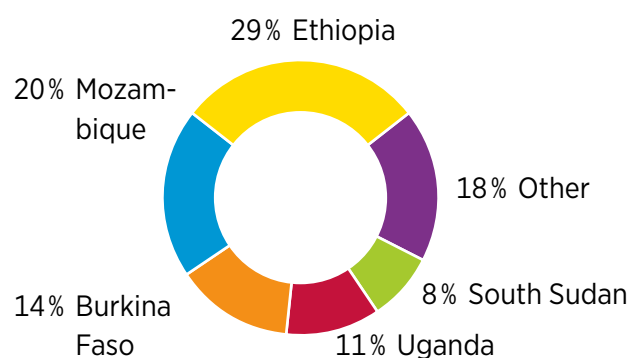
UK and USA. Light for the World adopted an Anti-Corruption Policy in 2014.

A biennial anti-corruption report is available on request.

Expenses



MANDATE AREA	in Euro	%
Eye care	7,623,731	33%
Economic empowerment	7,523,619	33%
Humanitarian action	3,634,271	16%
Inclusive education	3,245,905	14%
Rights and advocacy	964,939	4%
TOTAL	22,992,465	



COUNTRY / REGION	in Euro	%
Ethiopia	6,659,356	29%
Mozambique	4,675,071	20%
Burkina Faso	3,147,973	14%
Uganda	2,535,009	11%
South Sudan	1,843,095	8%
Cross-country implementation	1,665,687	7%
Kenya	950,717	4%
Bolivia	764,774	3%
Asia (Nepal, India, Bangladesh)	706,847	3%
DR Congo	22,118	< 1%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	21,818	< 1%
TOTAL	22,992,465	

RELIABILITY

The member organisations of Light for the World have their accounts audited/reviewed by independent external auditors and have been granted quality seals.

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