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• In 2018 our partners performed 89,280 eye surgeries, saving eye sight and changing countless lives. Among them were 44,206 cataract surgeries and 21,824 eyelid surgeries in the late stages of trachoma.

• More than 16 million doses of medication against Neglected Tropical Diseases were distributed.
• 34,696 children and adults with disabilities received access to health and rehabilitation services in our programmes. 12,953 children went to school to develop their full potential and shape their own future.
• Light for the World launched the Her Abilities Award, the first international award to honour the achievements of women with disabilities in December 2018. The winners were selected out of 158 nominees from 52 countries. Three categories were awarded: Health & Education, Rights, Arts and Culture & Sports.

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Our Impact

One billion people in the world are living with a disability, 253 million have a visual impairment. The overwhelming majority live in underprivileged regions. Poverty and little access to health care is a major factor in acquiring a disability. Persons with disabilities face discrimination on a daily basis, are excluded from medical services, education, the job market, political decisions and community life. We work to change that.

We focus on the poorest and hardest to reach because those are the people who need our help the most. We create lasting change through collaboration with local partners such as eye clinics, schools, government actors, and Disabled People’s Organisations. Our work is made possible with support from donors in countries including Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy (South Tyrol), The Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom and USA.

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Our goal is for populations in Africa to access comprehensive, affordable and qualitative eye care. 75% of all cases of blindness or visual impairment are avoidable.

We scaled up our effort to train desperately needed ophthalmologists and other eye health staff from African countries; 68 have graduated so far, with 35 more currently in training. In Mozambique alone we doubled the number of ophthalmologists in the last three years. After the catastrophic cyclones that devastated the country in early 2019 and damaged our new eye clinic in Beira, medical staff are needed now more than ever.

To combat trachoma and other infectious causes of blindness we supplied millions of people with medication, surgery and improved access to sanitation, focusing on the Tigray and Western Oromia region in Ethiopia. We will continue the fight.

At the start of our National Intervention on Uncorrected Refractive Errors in Uganda in 2008, less than 20% of the population had access to spectacles. Today it is between 40% and 50%. The Ugandan health system will continue this successful programme. We supply the population of southern Democratic Republic of Congo with eye health through a network of eye clinics and outreach services.

Eyesight

Think global, act local
Empowerment

We believe that empowering persons with disabilities to participate equally in society is an effective way to reduce poverty and to contribute to a better world.

In the past three years we launched 10 new programmes to make livelihood projects and vocational training initiatives accessible to persons with disabilities. Our main focus is to get mainstream organisations and institutions on board, to create a truly inclusive society. At the same time our disability inclusion lab, based in The Netherlands, trains NGOs, partners, companies and governments on inclusion and develops hands-on solutions with them.

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Our work in Disability Inclusion in Community Development focuses on early childhood development and breaking down barriers within communities. In 2018, the governments of Mozambique, Burkina Faso and Ethiopia agreed to incorporate rehabilitation in their health systems. We continue to work on facilitating access to medical services, education, human rights and livelihood for persons with disabilities on four continents.

Inclusive Education

Children and youths with disabilities are often left behind when it comes to access to education. In 2018, 12,953 children with disabilities went to school through the intervention of Light for the World, 42% more than in 2017.

With our ambitious initiative “One Class For All” we strive to make the education systems of Burkina Faso and Ethiopia disability-inclusive, improving the lives of millions of children in the coming decade.

In North-East India 185 teachers received training in inclusive education over the last two years and are now collaborating with 75 government schools.

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT:

- 1,209,978 people reached with crucial support including eye care, rehabilitation and education
- 16,286,999 doses of medication against trachoma, river blindness and lymphatic filariasis distributed
- 1,071,520 eye consultations
- 89,280 eye operations
- 34,696 persons with disabilities reached with rehabilitation
- 7,562 people participated in livelihood and income generating activities
- 12,953 children with disabilities received education

* This covers the activities and impact of the legal entity Light for the World International and its members in 2018.
Every donation counts

**SOURCES OF INCOME 2018**

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**TRANSPARENCY & ANTI-CORRUPTION**

Those are the consolidated financial results of the legal entity Light for the World and its members.

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 and the USA.

For further information on the financial figures of the different legal entities please download the national reports at: www.light-for-the-world.org
A BIG THANK YOU!

Partners and supporters


Light for the World believes in working together, pooling resources and knowledge, and collaborating with others to achieve our goal of creating a better world. We partner with national and international organisations and are members of various networks and platforms.

The full list of partners, supporters, memberships and alliances of Light for the World can be found under: www.light-for-the-world.org