



# ACTIVITY REPORT

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## **LIGHT FOR THE WORLD**

is a European confederation of national development NGOs aiming at an inclusive society. We are committed to saving eyesight, improving the quality of life and advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities in the underprivileged regions of our world.

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In the year 2012 LIGHT FOR THE WORLD contributed substantially to the fight against preventable blindness, the rehabilitation and inclusion of persons with disabilities and the realisation of their basic human rights.

In 2012, the eyesight of 46,848 people was restored by cataract surgery in programmes supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD. Our partners examined and treated a total of 954,975 patients for various eye problems.

To provide long-lasting help and make our efforts sustainable, we train local eye care staff – from eye nurses to ophthalmologists. In Beira, Mozambique, a new eye clinic is being built with our support, equipped for treatment as well as training purposes. In Ethiopia, South Sudan and Mozambique we have intensified our battle against trachoma, the world's leading infectious cause of blindness. With a combined strategy of medication, changes in the environment, hygiene and lid surgery we expect to massively diminish trachoma and its painful and irreversible effects in endemic regions.

80 % of all persons with disabilities live in developing countries. To enable them to lead independent lives and participate equally in society is one of our main goals. 59,616 children with disabilities received support in our programmes in 2012. They accessed rehabilitation and medical services as well as school education. In Burkina Faso, we focus on

preparing children with disabilities to enter primary school, talk to parents and teachers and promote inclusive education as the standard model. With our partners in Bolivia we developed a handbook for teachers on how to best support children with disabilities in the classroom.

Changing the barriers many persons with disabilities have to face daily can only be brought about by changing the attitudes towards disability in society. In collaboration with our project partners, disabled people's organisations, communities, local and national governments, the European Union and the United Nations we work towards an inclusive society.

To have a lasting effect, development cooperation itself has to be inclusive of everybody. This is the main agenda of a High Level Meeting at the UN in September 2013, which LIGHT FOR THE WORLD helped to prepare.

In total, 1,143,939 people directly benefited from our work in 178 programmes the last year, besides over 2.5 million persons who received drugs against diseases like trachoma and onchocerciasis.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD will continue its work in the fight against poverty related blindness and other disabilities and to build an inclusive society for all.

Sincerely,



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## Our Mission & Strategy



*To build sustainable health structures, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports the training of local specialists.*

One in seven of the 7 billion people in the world are living with a disability. Eight out of ten persons with disabilities live in the developing world.

### What do we do?

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD makes a real difference for millions of people with disabilities every year we work on the prevention of blindness and promote eye health, provide life-changing rehabilitation and inclusive education for persons with disabilities and promote inclusive development and the rights of persons with disabilities.

### Where do we work?

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD chooses its partner countries as those with the greatest need that are least served.

Presently we work in 16 partner countries and on international level on health, education and livelihood. Our focus countries are Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique, South Sudan, Northeast India, Pakistan and Bolivia.

### Intervention strategies

We engage in empowering persons with disabilities and overcoming barriers in society to bring about social change. We support local stakeholders, partner organisations and disabled people's organisations to provide access for persons with disabilities to much-needed, sustainable services, to promote

an inclusive society, empower disability movements and push for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all areas of development.

Country offices in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique and South Sudan coordinate our activities and facilitate communication with local partners.

### Change that lasts

To create an inclusive and accessible society for all, we also need to address the matter on a grander social, political and economic scale. Therefore we see it as our responsibility to:

- create opportunities for real participation;
- empower people with disabilities;
- fight against discrimination; and
- hold policy makers and politicians to account when they block an inclusive society.

To bring about lasting change, our work targets the individual as well as the community, the political environment and the international framework for development cooperation and remove the physical, social and cultural barriers that prevent the equal participation of persons with disabilities, especially those living in poverty.

## Inclusive development



*Self-empowerment of persons with disabilities is key to an inclusive development strategy.*

The active involvement of all and especially persons with disabilities, in the social, political, economic and cultural life of their communities, requires an inclusive and an accessible society.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD works towards inclusive and accessible development in our programme countries.

Our work focuses on those living in poverty and is based on human rights and the principles of non-discrimination, participation, empowerment and accountability. We see the connection of disability and the wider international development agenda as a complex puzzle and concentrate our programme work on a combination of disability-focused actions and mainstream-focused actions. These will simultaneously provide greater access to development programmes for persons with disabilities and embed disability in wider processes of social change.

### Disability focus

Our disability-focused actions address the specific needs of persons with disabilities through supporting the provision of medical and social services.

We also work on empowering persons with disabilities to actively engage in the local, national and global social change processes that impact on their lives.

### Mainstream focus

Our mainstream-focused actions ensure that persons with disabilities are involved at all levels of development policy, planning and delivery, while simultaneously breaking down the barriers that hinder such involvement in the first place.

### What we do in our partner countries

Our work in our partner countries focuses on five key areas in the coming years:

- Eye health and prevention of blindness
- Inclusive education
- Community Based Rehabilitation
- Livelihood
- Disability rights

### What we do at international and global level

Our work at international level focuses on creating change towards inclusive, barrier free development by:

- influencing international policies and
- promoting inclusive organisational development.

## Eye Health



*150 million people live with uncorrected refractive errors. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD provides spectacles and visual aids to reduce their number.*

**An astounding 285 million people in the world are living with a visual impairment, 39 million are blind and 246 million have low vision.**

Around 80% of all cases of blindness are treatable or could have been prevented in the first place. Nearly 90% of people who are visually impaired live in developing countries. An estimated 19 million of them are children. Comprehensive and accessible eye care is key to reduce avoidable blindness worldwide.

### Causes of Blindness

Cataract remains the leading cause of blindness worldwide. It is responsible for 18 million people having lost their sight. The sight of a person blind with cataract can be restored in a 15-minute surgery. In the last 25 years, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD has made over 500,000 cataract surgeries possible.

Trachoma is one of the oldest infectious diseases known to mankind and is strongly linked to poverty. If left untreated, the infected eye lid scars and turns inwards. Eye lashes scratch the cornea causing irreversible blindness. Over 84 million people worldwide are affected by trachoma. 40 million are at risk of losing their sight, while 8 million people are already blind or severely visually

impaired. Trachoma, when identified early, can be treated with antibiotics. At last stages, lid surgery brings relief and stops the process. In the past year, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD has distributed antibiotics to 1,068,546 people and performed 15,073 lid surgeries.

A further 500,000 people are estimated to be blind from onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness. Every year LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is involved in treating 1.582.948 people with an annual dose of Mectizan to fight this parasitic disease.

Worldwide, about 150 million people live with uncorrected refractive errors, a condition that could be easily diagnosed and corrected. 12 million of these are children. Without visual aids such as glasses, they have limited access to education and future employment. In much of Africa only 20% of people who need them have access to visual aids.

### VISION 2020: The Right to Sight

In 1999 an ambitious global initiative to eliminate preventable blindness by 2020 was launched by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB). To be successful, in just 20 years, VISION 2020 needs to prevent 100 million people



*One of our main goals is to provide eye care to under-served regions, for example in rural Mozambique.*

from becoming blind. The initiative works towards three clear objectives – infrastructure, human resources, and disease control – incorporated into the planning, development and implementation of all national strategies for the prevention of blindness.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD contributes to making VISION 2020 a reality by actively initiating, developing, implementing and monitoring national prevention of blindness strategies in our partner countries. At half way in 2010 it was clear that great strides had been made. The number of blind people globally had dropped from 45 to 39 million. But much remains to be done if we are to prevent many millions of people from going blind.

### Seeing is Believing

Seeing is Believing is part of the VISION 2020 Initiative and aims to reduce the percentage of avoidable blindness and visual impairment of children in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

Our on-the-ground contribution to this programme will focus on four areas in Uganda where we will screen nearly 1 million children under 15, reach over 300,000 people through health education and promotion and train over 1,200 professionals in eye health.

### Benefits of Investing in Eye Health

In May 2013 the WHO adopted a new global action plan for the prevention of blindness 2014–2019, focusing on universal access to comprehensive eye care services. The recent study 'Investing in Vision', supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD, finds that in the poorest countries the benefits outweigh four times the additional investment required to eliminate avoidable blindness.

### Prevention of Blindness

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports national blindness prevention programmes in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, DRC, Mozambique, South Sudan, Northeast India and Pakistan. We provide comprehensive eye care for people in rural areas through mobile outreach programmes and the support of local eye clinics. To ensure a sustainable health infrastructure, we train eye care professionals on various levels and support young african ophthalmologists with scholarships.

In 2012, with our project partners, we performed 46,848 cataract surgeries and 15,073 lid surgeries to restore and save eye sight and provided 70,230 spectacles and visual aids. Overall 954,975 people received eye care in our programmes.

## Community Based Rehabilitation

Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) is increasingly being recognised as a highly effective inclusive development strategy. CBR not only provides life-changing rehabilitation to individuals, it also helps to reduce poverty, equalise opportunities and promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in their communities and the wider society.

Community Based Rehabilitation offers an accessible, comprehensive and sustainable model for community development by incorporating the five key pillars of education, health, livelihood, empowerment and inclusion. CBR enables active citizenship that is vital for inclusive development. Rather than being another enforced, one-size-fits-all development strategy, CBR is flexible and dynamic enough to be adapted to different contexts.

### Inclusive Society

Local field workers visit persons with disabilities, support them with rehabilitation services in their homes and provide access to assistive devices. Families, caretakers and the community experience first-hand what a person with a disability can achieve. This is an excellent basis for promoting an inclusive society. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD also supports local disabled people's organisations (DPOs) to advocate for their rights to equally participate at all levels of society.

### First Global CBR Congress

In November 2012 LIGHT FOR THE WORLD joined over 1,000 delegates from around the world at the first ever Global CBR Congress in Agra, India, with the central goal of promoting CBR as a global strategy to implement the UN-Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

As part of the International Disability and Development Consortium we launched two papers at the congress, one advocating for the use of the CBR Guidelines and one on the link between CBR and the UN Convention, available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

In 2013 we continue to support persons with disabilities through CBR programmes and other rehabilitation services in our partner countries, as well as by promoting the WHO CBR Guidelines using our CBR Guidelines Training Manual.

59,616 children with disabilities directly benefited from rehabilitation programmes in our partner countries in 2012.



*Little Tsge from Ethiopia was born with cerebral palsy and could barely move. Today she is five and standing on her own two feet, thanks to Community Based Rehabilitation.*



# Inclusive Education

Exclusion begins early in life. In order for children to avoid the cycle of poverty and disability and to ensure their chance to future independence, they need access to a quality education.

The United Nations identified education as a major catalyst for human development. 90% of children with disabilities in developing countries have no access to education and they, as well as their countries, miss out on a better future. It is this individual and societal impact that led to inclusive education becoming a key component in the reduction of poverty and to achieve equal rights for all members of society.

## Education: The Key to Inclusion

In 1990, 105 million children of primary school age were missing out on an education. 9 out of the 17 countries with more than 500,000 out-of-school



**Accessible education for all children is one of your primary concerns, like in this inclusive school in Burkina Faso.**

children are located in sub-Saharan Africa and one-third of the children out of school have a disability. There are also major differences depending on the type of impairment: deaf, hard-of-hearing and intellectually challenged children experience exceptionally high rates of exclusion from education.

## Work in our Partner Countries

Programmes supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD in countries such as Burkina Faso, South Sudan, Northeast India and Papua New Guinea continue to show that even in settings with a lot of challenges and little resources, inclusive education works.

Our main goal is to put all children in the same school, no matter if they are disabled or not, and where that is not yet possible, to provide special education. In close cooperation with parents, teachers, school and government administrations we work on removing physical as well as social barriers. We support teacher training in special education and the preparation of children with disabilities who have often never had any pre-schooling support, as well as resource and support structures to address specific needs in and after school hours.

In 2012, 8,821 children with disabilities received school education in projects supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.

## Our International Role

In addition to putting inclusive education policies into practice through our programmes, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is also responding to the wider challenge of making international education initiatives more accessible and inclusive.

We play an important role in the 'Global Campaign for Education' and the 'Education for All' initiatives to influence the international agenda. We are also engaged in political and policy dialogue to promote inclusive education with ministries and regional authorities in Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia.

## Promoting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities remain largely invisible in international development planning and delivery. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is working to change this through a number of key initiatives.

### Actions in our Partner Countries

In cooperation with local partners and disabled people's organisations we work on including persons with disabilities in their communities as well as in development strategies on local and national level. In the Sofala province in Mozambique we support a Provincial Disability Council of the Social Authority to promote the national action plan on disability.

In Bosnia-Herzegovina 47 DPOs are in charge of monitoring the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, financed by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.

### UN High Level Meeting

On 23 September 2013, a crucial High Level Meeting at the United Nations General Assembly in New York will take place to decide how to create and deliver a disability inclusive development agenda. The "Break Barriers: Open Doors" meeting is a huge opportunity to make the development framework accessible for and inclusive of persons with disabilities. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD has been working closely with the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York and other stakeholders in preparation of the meeting.

### Beyond the MDGs

Together with the International Disability Alliance and the International Disability and Development Consortium we provide practical recommendations on how to make the post-MDG (Millennium Development Goals) agenda accessible to all. Our aim is to set up the right framework to foster equity and inclusion and to create provisions that are specific to the needs of persons with disabilities.

With growing international backing we are working on the upcoming EU budget framework to promote disability as a cross-cutting issue for all activities implemented under the Development Cooperation Instrument. With 13 EU development



***Livelihood and independence: Yeshemebet from Ethiopia is hearing impaired and training to be a seamstress.***

NGOs we published the "Count Me In!" brochure, a practical "how to" guide to create accessible and inclusive development cooperation.

We co-organised a Humanitarian Congress in Vienna in March 2013, highlighting the need to include persons with disabilities in humanitarian aid. The congress brought together 400 experts from various backgrounds, including the EU Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response.

### An Inclusive Safety Net

Another important achievement in 2012 was our contribution to the adoption of an inclusive Social Protection Policy by the EU. To feed into the European Commission policy, we organised a seminar in Brussels to discuss ways to make social protection initiatives inclusive of persons with disabilities.

For resources and more information visit:  
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Primary school children in Burkina Faso say "YES" to inclusion in international sign language.

## Together towards an Inclusive Society

Various initiatives all over the world help us raise awareness among the European and international public about the situation of persons with disabilities.

### YES to Inclusion

The "Say YES to Inclusion" Campaign is a way for people from all over the world to publicly support the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the global fight against poverty. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD collects videos and photos of people saying "YES" in their local sign language. The contributions are published on [www.endexclusion.eu](http://www.endexclusion.eu) to inspire others to take part in the campaign. The collected YESs will be shown at the High Level Meeting of the United Nations in September 2013. The "YES to Inclusion" Campaign is part of the End Exclusion project co-funded by the European Union.

### Body & Soul

At the beginning of December 2012 national premieres of the documentary *Body & Soul* took place in Mozambique, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Austria to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This eye-opening documentary accompanies three protagonists during their daily routines in Maputo, Mozambique, showing the barriers persons with disabilities are facing in their every day life.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD was delighted to welcome the cast of the film, Mariana Tembe, Victoria Massingue and Vasco Covane, as well as director Matthieu Bron at the premieres. The film was also screened at the United Nations Enable Film Festi-

val in New York. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD has also produced educational materials on the film to be used in schools.

### Running into the Record Books

Shortly before 8pm on 29th September 2012 the iconic Ringstrasse of Vienna was filled with thousands of runners jostling excitedly as they waited alongside 30 wheelchairs to take part in the 6th annual Vienna Night Run.

With 17,000 people registering to take part, the event raised nearly 100,000 euro, ensuring that more than 3,200 people in the developing world will receive sight-saving cataract surgery.

### World Sight Day: Statues Go Blind

In 2012, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD restored the sight of 46.848 people blind from cataract in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Oceania. On 11th October 2012, famous landmarks across the world in countries where we are active were blindfolded with bright yellow cloth to draw attention to the 39 million people who still remain blind today. Brussels' Manneken Pis, Prague's statue of composer Bedřich Smetana, a bust of Emperor Menelik II in Addis Ababa, all received the same treatment. The "blind" statues were part of a widespread action to raise awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities and the dire need of better health care in the developing world. As quickly as it had begun, the flash mob was over and the famous landmarks were relieved of their blindfolds. Pictures of the campaign were published on facebook and covered by local media.

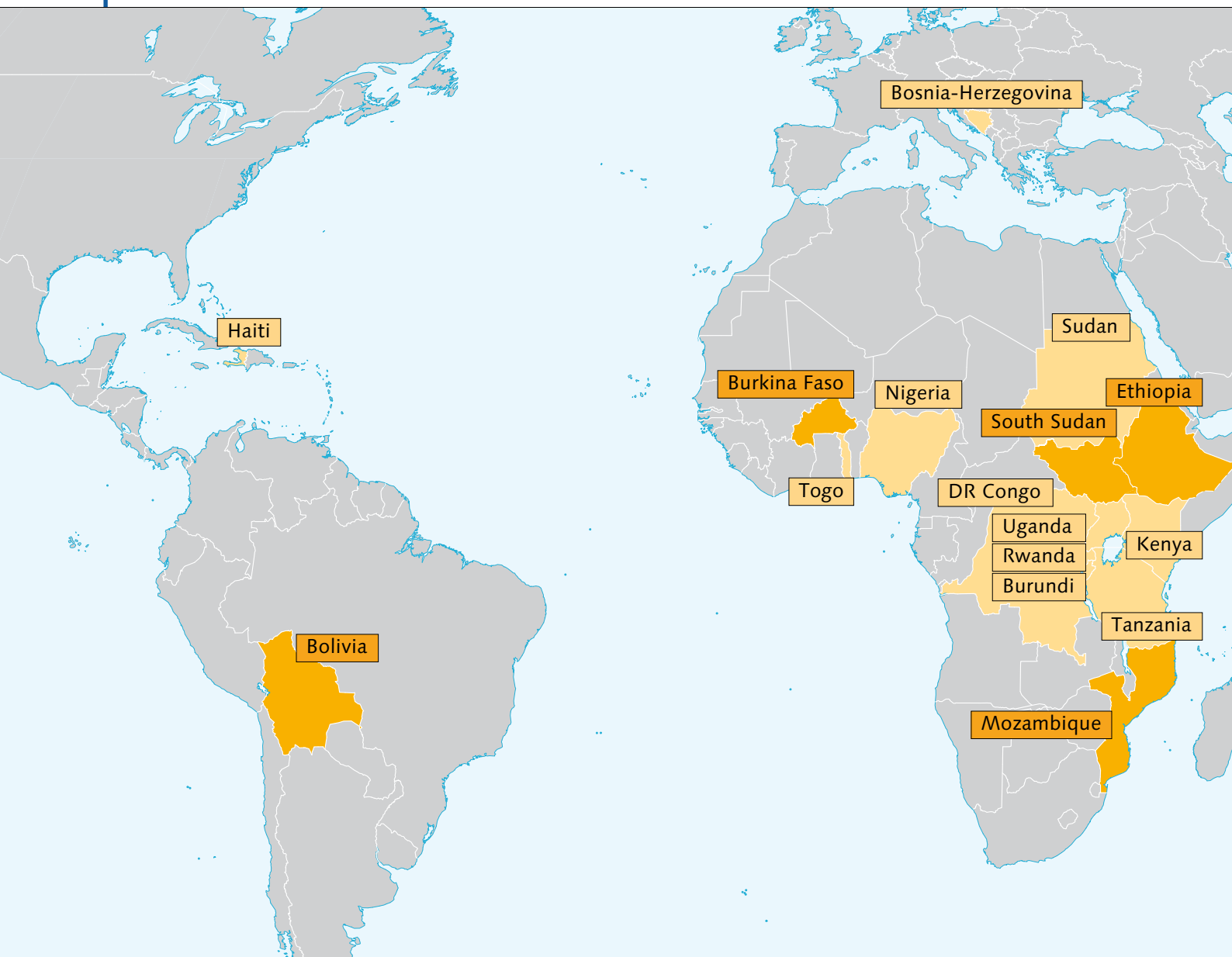
## Partner countries

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is committed to strengthening the rights and improving the lives of persons with disabilities in our **focus countries** of Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Northeast India, Pakistan and South Sudan.

In our other **partner countries** we provide programme support on specific core aspects of our work such as the prevention of blindness or the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities, depending on needs and possibilities in those countries.

Partnership working is at the heart of our strategy. Cooperation with local organisations allows us to use their expertise, their knowledge of the region and their experience to target our support and direct it where it is needed most.

In addition, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD country offices in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique and South Sudan coordinate our programmes, facilitate communication with our partners, regional associations and initiatives.



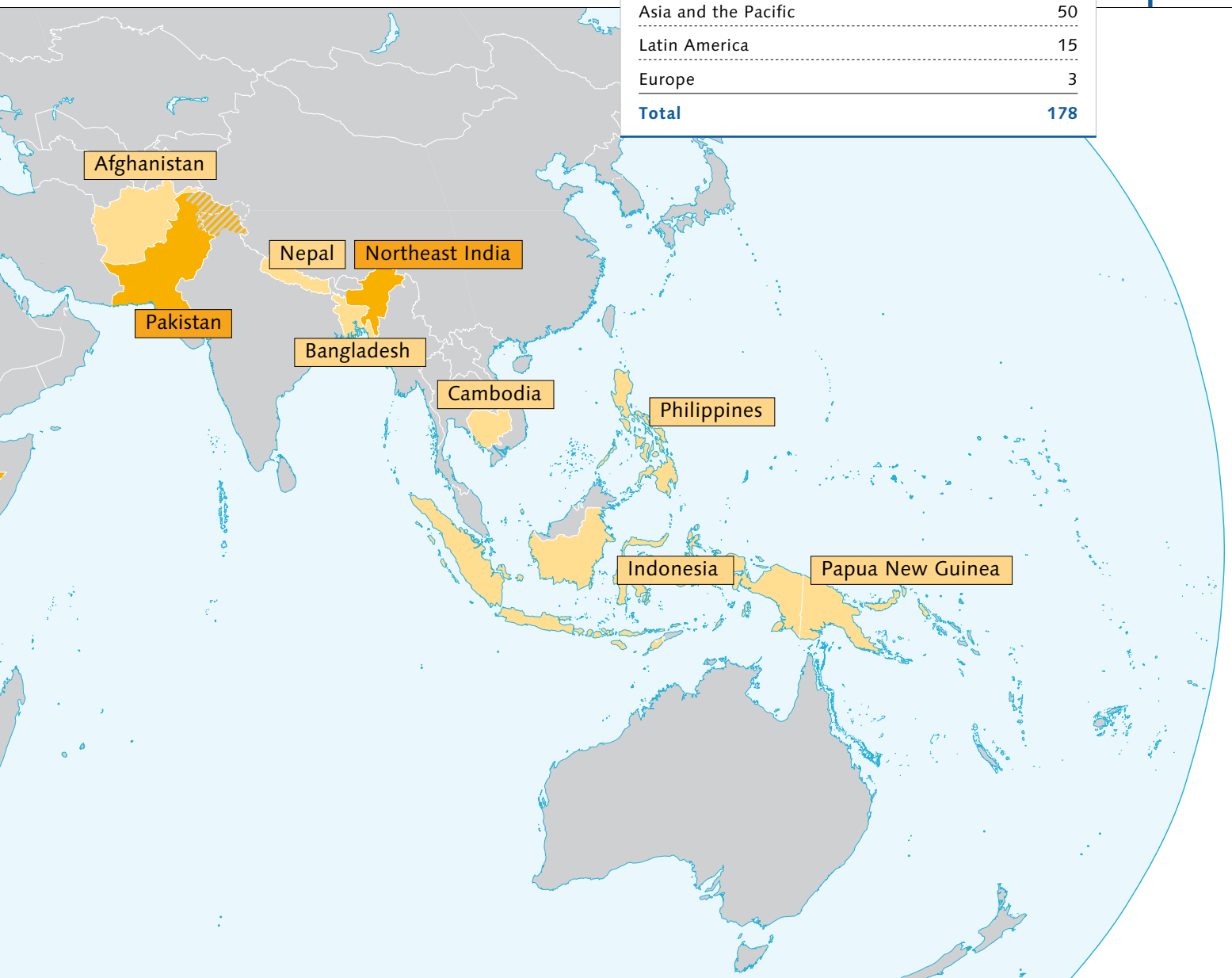
When drought and a subsequent food crisis hit the Sahel region in 2012, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD helped with the distribution of food and seeds in Burkina Faso. Working with local partner organisations and our international partners, we focused in particular on those most in need - persons with disabilities, pregnant and lactating women, small children and the elderly. After times of crisis and particular hardship we thus provide a fresh foundation for independence to persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.

Across East Africa one of our priorities is the training of skilled eye health professionals to improve eye health services for blind and visually impaired persons in notoriously underserved regions.

We support the training of different levels of eye care staff including ophthalmic nurses, cataract surgeons and opticians as well as providing scholarships for the ophthalmologists of tomorrow.

**CURRENT PROJECTS**

Africa	110
Asia and the Pacific	50
Latin America	15
Europe	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>



## Ethiopia



<b>Surface Area:</b>	1,133,380 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	85 Mio.
<b>Capital:</b>	Addis Ababa
<b>Human Development Index:</b>	0.396 (ranked 173/187)
<b>BNP per Capita:</b>	ca. USD 400
<b>Life Expect:</b>	59 years
<b>Rate of Illiteracy:</b> (age > 15):	61 %
<b>Infant Mortality:</b> (age < 5):	106 / 1,000
<b>Access to Clean Water:</b>	44 %
<b>Rate of Blindness:</b>	1.6 %

### Tackling Trachoma

1.28 million blind persons live in Ethiopia, every second case of blindness is due to cataract and could be easily addressed by surgery. Infectious diseases or untreated eye injuries account for a lot of irreversible blindness. 104 ophthalmologists work in Ethiopia - not nearly enough to serve 85 million inhabitants.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports 12 eye clinics and brings eye care services to rural areas with mobile outreaches. In the eye clinic in Arba Minch 23,791 patients were examined and treated in 2012. Every second cataract surgery in Ethiopia is performed by a project partner of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD. In 2012, a total of 15,415 cataract surgeries restored eye sight in our programmes, up 9 % from 2011.

Trachoma is the second leading cause of blindness in Ethiopia. Nine million children under nine years have active trachoma, 1.3 million adults are in need of lid surgery. In cooperation with other international organisations we double our efforts to tackle this major cause of avoidable blindness. With the SAFE strategy - surgery, antibiotics, facial cleanliness and environmental change - we work to ensure that no more people are going irreversibly blind from trachoma

### Community Based Rehabilitation

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports seven Community Based Rehabilitation programmes in Ethiopia.

In 2012 these programmes supported 3,728 children with disabilities with rehabilitation and access to education. We are committed to also making secondary school accessible to children with disabilities to ensure that they have the chance to receive a quality education and the tools for an independent future.

### Degnet Gets Much Needed Physiotherapy

Last year seven-year-old Degnet finally began to get the help she so desperately needed. Born with cerebral palsy, her family realised when

she was six months old that she had paralysis down her left hand side. With both parents working and five more siblings, the family took it in shifts to

care for her and struggled to give her the support she needs to become more independent.



*Rehabilitation helps Denget to develop her skills.*

Then field worker Bayelign Admasu from LIGHT FOR THE WORLD came into Degnet's life. For the last year she had been helping the girl to perform basic physiotherapy exercises that will help her towards a more independent future.

What Degnet wants most is to join the other children in going to school. Field worker Bayelign supports her in finding a way to receive an education.

## South Sudan

### Delivering Effective Eye Health for All

Emerging as a new nation from many years of conflict, it is a great challenge to deliver effective eye care to the population of South Sudan. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD brings eye health services to the young republic.

One of our key areas of work is the support for the eye clinics in Yei and Mundri and the setting up of a secondary eye care unit at Bor State Hospital. Aside of funding we also provide technical expertise, help in planning and organisation of services and professional workshops. To ensure the long-term sustainability of the unit we work on shifting ownership towards government.

In the year 2012, a total of 23,403 persons received professional eye care services in programmes supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD. 731 cataract surgeries were performed, in hospitals and during mobile outreach programmes by plane.

### CBR and Inclusive Education

Access to rehabilitation and education is key for children with disabilities to lead an independent life in the future. In 2012, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supported two Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programmes, providing rehabilitation to 636 children with disabilities within their own communities. 498 children with disabilities received school education. To further this development, we also provide training to 85 teachers in inclusive education. We work with communities, schools and the local government to raise awareness of and overcome prejudices around disability and to build an inclusive society for all.

### A Second Chance for Levy

In 2004, 14 year old Levy from Kegulu village in South Sudan was playing football with his friends when a land mine exploded causing him to lose his leg.

Today, with support from LIGHT FOR THE WORLD he has the chance to go to school. His mum, his three brothers and sisters and his community have all worked hard to help make this happen. His family moved closer to the school and got him crutches so that he could get around

on his own. It was also very important to make the whole community understand that having an impairment does not mean being unable to study or lead a happy life.

He works hard on his favourite subjects, Maths and English, and is amongst the best students in his class.

He now also enjoys his beloved football again and plays with his crutches during break times.



<b>Surface Area:</b>	619.745 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	10 Mio.
<b>Capital:</b>	Juba
<b>Human Development Index:</b>	0.414 (ranked 171/187)*
<b>BNP per Capita:</b>	ca. USD 1300*
<b>Life Expect:</b>	61 years*
<b>Rate of illiteracy:</b> (age > 15):	29,8%*
<b>Infant Mortality:</b> (age < 5):	103/1,000*
<b>Access to Clean Water:</b>	58%*
<b>Rate of Blindness:</b>	3.2%*

\* Numbers concern the former Sudan



**Levy, 14, lost his leg. Today he is back to school and plays football with his friends.**

## Dem. Republic of the Congo



<b>Surface Area:</b>	2,344,885 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	67 Mio.
<b>Capital:</b>	Kinshasa
<b>Human Development Index:</b>	0.304 (ranked 186/187)
<b>GDP per Capita:</b>	ca. USD 231
<b>Life Expect:</b>	48.4 years
<b>Rate of Illiteracy:</b> (age > 15):	33.2 %
<b>Infant Mortality:</b> (age < 5):	167.7/1,000
<b>Access to Clean Water:</b>	46 %
<b>Rate of Blindness:</b>	1.2 %

### Blindness Prevention

800,000 blind persons live in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Especially in the countryside, eye hospitals and health centres are few and far apart. Blind and visually impaired people face hours, days or sometimes weeks on foot to reach the nearest facility, not knowing whether they will encounter an ophthalmologist there.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports eye clinics in Lubumbashi, Mbuji Mayi and - since September 2012 - in Likasi to help the rural population in the southern parts of the vast country. In the year 2012 a total of 2,316 cataract surgeries restored eye sight and 5,876 spectacles and visual aids were provided. All in all 43,149 patients were examined and treated in programmes supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.

### Tackling Low Vision

The eye hospital in Lubumbashi is specially equipped for the rehabilitation of children with severe visual impairments. Between 2011 and 2012, over 4,000 people with Low Vision were seen, nearly 90 % of these were under 15 years of age.

The department works with each child to diagnose the cause of the impairment and provides visual therapy. They are provided with Low Vision devices such as magnifiers and bold lined exercise books and get the support they need to successfully receive an education. Teachers at their schools are informed about any special needs.

Counselling and therapy are also provided to help children to understand their particular low vision needs and to ensure they get maximum use of their vision. This is especially important to children who have recently had sight-restoring surgery. Here they learn to fully make use of their vision and lead independent lives.

### An Exciting New Start for the Whole Family

Laura Kimba lives with her five children in Lubumbashi. Laura had to leave school at 16 as her vision deteriorated. Now history is in danger of repeating itself as three of her five children have Low Vision since birth. When Laura was advised by a neighbour to go to the St-Yvonne clinic in Lubumbashi she was doubtful as her eldest daughter Hildah had already had three eye surgeries at a private clinic at great

expense without result. Finally convinced, she attends the clinic and there is good news for the whole family. Laura herself received surgery to remove her cataract. While 13-year-old Hildah's sight cannot be restored she was provided with Low Vision devices and can now see the blackboard at school. Seven-year-old Abel had surgery which improved his sight and also received Low Vision devices.



For five-year-old Jael, youth is on her side and the outcome is best of all. An operation saved her sight and now visual therapy is training her eyes to see. "I'm so grateful. I thank all the people who helped me and my family on the way to a new beginning of our lives" says Laura.



## Burkina Faso

### CBR and Inclusive Education

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports 7 Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programmes in Burkina Faso. 8,739 children with disabilities received rehabilitation in 2012, their communities and caretakers learned about their abilities and needs and how to work on an inclusive society. However, the majority of children with disabilities have little opportunity to go to a school that is adapted to their needs. This prevents our CBR projects from enrolling children in their local schools.

In 2012, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD signed a convention with the Government and the municipality of Garango to support the development of inclusive education opportunities for children in CBR programmes. In 2012 this ensured that there were 704 children with disabilities attending 45 schools in Garango district. Children with severe disabilities are still excluded, however, as most teachers do not know how to deal with their special needs. Over the next three years we will provide teacher training to work with children who are deaf, visually impaired or have intellectual disabilities.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD was also part of a European coalition of NGOs conducting a global pilot project on inclusive education during 2012. Our goal is to develop the region as a model of inclusive education and to help create a national inclusive education policy.

### Eye Health

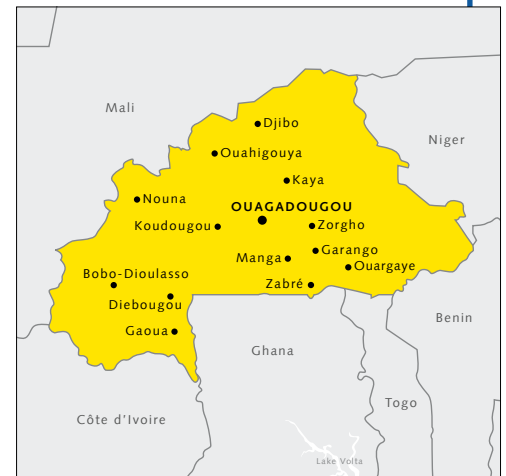
LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports the Burkina Faso national blindness prevention programme and provides eye care to rural populations. In 2012, in addition to supporting 4,005 cataract surgeries, we focused on training professional eye care specialists and providing medication and medical equipment in seven key eye hospitals.

### A Grandmother's Hope is Rewarded

Ten years ago Laya began to lose her sight from bilateral cataract until it faded completely. For any 60-year old this would be a devastating blow, but for Laya it came on top of a number of tragedies that put her future and the future of her family in jeopardy. A year ago Laya's husband died, leaving her and her family in dire financial straits. Unable to see, she could not work her small field or care

for her animals. Sadly Laya also lost her son last year and desperately wants to care for her grandchildren, but cannot as she is dependent on others for her own survival.

Laya's son Alo took his mother on the two-hour bike journey to reach an ophthalmic outreach team in Ouargaye. As she awaits her surgery Laya is full of hope for the future: a

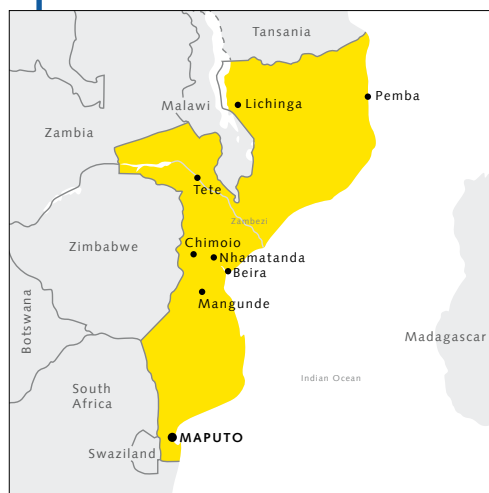


<b>Surface Area:</b>	274,200 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	17 Mio.
<b>Capital:</b>	Ouagadougou
<b>Human Development Index:</b>	0.343 (ranked 183/187)
<b>BNP per Capita:</b>	ca. USD 600
<b>Life Expect:</b>	55.4 years
<b>Rate of Illiteracy:</b> (age > 15):	71.3 %
<b>Infant Mortality:</b> (age < 5):	147/1,000
<b>Access to Clean Water:</b>	76 %
<b>Rate of Blindness:</b>	1.4 %



*The day after kataract surgery, Laya is able to see again.*

future where she will get her independence back and tend her field, look after her animals and, most importantly, see and care for her beloved grandchildren.



<b>Surface Area:</b>	799,380 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	22.9 Mio.
<b>Capital:</b>	Maputo
<b>Human Development Index:</b>	0.327 (ranked 185/187)
<b>GDP per Capita:</b>	ca. USD 535
<b>Life Expect:</b>	50 years
<b>Rate of Illiteracy:</b> (age > 15):	43.9 %
<b>Infant Mortality:</b> (age < 5):	103/1,000
<b>Access to Clean Water:</b>	47 %
<b>Rate of Blindness:</b>	1.0 %



<b>Surface Area:</b>	262,179 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	45.6 Mio.
<b>Capital:</b>	—
<b>Human Development Index (estimate):</b>	0.575 (ranked 130/187)
<b>GDP per Capita:</b>	ca. USD 1410*
<b>Life Expect:</b>	65 years*
<b>Rate of Illiteracy:</b> (age > 15):	37.2 %*
<b>Infant Mortality:</b> (age < 5):	63/1,000*
<b>Access to Clean Water:</b>	92 %*
<b>Rate of Blindness:</b>	2.45 %*

\* Numbers concern the whole of India

## Mozambique

### Sustainable Eye Care and a New Clinic

One of the key challenges in providing adequate eye health for the 22 million people in Mozambique is the lack of eye care professionals. Without accurate figures on the prevalence of blindness, the problem is even more difficult to address. A recent survey showed significantly higher numbers of blind and visually impaired persons than expected from the 2002 WHO estimate of 1% of the population.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is tackling blindness and eye diseases by supporting the eye clinic in Beira and its mobile outreach programme. In 2012, our partners performed 3,036 cataract surgeries and treated a total of 105,502 people with eye problems. 30 ophthalmic technicians completed their training and took up their posts, many of them in regions where there was no eye health service before.

All this demand is putting a strain on resources at the eye clinic in Beira. We support the creation of a specialised training centre and a new eye unit. This is the first training centre of its kind outside of the capital Maputo. A fully accessible eye unit will provide full primary eye care coverage to all surrounding districts, train 10 ophthalmic technicians every two years and provide improved eye health training to community and primary health care workers to increase the number of eye health professionals in the region.

## Northeast India

### Changing Lives Through Rehabilitation

Living in one of India's most remote and underprivileged regions, the majority of people with disabilities in Northeast India do not have access to services that can support their rehabilitation or inclusion into society. Since 2009, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD and its partners are not only providing services directly to people with disabilities through 22 CBR projects, but also focus on supporting disabled people's organisations and movements in order to address their needs and rights.

With this approach we achieved that 16,569 persons with disabilities in 700 villages, 14 districts and 7 states have benefitted from CBR activities in the year 2012. 13,320 of them are children. 364 children with disabilities have been enrolled in mainstream schools and a further 357 are being supported to learn at home. To strengthen inclusive education and give more children with disabilities the chance to go to school is one of our main goal in this region.

To promote an inclusive society 46,000 community members and 34 local disabled people's organisations have received awareness training. We also support 224 disabled peoples' organisations in managing their affairs. Given ongoing issues around gender inequality in many rural areas, we are pleased that of those who have been supported by our CBR services, 64 % were women.

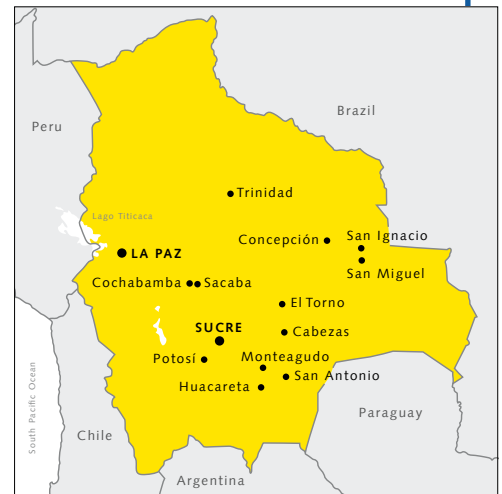
Our project partners concerned with eye health performed 4,900 cataract surgeries in the year 2012. 81,882 persons were examined and treated for eye infections, refractive errors and other eye problems.

## Bolivia

### Steps Towards an Independent Future

According to the UNDP Human Development Report, Bolivia is one of the poorest countries in Latin America. Without access to education, people with disabilities have little chance of finding sustainable employment. In Bolivia, more than 70 % of people with disabilities live on less than \$2 a day.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is working to change this by providing alternative education strategies for children and adolescents with disabilities. In 4 Community Based Rehabilitation programmes we supported 953 children and teenagers with disabilities in 2012 to strengthen their abilities, get an education and lead more independent lives. We work on a training manual for inclusive education for teachers to provide them with knowledge on how to best support children with disabilities in schools. Preparing children and young people with learning disabilities for employment, our programme partners offer training in living and social skills, and self confidence, and provides vocational training, supervised internships and job placements. In our programme in Sacaba 250 children and young people received training and support in 2012. Of these, 40 received vocational training and 30 found employment and received follow-up support.



<b>Surface Area:</b>	1,098,581 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	9.7 Mio.
<b>Capital:</b>	Sucre
<b>Human Development Index:</b>	0.675 (ranked 108/187)
<b>BNP per Capita:</b>	ca. USD 2,374
<b>Life Expect:</b>	66 years
<b>Rate of Illiteracy:</b> (age > 15):	8.8 %
<b>Infant Mortality:</b> (age < 5):	51/1,000
<b>Access to Clean Water:</b>	86 %
<b>Rate of Blindness:</b>	0.8 %

## Pakistan

### Back to School to Save Sight

The United Nations estimates that as much as 34 % of primary school children in Pakistan could be missing out on the chance to go to school.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is part of an ambitious project to improve children's ability to learn by treating uncorrected refractive errors. In 2012 our partners visited 477 schools and screened 110,380 children. Over 3,000 children, teachers and siblings were found to have refractive errors or other eye problems, over 2,500 were provided with life-changing glasses and 658 people were referred for further treatment. Without screening and appropriate help, huge numbers of children in Pakistan's Northwest-Frontier Province face low performance in the classroom, resulting in severe and long-lasting economic and social consequences. In order to reach as many children as possible, the programme held 29 teacher training sessions in 2012. Once trained these teachers can test the children's sight and refer them for refractive errors.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is also active in Community Based Rehabilitation. 2,210 children with disabilities received support in 2012. Field workers from successful programmes now visit even more remote villages to support them in setting up their own Community Based Rehabilitation programmes - a prime example for sustainability and self-empowerment.



<b>Surface Area:</b>	796,095 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	176.7 Mio.
<b>Capital:</b>	Islamabad
<b>Human Development Index:</b>	0.504 (ranked 146/187)
<b>BNP per Capita:</b>	ca. USD 1,189
<b>Life Expect:</b>	65.7 years
<b>Rate of Illiteracy:</b> (age > 15):	45.6 %
<b>Infant Mortality:</b> (age < 5):	87/1,000
<b>Access to Clean Water:</b>	90 %
<b>Rate of Blindness:</b>	1.0 %

## Programme Work in Other Countries

### AFGHANISTAN

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is supporting the creation of sustainable eye care in Afghanistan. Our project partner in Kabul screens and treats eye conditions, runs a surgical outreach clinic that serves the needs of the Hazara ethnic minority and trains the eye health professionals of the future.

Despite the obvious challenges of working in Afghanistan, in 2012 our project partners saw over 50,000 patients, performed nearly 900 surgeries, supported the creation of over 14,000 glasses, produced over 250,000 bottles of eye medicines and supported the training of over 20 ophthalmologists and other eye health professionals.

In our rehabilitation programme in 2012 we supported 136 children with disabilities to lead more independent lives.

### BANGLADESH

About half of the population in Bangladesh lives below the 'food-based' poverty line and about one in four is considered to be 'ultra-poor'.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports a food security project that targets 40,000 ultra-poor households where women are the sole breadwinners and 20% have a disability or care for a dependent with a disability.

The project aims to improve the livelihoods of these ultra-poor families by improving their food security and supporting them to earn a sustainable income, exercise their human rights and be disaster prepared.

In addition, 2,400 disabled and leprosy-affected families have received assistive devices and treatment along with support for income-generation.

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The majority of Papua New Guinea's 6 million people live in rural areas where health and education infrastructure are few and often inaccessible. Child deafness is a major issue, with an estimated massive 67% of children having hearing problems and up to 48% suffering from hearing loss, most cases due to a lack of access to health services.

In 2012 we tackled the hidden disability of child deafness by providing health and education services for deaf people at 17 sites across Papua New Guinea and carrying out 12 ENT surgical camps.



*Community Based Rehabilitation in Afghanistan helps nine year old Shabana to stand on her own two feet.*

Our work on the creation of a teachers handbook for the education of hearing impaired children and adolescents and the development of a standardized sign language are major contributions to empower the deaf community in Papua New Guinea.

16,893 persons with disabilities benefitted from our work in 2012 and we received positive evaluation from the European Union regarding the sustainability of our projects.

### TANZANIA

Eye care and rehabilitation for children who are blind or have severe visual impairments is the focus of our activities in Tanzania.

Our major project partner runs the largest paediatric eye surgery programme in Africa. Children with congenital cataract and other eye problems are identified and referred to regional and district hospitals for further examination. The more severe cases are then transferred to a specialized hospital for surgery, low vision devices and follow up.



**Hearing impaired and deaf children and teenagers in Papua New Guinea learn sign language in a programme supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.**

In Dar es Salaam we support a Community Based Rehabilitation programme serving the poorest districts of the city. 2,699 persons with disabilities received rehabilitation, education and access to medical services.

In 2012, 455 cataract surgeries on children were performed by our partners, giving each child a chance to lead a more independent and self-sustained life.

### CAMBODIA

In Cambodia we support an inclusive education programme for students with Low Vision. The programme is designed not only to help individual students with Low Vision to get a quality education, but also to create a model of inclusive education that could be used as a model for other partners and potentially be rolled out across Cambodia.

The pilot has already resulted in improved student participation and performance, teacher training and empowerment, and greater awareness

among parents, key stakeholders and the wider community.

In 2012 4,999 persons received eye care services in programmes supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.

### EAST AFRICA

One of the great challenges to delivering quality eye health in East Africa is a lack of adequate numbers of appropriately trained and motivated health professionals.

In addition to 32 ongoing scholarships for young ophthalmologists in training, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD granted three more for postgraduate ophthalmic study at the University of Nairobi.

For the first time, this includes two students from Mozambique thanks to the cooperation with the Mozambique Ministry of Health. Upon completing their studies, the students will be required to provide high-quality ophthalmic treatment in their home countries for at least three years.

# Africa 110 PROJECTS

## AFRICA

Scholarships for Ophthalmologists in Training
East Africa: Training Programme for Ophthalmologists
East Africa: Disability Mainstreaming
VISION2020 Koordination WHO Afrika
Southern Africa: Training Programme for Eye Care Personnel
Coordination of Education Programmes for Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired

## BURKINA FASO

Bobo Dioulasso	Education for Children with Hearing Impairments
Bobo Dioulasso	University Eye Clinic
Diebougou	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Gaoua	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Garango	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Garango	Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities
Kaya	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Kaya	Emergency Aid for Hunger Crisis
Koupéla	Emergency Aid for Hunger Crisis
Koudougou	Eye Clinic
Manga	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Manga	Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities
National	Advocacy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
National	Network for Community Based Rehabilitation
Nouna	Eye Clinic
Ouagadougou	Education for Children with Hearing Impairments
Ouagadougou	Education for Children with Visual Impairments
Ouagadougou	Scholarships for Ophthalmologists in Training
Ouagadougou	University Eye Clinic
Ouagadougou	Eye Clinic Shipra
Ouagadougou	Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities
Ouagadougou	Training for Eye Care Staff in Burkina Faso
Ouahigouya	Eye Clinic
Ouargaye	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Zabre	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Zorgho	Eye Clinic

## DR CONGO

Kinshasa	Pediatric Ophthalmic Surgery Programme
Likasi	Eye Clinic with Optical and Low Vision Programme
Lubumbashi	Education for Children with Visual Impairments
Lubumbashi	Eye Clinic with Pediatric, Optical and Low Vision Programme
Mbuji-Mayi	Eye Clinic with Pediatric, Optical and Low Vision Programme

## ETHIOPIA

Addis Ababa	Guide for an Accessible Addis Ababa
Addis Ababa	Braille Books for the Central Library for Blind Persons
Addis Ababa	Rehabilitation and Integration of Deaf Children
Ambo	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Arba Minch	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Arba Minch	Eye Clinic
Arsi	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Awassa	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Batu/Zewaye	Eye Clinic
Butajira	Eye Clinic
Debark	Eye Clinic
Dembidollo	Eye Clinic
Gondar	University Eye Clinic with Mobile Eye Care Services and Training of Ophthalmologists
Gondar	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Jijiga	Eye Clinic and Blindness Prevention Programme in Somali Region
Jimma	University Eye Clinic with Mobile Eye Care Services and Training of Ophthalmologists
Kambata	Inclusive Education for Children with Hearing Impairments



Mekelle	Eye Clinic
Nekemte	Eye Clinic
Somali Region	Trachoma Mapping
Tigray Region	Trachoma Mapping
Wolayta Soddo	Eye Clinic
Woliso	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Wollega	Programme to Eliminate River Blindness (Onchocerciasis)
Yabello	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Yirga Alem	Eye Clinic with Mobile Eye Care Services

**MOZAMBIQUE**

Beira	Construction of new Eye Clinic
Beira	Eye Clinic and Prevention of Blindness Programme (Sofala province)
Beira	Inclusion of Persons with Hearing Impairments through Promotion of Sign Language
Beira	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Beira	Vocational Training for Persons with Disabilities
Lichinga	Eye Clinic and Prevention of Blindness Programme (Niassa province)
Mangunde	Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities
Manica	Sports Programme for Persons with Disabilities
Maputo	Medical Supplies for Eye Clinic
National	Vision2020 Coordination for Mozambique
Niassa	Sports Programme for Persons with Disabilities
Pemba	Eye Clinic and Prevention of Blindness Programme (Cabo Delgado province)
Quelimane	Eye clinic and Prevention of Blindness Programme (Zambezia province)
Sofala	Sports Programme for Persons with Disabilities
Sofala	Advocacy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Sofala	Promotion of Community Based Rehabilitation
Sofala	Trachoma Mapping
Sofala und Tete	Training Programme for Teachers with Disabilities
Tete	Trachoma Mapping
Tete	Eye Clinic and Prevention of Blindness Programme (Tete province)
Tete	Sports Programme for Persons with Disabilities

**NIGERIA**

Izzi	Eye Care Services
Plateau State	School Eye Health Programme

**RWANDA**

Kabgayi	Eye Care
Kibeho	Education for Children with Visual Impairments

**SOUTH SUDAN**

Great Yirok	Eye Care Services
Mundri	Eye Clinic
Mundri	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Mundri	Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities
National	Disability Mainstreaming
National	Towards Inclusive Education for All
Rumbek	Eye Care Services
Upper Nile	Blindness Prevention Programme
Yei	Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities
Yei	Eye Clinic
Yei	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme

**TANZANIA**

Dar es Salaam	Advocacy on Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities
Dar es Salaam	Orthopaedic Clinic, Eye Clinic with Pediatric, Optical and Low Vision Programme, Community Based Rehabilitation Programme, Fistula Surgery and Women Empowerment Programme
Dar es Salaam	Training Programme for Eye Care Staff
Dodoma	Inclusive Education for Children with Visual Impairments
Morogoro	Inclusive Education for Children with Visual Impairments
Moshi	Comprehensive Strategy against Childhood Cataract
Moshi	Training Programme for Eye Care Specialists

**UGANDA**

Kabale	Eye Clinic
Kampala	National Programme for the Correction of Refraction Errors
Mbarara	Eye Clinic and Training Programme for Eye Care Personnel
Mbarara	Rehabilitation for Children with Low Vision

## Asia 50 PROJECTS

**AFGHANISTAN**

Badakshan	District Comprehensive Eye Care Programme
Kabul	Ophthalmic Training Centre
National	Prevention of Blindness Programme
National	Enabling and Mobilising People with Disabilities

**BANGLADESH**

Gaibandha	Food Security Programme for Women Living in Extreme Poverty
National	Detection and Management of Childhood Cataract in Asia
National	Disability Mainstreaming and Inclusive Education

**CAMBODIA**

Kampong Cham	Education for Students with Low Vision
Kampong Cham	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
4 districts	Blindness Prevention and Eye Care Programme in Rural Areas in Kampot and 3 other Districts
3 districts	Inclusive Education

**INDONESIA**

East-Indonesia	Inclusive Education Programme for Children with Disabilities
East Indonesia	Eye Care Programme
Jakarta	Talking and Braille Book Production for Visually Impaired People
National	Capacity Building of Special Library for Visually Impaired People

**NORTHEAST INDIA**

Arunachal Pradesh	Mobile Eye Care Services
Assam	Diagnostic Camps and Eye Surgery
Assam	Mobile Eye Care Services
Barapani	Inclusive Education and Rehabilitation Programme for Children who are Deaf
Bokulgaon	Daycare Centre for Children with Learning Disabilities
Guwahati	Integration of Children with Disabilities in Schools
Manipur	Advocacy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Meghalaya	Advocacy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Meghalaya	Mobile Eye Care Services
Northeast India	Community Based Rehabilitation Programmes
Northeast India	Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the Job Market
Northeast India	Law Unit for Persons with Disabilities
Northeast India	Monitoring of the UN-Convention for the Rights of People with Disabilities
Shillong	Daycare Centre for Children with Disabilities
Tura	Training Programme for Special Educational Needs Teachers
Williamnagar	Inclusive Education and Vocational Training for Children who are Deaf

**NEPAL**

Kathmandu	Education for children with Disabilities in Refugee Camps
Kathmandu	Vocational Training for Persons who are Blind or Otherwise Disabled



**PAKISTAN**

Battagram	Eye Clinic and Prevention of Blindness Programme
Battagram	Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities
Jhang	Rehabilitation Programme for Persons with Disabilities
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Blindness Prevention Programme
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Eye Care Programme in Schools
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Emergency Aid for Flood Victims
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Mainstreaming Disability in Emergency Work
Peshawar	Training of Eye Care Specialists
Skardu	Rehabilitation and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities
Swabi	Community Based Eye Care Centre
Takht Bhai	Eye Clinic

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Bougainville	Rehabilitation of Children and Adolescents with Disabilities
Kiunga	Documentary & Capacity Building of Persons with Disabilities
Kiunga & Daru	Rehabilitation of Children and Adolescents with Disabilities
National	Education and Healthcare Programme for Children who are Deaf

**PHILIPPINES**

Mindanao	Education and Rehabilitation for People with Visual Impairments
Cebu	Resource Centre for People who are Blind

**Europe 3 PROJECTS****BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA**

National	Community Integration of Persons with Disabilities
National	Monitoring Report of Disabled People Organisations on the Implementation of Disability Rights
Tuzla	Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities

**South America 15 PROJECTS****BOLIVIA**

Cabezas & El Torno	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Cochabamba	Education and Community Based Rehabilitation Programme for Children who are Blind or who have Multiple Disabilities
Cochabamba	University Training Programme and Service Centre on Disability and -Community Based Rehabilitation
Concepcion	Pre-school and School for Children with Disabilities
Monteagudo & Huacareta	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Sacaba	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Sacaba	Inclusion of Children and Adolescents with Disabilities
San Antonio	School and Rehabilitation Programme for Children with Disabilities
San Ignacio	Community Based Rehabilitation
Sucre	Rehabilitation and Vocational Training for Adolescents with Disabilities
Sucre	Teacher's Handbook on Inclusive Education
Southwest-Bolivia	Inclusion of People with Visual Impairments
Trinidad	School for Children who are Deaf
National	Vision 2020 Ambassador

**HAITI**

Port-au-Prince	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme in Carrefour and Croix des Missions
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# What We Achieved in 2012

## Allocation of Funds

In 2012, we were able to raise our programme support by 8.9%. 76% of our funds went directly on our programme work compared to 75% in 2011. With this investment we changed the lives of millions of persons with disabilities by providing eye care and rehabilitation services, supporting access to education and human rights and promoting an inclusive and barrier-free society.

### Programme Work

More than 1.1 million people were reached by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supported programmes in 2012. Additionally, 2.6 million people received antibiotics to treat trachoma and onchocerciasis in rural Ethiopia.

46,848 cataract surgeries were performed by our partners in 2012, compared to 48,971 in 2011. The decline in cataract surgeries and consultations in 2012 is due to safety issues in Afghanistan and the phase-out of two programmes in South Sudan and one eye clinic in Kenya.

59,616 children with disabilities received rehabilitation services and access to education, 6,406 more than in 2011.

### Regional Focus

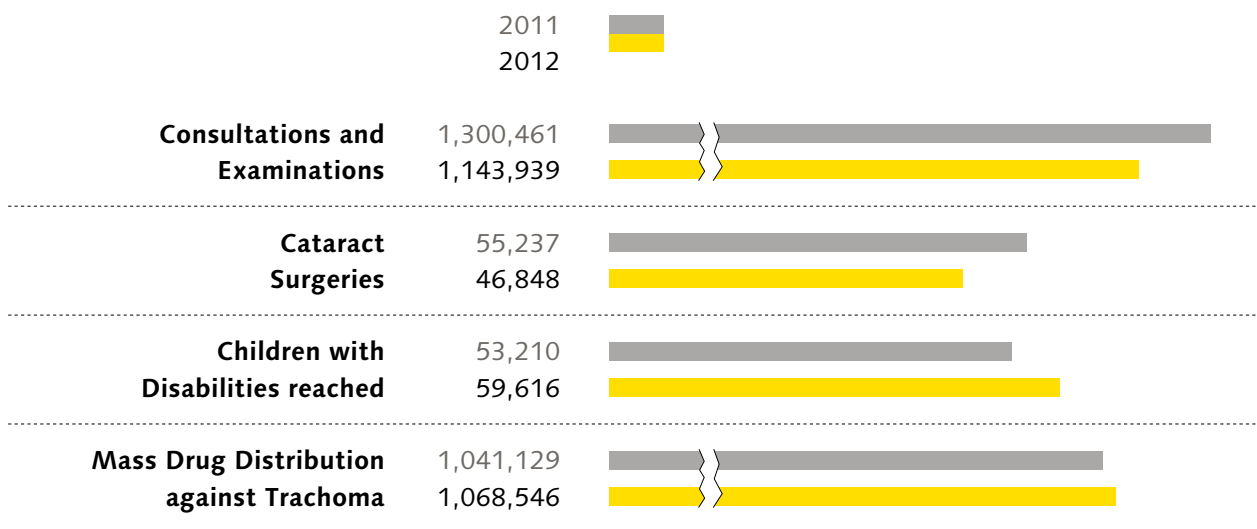
The focus countries in sub-Saharan Africa, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mosambik and South Sudan, remained our most important partner countries. The main percentage of our support goes to Africa, followed by Asian and Latin American countries. 77% of all cataract surgeries performed by our programme partners were done in sub-sahara Africa.

### Administration and Information

In 2012, providing information about our programme work and about inclusive development cooperation as well as raising awareness across Europe accounted for 15% of our budget.

Administration and infrastructure used 3,3% of our funds, slightly less than in the previous year. Thanks to the extensive pro-bono services we receive from companies and individuals, our expenses for public relations were only 2.2% of our budget. With 1.8% we organised the administration and coordination of donations and 1.5% were allocated to reserves.

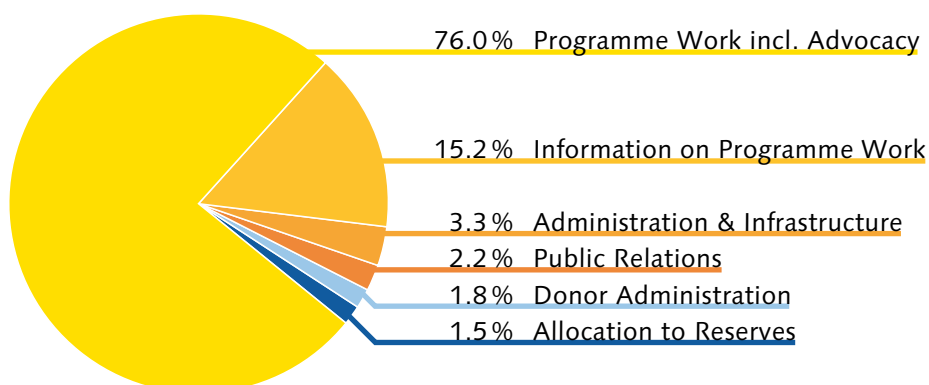
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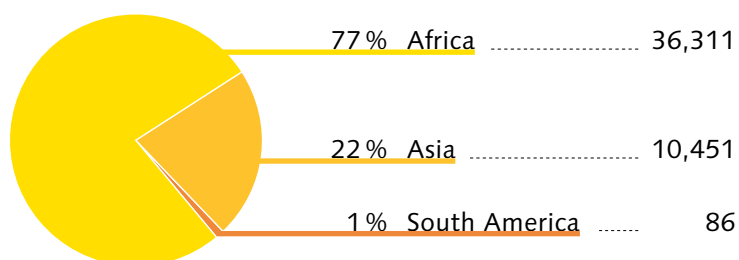
## Facts and Numbers

EXPENSES IN EUR	2011	2012	CHANGE IN %
Programme work incl. advocacy	14,662,690	15,971,101	+ 8.9 %
Information on programme work	3,102,704	3,183,354	+ 2.6 %
Administration & infrastructure	760,152	695,735	- 8.5 %
Public relations	396,402	452,957	+ 14.3 %
Donor administration	318,170	371,730	+ 16.8 %
Allocation to reserves	196,694	323,218	+ 64.3 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,436,812</b>	<b>20,998,095</b>	<b>+ 8.0 %</b>

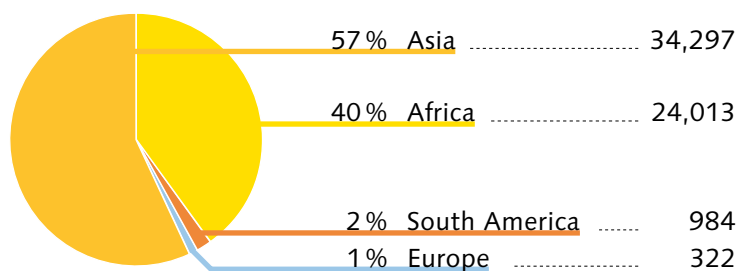
### RATIO OF EXPENSES



Caratact Surgeries 2012 (by continent): ..... **46,848**



Children in Rehabilitation Programmes 2012 (by continent): ..... **59,616**



# Financial Foundation of our Work

## Sources of Funding

The total income of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD in 2012 amounted to 20,998,095 Euro.

### Private Sources

The financial foundation of our work is laid by private sources. They range from small amounts to substantial sums donated by individuals, companies or institutions and amounted to 57.9% of our total income in 2012.

Donations from Bequests rose substantially last year, up to 9.6% of our funds, from 4.0% in the year 2011.

3.0% of our income were donations in kind, mainly pharmaceutical goods and medicine desperately needed in our eye care programmes, which we distribute among our project partners. They increased by 65.7% compared to 2011.

### Governmental Support

In 2012, the development agencies of Austria, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands supported specific programmes in Sub-sahara Africa, Bosnia-Herzegovina and a Thematic Learning Programme, developed to support the inclusion of persons with disabilities into the work of mainstream development NGOs. Governmental support is our

second most important source of income and made up 14.2% of our income.

### Foundations and Trusts

Foundations and trusts are another important financial source (13.3% of the total income) for us. We are continuously partnering with national and European foundations and trusts to gain support for our programme work in some of the least developed regions of our world.

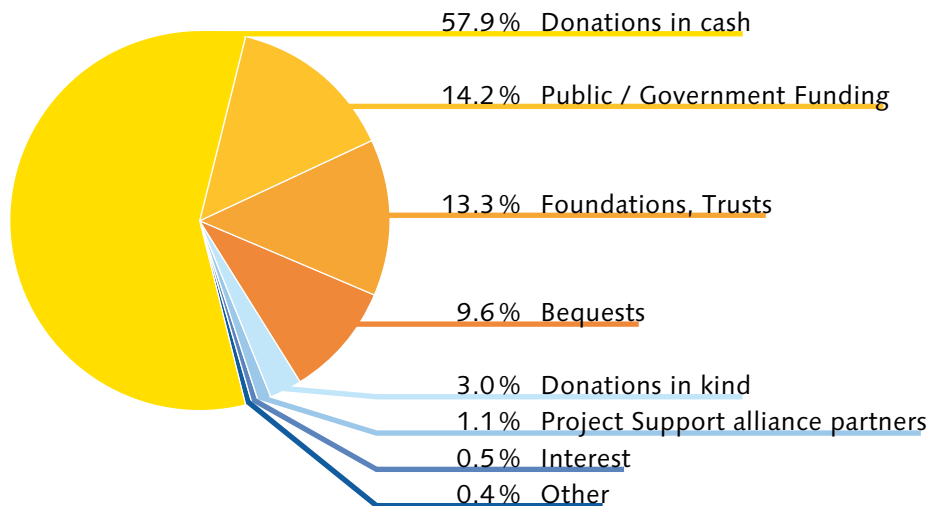
### European Union

The European Union supported LIGHT FOR THE WORLD initiatives in Tanzania, South Sudan, eastern and southern Africa, Papua New Guinea and the "END EXCLUSION – Let's Enable the Millennium Development Goals" project in Europe, to work towards an inclusive society for all.

With this extensive and diverse means of income, from individual donors to governmental and institutional support, we are able to increase comprehensive eye care, access to rehabilitation and inclusive development for millions of people.

Our thanks go to all the individuals, institutions and official donators who support our work.

## SOURCES OF INCOME



## Facts and Numbers

INCOME IN EUR	2011	2012	CHANGE IN %
Donations in cash	12,010,057	12,155,159	+ 1.2 %
Public / Government funding	3,088,825	2,982,067	- 3.5 %
Foundations, trusts	2,766,999	2,802,717	+ 1.3 %
Bequests	784,693	2,012,845	+ 156.5 %
Donations in kind	379,256	628,286	+ 65.7 %
Projekt Support alliance partners	240,136	227,289	- 5.3 %
Interest	131,957	106,329	- 19.4 %
Other income	34,889	83,402	+ 139.1 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,436,812</b>	<b>20,998,095</b>	<b>+ 8.0 %</b>

### Transparency

All four members of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD in Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands have their accounts audited by independent external auditors.

The 2012 accounts were audited by IB Interbilanz Hübner Wirtschaftsprüfung GmbH (Austria), burg. bvba Clybouw bedrijfsrevisoren (Belgium), Deloitte Czech Republic (Czech Republic) and WITH accountants (The Netherlands).

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD Confederation members have been granted quality seals in their respective countries and we have established an internal quality management system across the Confederation.

Donations to LIGHT FOR THE WORLD are tax deductible in all four Confederation countries.

### Persons who benefitted from programmes of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD in 2012

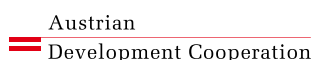
Eye Consultations	954,975
Cataract Surgeries	46,848
Trachoma Surgeries	15,073
Other Eye Surgeries	16,196
Zithromax distribution to fight Trachoma	1,068,546
Mectizan distribution to fight Onchocerciasis	1,582,948
Provision of spectacles and low vision aids	70,230
Blind and visually impaired persons reached	1,002,181
Deaf and hard of hearing persons reached	38,486
Persons with other disabilities reached	53,712
Children with disabilities reached in rehabilitation programmes	59,616
Children with disabilities receiving school education	8,821
<b>Total number of persons reached (without drug distribution)</b>	<b>1,143,939</b>

## Memberships, Platforms & Alliances

- International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB; VISION 2020 – The Right to Sight)
- International Consortium for Trachoma Control (ICTC)
- International Council for the Education of the Visually Impaired (ICEVI)
- International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC)
- Beyond 2015 – For a Global Development Framework after the MDGs
- Global Campaign for Education (GCE)
- Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)
- Global Partnership for Disability and Development (GPDD)
- Human Rights and Democracy Network (HRDN)

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# What We Achieved in 2012

## Allocation of Funds

In 2012, we were able to raise our programme support by 8.9%. 76% of our funds went directly on our programme work compared to 75% in 2011. With this investment we changed the lives of millions of persons with disabilities by providing eye care and rehabilitation services, supporting access to education and human rights and promoting an inclusive and barrier-free society.

### Programme Work

More than 1.1 million people were reached by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supported programmes in 2012. Additionally, 2.6 million people received antibiotics to treat trachoma and onchocerciasis in rural Ethiopia.

46,848 cataract surgeries were performed by our partners in 2012, compared to 48,971 in 2011. The decline in cataract surgeries and consultations in 2012 is due to safety issues in Afghanistan and the phase-out of two programmes in South Sudan and one eye clinic in Kenya.

59,616 children with disabilities received rehabilitation services and access to education, 6,406 more than in 2011.

### Regional Focus

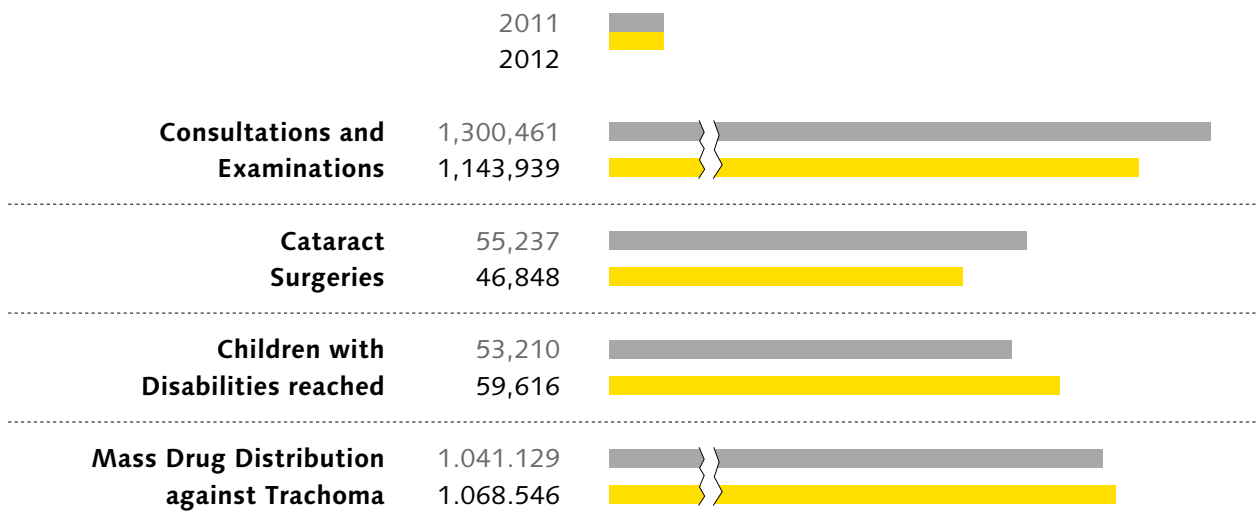
The focus countries in sub-Saharan Africa, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mosambik and South Sudan, remained our most important partner countries. The main percentage of our support goes to Africa, followed by Asian and Latin American countries. 77% of all cataract surgeries performed by our programme partners were done in sub-sahara Africa.

### Administration and Information

In 2012, providing information about our programme work and about inclusive development cooperation as well as raising awareness across Europe accounted for 15% of our budget.

Administration and infrastructure used 3,3% of our funds, slightly less than in the previous year. Thanks to the extensive pro-bono services we receive from companies and individuals, our expenses for public relations were only 2.2% of our budget. With 1.8% we organised the administration and coordination of donations and 1.5% were allocated to reserves.

## Persons reached



# Facts and Numbers

EXPENSES IN EUR	2011	2012	CHANGE IN %
Programme work incl. advocacy	14,662,690	15,971,101	+ 8.9 %
Information on programme work	3,102,704	3,183,354	+ 2.6 %
Administration & infrastructure	760,152	695,735	- 8.5 %
Public relations	396,402	452,957	+ 14.3 %
Donor administration	318,170	371,730	+ 16.8 %
Allocation to reserves	196,694	323,218	+ 64.3 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,436,812</b>	<b>20,998,095</b>	<b>+ 8.0 %</b>

## RATIO OF EXPENSES

