



- **Mozambique has only 25 ophthalmologists to serve 25 million people**
- **At least 58 ophthalmologists are needed**

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## Training of Ophthalmologists for Mozambique

### Eye Care in Mozambique

Health infrastructure in Mozambique continues to improve, though the scarcity of adequately trained human resources for eye care services remains a major challenge for the Mozambican Ministry of Health (MISAU).

To meet Mozambique's National Vision 2020 Plan requirements, 58 ophthalmologists, or 1 per 500,000 inhabitants are needed, though only the capital Maputo currently meets this quota with 6.

### Project Activities

- The most recent intake of 4 more students in 2016 contributes to the postgraduate training of 10 new Mozambican ophthalmologists by 2020.
- The mid-term perspective in human resource development for the next few years is to support the ophthalmology training in Maputo, Mozambique, instead of sending doctors abroad, to increase the quality and quantity of training domestically.

### Scholarships for Ophthalmologists in Mozambique

Light for the World is a catalyst for system change, which enables all people in Mozambique, especially those in remote and rural areas, to have access to quality eye care. We invite you to join this initiative and improve the lives of others.

**Partner:** Ministry of Health of Mozambique and its Provincial Authorities

**Time frame:** 01.09.2016 – 31.03.2021

**Budget:** € 90,000 annually

### Targets

- 4 ophthalmologists finish their studies in 2020
- During their studies they provide cataract operations and ophthalmic treatment at mobile outreaches
- an additional 16,000 consultations and 800 surgeries per year are enabled
- By 2020, the local ophthalmologist training in Maputo has updated its curriculum and is adequately established