ACTIVITY REPORT
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LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

is a confederation of national development NGOs whose aim is an inclusive society, where persons with and without disabilities can participate equally in their social, political, economic and cultural environment.

We are committed to improving eye health, and to promoting inclusive education, community based rehabilitation, livelihood and access to disability rights in our partner countries.

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In 2013 LIGHT FOR THE WORLD provided eye care for persons in underprivileged regions of our world and worked towards an inclusive society by enabling persons with disabilities access to rehabilitation, education and human rights.

In eye care we focused on the fight against trachoma. Together with other international NGOs we set the ambitious goal of eradicating this cause of avoidable blindness in the coming years.

In 2013, 56,367 sight saving cataract surgeries were carried out in eye clinics supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD; 15,100 eye lid surgeries relieved pain and stopped the process of persons suffering from trachoma from losing their sight. In total, 952,792 people received eye care services. 73,554 children with disabilities accessed various kinds of rehabilitation and assistive devices, with 9,971 also receiving school education. We support a pilot project in Burkina Faso (and 4 other countries) which is aiming to establish a closer connection between rehabilitation services and inclusive education.

In total we reached 1,177,197 persons in developing regions across the world.

In September 2013 the United Nations held a High Level Meeting in New York concerning “Disability and Development”, to emphasise the need for inclusion of persons with disabilities in development strategies worldwide. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD helped to prepare the meeting.

Our work is only possible thanks to the support of donors, companies, foundations, national governments and the European Union, who are committed to changing the world with us.

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We strive for a world in which persons with disabilities in developing countries have a decent life, equally participate in society and have access to their rights.

What do we do?
An estimated one billion men, women and children worldwide have one or more disabilities, of which 80% live in developing countries. We focus on persons with disabilities living in poverty, who are amongst the most excluded and underprivileged groups in society. Putting them at the centre of our development efforts will advance the removal of barriers for other excluded groups as well and bring about change to an inclusive society. Our work follows a human-rights-based approach, centred on the principles of non-discrimination, participation, empowerment and accountability.

What we do in partner countries
• Eye Health and Prevention of Blindness
• Inclusive Education
• Community Based Rehabilitation
• Livelihood
• Disability Rights

What we do on global level
• International Policy
• Inclusive Organisational Development
• Development Education and Awareness Raising

Building Blocks of our Programme Strategy
To ensure that development is inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities, we follow a twin track approach focussing on persons with disabilities on the one side, and on society at large on the other. Our focus for persons with disabilities is to address their specific needs – e.g. access to rehabilitation services, assistive devices, counsel-
Inclusive Development

A society where everybody can take part to the best of their abilities is key to human development.

Mission & Strategy

We work with persons with disabilities in all phases of development programmes as active participants, and support awareness raising initiatives to overcome the physical, social and cultural barriers present in society, which hinder the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities. By using this approach, we can target the individual, the community, the political environment and the international framework for development co-operation.

Where do we work?

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD chooses its partner countries as those with the greatest need but which appear to receive little or no support from other existing programmes.

We currently work in 15 partner countries and at international level on health, education and livelihood. We focus specifically on eye health, blindness prevention and community based rehabilitation and engage in empowering persons with disabilities in overcoming barriers in society to bring about social change. To achieve this, we partner with local and national initiatives as well as international alliances and organisations.

In nine focus countries we work with the national government on the implementation of a national programme on the inclusion of persons with disabilities. In comprehensive country programmes LIGHT FOR THE WORLD’s core areas, policies and position papers are used and adapted to the national context. Our focus countries are Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Southern DR Congo, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Northeast India, Pakistan and South Sudan.

In six additional partner countries LIGHT FOR THE WORLD provides valuable and effective programme support in selected areas and/or regions. Current partner countries are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda and Tanzania.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD also engages in regional programmes, covering one or more partner countries, pilot initiatives and for specific reasons other interventions may be supported outside the partner countries.
LIGHT FOR THE WORLD provided eye care services to more than 950,000 people in 2013, focusing on the population of underdeveloped or remote regions.

**Universal Access to Eye Health**

285 million people worldwide have visual impairments, even though four out of five cases are preventable or treatable. However 90% live in developing countries and have very limited access to medical care, for geographical or financial reasons, discrimination or lack of infrastructure.

The WHO has devised a global action plan to improve eye health for everyone by collecting data on what causes visual impairment, training more eye care professionals and making eye health services accessible to and affordable for all. As part of the initiative “VISION 2020 – the right to sight”, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD implements national eye health plans and works on integrating the WHO global action plan in national health strategies in its partner countries. The goal is to reduce avoidable blindness and visual impairment by 25% by 2019.

**Human Resources for Eye Health**

The lack of trained eye care staff is one of the most pressing issues if we are to be able to provide sustainable and comprehensive services, especially in rural regions. In a concerted effort with other members of the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness we have scaled up our work on human resources for eye health in sub-Saharan Africa at regional and national level to effectively address the current gaps. A particular emphasis is placed on encouraging universities and training institutions to train local ophthalmologists for Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Mozambique and South Sudan, as well as training mid-level eye health staff, such as ophthalmic nurses.

**Trachoma, a Neglected Tropical Disease**

Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of blindness in the world. If left untreated recurring eye infections scar the eyelid and cause it to turn inwards. Eyelashes scratch the cornea until it turns opaque. While trachoma was still a major issue in Europe 150 years ago, today it is endemic mostly in dry and underdeveloped regions in Africa, Asia and South America. In Ethiopia, Mozambique and South Sudan, we carried out trachoma mapping to define the areas where the disease is still responsible for loss of sight. In Ethiopia mapping was finalised in 2013, and in Mozambique and South Sudan it will resume in 2014. In partnership with Sightsavers we work on putting an end to this disease. The most efficient way to control the number of new infections and eradicate trachoma in the long run has proved to be the SAFE-strategy devised by
the WHO: surgery (of the eyelid, to prevent loss of sight); antibiotics (to treat the infection); facial cleanliness (to prevent infection); and environmental change (to provide access to clean water and sanitation). Together with other international organisations, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is part of the “End in Sight” Initiative of the International Coalition for Trachoma Control (ICTC). If we act now, we can eradicate blinding trachoma worldwide by 2020.

Cataract and Other Causes of Blindness

The leading cause of blindness worldwide remains cataract. In most cases, this opacity of the eye lens is an age-related issue, but it can also form after accidents or infections. Some children are born with cataract. The opaque lens can be removed surgically and changed for a clear artificial one, a process that takes about 15 minutes and is done under local anaesthetic. It is one of the most efficient medical interventions and carries little risk. Cataract is responsible for the loss of sight of 20 million people worldwide.

It accounts for 51% of global blindness, followed by glaucoma (8%) and macular degeneration (5%). Blindness and visual impairment in children can have various causes, such as vitamin A deficiency, congenital or traumatic cataract and uncorrected refractive errors.

The further ageing of society poses an additional challenge for the future: diabetic retinopathy. By 2035, Africa will have experienced a 109% increase in people with diabetes and South East Asia a 71% increase. These two regions together account for less than 1% of global health expenditure on diabetes. Four out of five people with diabetic blindness will live in developing countries.

Recently published data from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2010 show an encouraging trend in the prevalence of blindness and visual impairment over the last 20 years. Between 1990 and 2010 the global prevalence of blindness fell from 0.60 to 0.47%, and in sub-Saharan Africa a significant drop from 0.80% to 0.62% can be observed.

Uncorrected Refractive Errors and School Eye Health

Worldwide, about 150 million people live with uncorrected refractive errors, a condition that could be easily diagnosed and corrected. Twelve million of these are children, who are at risk of missing out on their education and future employment. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is active in School Eye Health programmes in Pakistan and supports the National Intervention on Uncorrected Refractive Errors programme (NIURE) in Uganda, training refractionists to provide the population with affordable visual aids. As part of the initiative “Seeing Is Believing”, we aim to screen nearly one million children under 15 in Uganda, reach over 300,000 people through health education and promote and train over 1,200 professionals in eye health.

What we achieved in 2013

55,745 cataract surgeries were performed by project partners of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD in 2013, as well as 15,100 eyelid surgeries to help people suffering from the last stage of trachoma. In total, 952,592 people were examined and treated in our eye health programmes in 2013, and more than a million people reached with the distribution of drugs to treat onchocerciasis and trachoma.
One billion people worldwide live with a disability. Most disabilities are a consequence of poverty or lack of access to health services; 80% of all persons with disabilities live in developing countries. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD uses a Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) approach to build sustainable support structures for persons with disabilities in underdeveloped regions and to raise awareness for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society.

How does CBR work

Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) is a strategy within community development for the rehabilitation, equalisation of opportunities, poverty reduction and social inclusion of people with disabilities. It is based on Guidelines developed by the World Health Organization and complements the objectives of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. While providing access to health care and assistive devices is a major part of CBR, it does not only focus on rehabilitation, but takes a holistic approach across health, education, livelihood, empowerment and social life.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports CBR projects in Afghanistan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Mozambique, North East India, South Sudan and Papua New Guinea; we organise the training of field workers and promote CBR and social inclusion at national and international level.

In October 2013 the first regional francophone CBR training took place in Senegal, with LIGHT FOR THE WORLD’s project partners in Burkina Faso also participating. A workshop to strengthen our network of rehabilitation programmes in Bolivia was held in September 2013 in Cochabamba.

Our International Role

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is actively engaged in the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) and part of the CBR work group and has developed a training manual for CBR workers along the lines of the CBR guidelines.

What we achieved

59,616 children with disabilities accessed rehabilitation in our programmes in 2013.
Inclusive Education

Education is an important factor for human development. Making education accessible to all is key to reducing poverty and achieving equal rights for all members of society.

However, 90% of children with disabilities in developing countries have no access to education and face a life of dependency and poverty. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports initiatives for inclusive education – this includes talking to teachers and parents; working with governments; developing training programmes and teacher’s handbooks, and promoting the idea of “education for all” in our CBR programmes and in mainstream schools and institutions.

Work in our Partner Countries

In Garango, Burkina Faso, we are supporting a pilot project on inclusive education: our CBR programme helps children with disabilities prepare for enrolment in mainstream schools, supports teachers and assists the ministry of education in making the school system of Burkina Faso inclusive and accessible. In 2013, all 55 schools in the district were made barrier-free, and 700 children with disabilities were enrolled in inclusive classes.

In a national programme funded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD aims to make education in South Sudan accessible to all children. Key activities include data collection, training, workshops and a resource book for teachers, raising awareness on inclusive education and the development of a national inclusive education policy framework.

In Northeast India, we support inclusive schools with our partner Montfort Brothers – here the pupils themselves are active promoters of education for all, talking to parents of children with disabilities in their home villages to spread information about inclusive education. 996 children with disabilities received an education in our Northeast Indian projects in 2013, and with the Montfort Brothers encouraging other schools led by Christian groups or monasteries to include children with disabilities, numbers are on the increase.

In Bolivia we supported the development of a handbook for teachers, parents and CBR workers on inclusive education.

On the International Level

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is an active member in the ‘Global Campaign for Education’ initiative, coordinating activities in confederation and partner countries each year. In 2014, the motto for Global Action Week is “Equal Right – Equal Opportunity”, highlighting the importance of inclusive education, one of the core work areas of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.

What we achieved

9,971 children with disabilities received an education in our programmes in 2013 and 6,116 adolescents enrolled in vocational training programmes; of these 3,524 have a hearing impairment and 5,676 are blind or visual impaired.
Promoting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities have the same rights as everyone else. This should go without saying. But in reality there is still a long way to go. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD works on strengthening the rights of persons with disabilities at all levels and advocates for an inclusive society.

A major focus in 2013 was our work towards a disability-inclusive post-2015 development framework. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD influenced the international agenda and European budget discussions and supported Disabled Peoples Organisations in partner countries to speak up for their rights.

Development for All and the UN High Level Meeting

The first-ever High Level Meeting on Disability and Development of the United Nations was held on September 23rd 2013 in New York. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD was active in preparing for the meeting and in raising awareness of the crucial importance of a disability-inclusive development agenda as an explicit part of the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals Global Framework.

Prior to the High Level Meeting, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD was invited to address the European Consultation in Brussels on behalf of the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) as one of only two civil society representatives.

In the round table on ‘Development for All’ in Geneva, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay, participated alongside two members of the International Board of Ambassadors of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD: Professor Ron McCallum, Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on the Convention of Persons with Disabilities and Yetnebersh Nigussie, Human Rights Lawyer from Ethiopia.

15,400 say "YES" to Inclusion

In the run-up to the High Level Meeting, 15,400 people from 62 countries expressed their support for an inclusive society by sending in pictures or...
videos of themselves signing “YES” in their country’s sign language or in international signs.

This “Say Yes to Inclusion” video was organised by the EU sponsored project “End Exclusion – let’s enable the MDGs” and coordinated by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.

The video also contained a message from EU Development Commissioner Andris Piebalgs. He underlined the European Commission’s support for the End Exclusion project and our work on making European Development Cooperation increasingly inclusive.

On the European Level
Our political and technical work over the last two years has been successful in establishing disability as a cross-cutting issue in the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), the main budget envelope for the European Commission’s support to developing countries. This will increase the access of persons with disabilities to EU aid.

In the Netherlands, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD has joined forces with other development NGOs to initiate an open debate on inclusive economic development. Together we organised a series of seminars entitled “Leave no one behind: how to include the ultra-poor in economic development?” The seminar series will result in a closing conference and a publication on lessons learned and practical guidance tools.

Equal Rights to Education
The Global Campaign for Education has chosen “Equal Right – Equal Opportunity” as their motto for Global Action Week 2014, highlighting the importance and benefits of inclusive education for children with and without disabilities. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is actively involved in the organisation of Global Action Week and in promoting education for all in Europe and in our partner countries around the world.

Disability Rights in our Partner Countries
In Burkina Faso LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supported a nationwide census on children with disabilities and their access to rehabilitation services. We also participate in a committee which includes representatives from all ministries to monitor and implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Burkina Faso. A report on its implementation in Bosnia-Herzegovina will be published in the course of 2014. Our programme partners in Northeast India also contributed towards a substantial paper on the situation of persons with disabilities. In Bolivia, we supported local DPOs in analysing the current level of access that persons with disabilities have to basic human rights and in reporting their results to the UN.

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LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is committed to strengthening the rights and improving the lives of persons with disabilities in its partner countries in Africa, Asia, South America and Eastern Europe.

**Africa**

The geographical focus of our work lies in African countries. In Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique and South Sudan the coordination of our comprehensive eye health and inclusive development programmes, including communications with local partners, hospitals and the government, is carried out by our local country offices. Further partner countries in Africa are the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda.

**Asia**

In Cambodia, Northeast India and Pakistan we work at all levels to provide eye health services for people in remote or poor areas, as well as facilitating access to rehabilitation, education and liveli-
hood programmes for persons with disabilities. In Papua New Guinea we focus on increasing the quality of life of persons with hearing impairments. In the Philippines we support blind children to receive an education, and after the devastating typhoon in 2013 we helped persons with disabilities and their families to rebuild their lives. Further Asian partner countries are Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

**South America and Eastern Europe**

Decades of experience in the field of CBR in Bolivia makes LIGHT FOR THE WORLD a pioneer in working towards an inclusive society. Additionally we work towards an eye care system that is accessible for all. In Bosnia and Herzegovina we support local DPOs in claiming their rights.

**Confederation LIGHT FOR THE WORLD**

Founded in 2008, the confederation LIGHT FOR THE WORLD consists of four national NGOs in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic and the Netherlands. By establishing a lead country concept, where one confederation member acts as the main programme coordinator in a specific partner country, and sharing resources and expertise, we are able to maximise our efficiency.

**Current Projects**

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WE TAKE ACTION

Shukarea's Sight is Saved

Shukarea is only nine years old, but she has already suffered years of trachoma. Persistent pain in her right eye severely affects her daily life and causes her to miss class. Her father brought Shukarea to the nearest health centre, “but all they could do was to give my daughter different ointments, none of them helped, the infection kept coming back,” he says. But Shukarea is lucky. One day a mobile outreach team from the LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supported eye clinic in Nekemte comes to a town near her home and she is examined by an ophthalmologist. Shukarea’s lashes already scratch her eye; she needs to undergo surgery to stop the blinding process. Her father hesitates at first to give his consent, but Shukarea is not afraid. After a couple of minutes she comes out of the concrete building with a white eye patch, beaming with joy. “I am finally free of pain. Now I won’t miss school anymore!” she says smiling.

Ethiopia

An End to Trachoma

Trachoma is the second leading cause of blindness in Ethiopia. Without treatment, this infectious disease causes the eyelid to scar and turn inwards and the eyelashes to scratch the cornea. The infection can be treated effectively with antibiotics, and the blinding process stopped by surgery that turns the eyelid back outwards. But once a person is blind from trachoma, there is no way to restore their sight.

However, decades of distributing drugs for treating the condition in endemic areas has significantly reduced the infection rate. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supplied more than 600,000 people with the necessary dose of antibiotics in 2013 alone. In 2013 we also carried out trachoma mapping in the Tigray and Somali regions to collect data about the extent of the problem. Together with other NGOs we are working to eradicate this cause of preventable blindness once and for all by applying the SAFE-strategy developed by the WHO: Surgery in the last stage – Antibiotics to treat the disease, Facial cleanliness to prevent infection and Environmental change to improve access to clean water and sanitation.

In 2013 our partners carried out 13,025 eyelid surgeries and 23,701 cataract surgeries and distributed 1,577,595 doses of Mectizan against onchocerciasis. In addition, 261,607 persons were examined and treated in our projects in Ethiopia.

Rehabilitation and Inclusive Education

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports seven Community Based Rehabilitation programmes in Ethiopia. Our goal is not only physical rehabilitation, but also to enable children with disabilities to receive an education, be accepted in their communities and shape their own future. 5,733 children with disabilities accessed rehabilitation and education services in our programmes in 2013.
South Sudan

Prevention of Blindness

In December 2013 new political conflicts broke out in the young Republic of South Sudan. The country, which is still dealing with the consequences of decades of civil war faces another crisis.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports three eye clinics in South Sudan, treating 16,756 patients and restoring eyesight through carrying out 697 cataract surgeries. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is now focussing on delivering eye care services to the great number of internally displaced persons and fugitives in camps in Kenya and Uganda.

Disability and Education

In two Community Based Rehabilitation programmes LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supported 1,036 children with disabilities in 2013. We organised access to rehabilitation and supportive devices, such as wheelchairs and crutches; we encourage their social inclusion and support their enrolment in local schools. We also raise awareness about the importance of inclusive education, talk to parents, teachers and school officials, organise workshops and teacher training and help to make school buildings accessible.

718 children with disabilities received education in our programmes in 2013.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD provides rehabilitation services for fugitives and internally displaced persons and ensures that in cases of natural disasters and political crisis emergency response is accessible to all, including persons with disabilities.

Every Step a Success

Lakina is born with cerebral palsy and does not learn to stand or walk. While the other children play outside, she spends long days lying in her hut. But one day, her life changes completely.

A field worker from LIGHT FOR THE WORLD visits Lakina and starts to train with her and to show Lakina’s family some simple exercises, so they can support her development. Soon Lakina is strong enough to try and make her first steps. A set of parallel bars is built outside the hut. Here Lakina practises walking every day. When her grandmother sees the girl walk up and down, she exclaims in joy: “And I thought she will never be able to stand!”.

Today Lakina walks with a walking frame. Now she is mobile, she can move around on her own and is no longer completely dependent on her family. And she is excited about going to school with the other children.
Lidia is eighteen months old and lives with her parents on the outskirts of Lubumbashi. Her mother noticed that Lidia had a squint and brought her to the Sainte Yvonne hospital, supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD. The ophthalmologist confirmed esotropia, a condition where the eyes are crossed. While one eye looks straight ahead, the other eye is turned in toward the nose.

Surgery wasn’t needed but Lidia did receive a pair of glasses from the optical shop. She also has a weekly appointment with a therapist in the Low Vision department.

A Cute Pair of Glasses

Lidia sits on her mother’s arm with her brand-new glasses. In Lubumbashi her visual development is checked on a regular basis.
Burkina Faso

Education For All

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports a pilot project on inclusive education in Burkina Faso, with the primary goal being to enrol 1,700 children with disabilities in primary school in the district of Garango and support them throughout their education.

In our Community Based Rehabilitation Programmes we found that when the time came for children with disabilities to start school, they faced physical and environmental barriers as well as discrimination, and the drop-out rate was very high. To change that we focus on preparing children with disabilities prior to their enrolment, talk to teachers and school officials about removing barriers, provide teacher’s manuals and training, organise school materials for specific needs and raise awareness in the community about the benefits of inclusive education and about every child’s right to go to school. In 2013, all 55 schools in the Garango district were made accessible, and 700 children with disabilities are now attending primary school.

In total, 19,048 children with disabilities accessed rehabilitation services in our eight CBR programmes in Burkina Faso and 1,874 children with disabilities received school education.

Eye Health

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports nine eye clinics in Burkina Faso and brings eye care to rural populations via mobile outreach programmes. In 2013, 4,283 sight saving cataract surgeries were carried out by our partners; 78,191 persons were examined and treated. Through the national blindness prevention programme for Burkina Faso, we support the training of eye care professionals, develop local health facilities and work with the government to build a sustainable national eye care system that is accessible to all.

Eye Health

Burkina Faso

Surface Area: 274,200 km²
Capital: Ouagadougou
Human Development Index: 0.343 (ranked 183/187)
BNP per Capita: ca. USD 670
Life Expect: 55 years
Rate of Illiteracy: (age > 15): 71%
Infant Mortality: (age < 5): 146/1,000
Access to Clean Water: 79%
Rate of Blindness: 1.4%

Roukiatou goes to School

Roukiatou is born with deformed, crossed legs. She has great difficulties in walking and is constantly tormented by bouts of pain. Going to school or playing with the other children seems out of the question for her. Until a visit from LIGHT FOR THE WORLD-fieldworker Il Dieudonné changes her life.

He organises surgery for Roukiatou’s legs and shows her and her parents how to improve mobility with physiotherapy exercises and together with her family he builds parallel bars for Roukiatou to practise standing and walking.

Their combined efforts soon bear fruit. Today, Roukiatou walks with a pair of colourful child-sized crutches, and can already manage short distances without them. And she is very excited about her first day in school. Now she can get an education, make friends and has a chance to lead an independent life.

Roukiatou goes to School

Roukiatou, 6, was born with deformed legs. Field worker Il Dieudonné trains her to walk without support.
He walks hour after hour on the hand of his wife Louisa, his mind focused on one thought: to see again. Augusto Tete, farmer in Mozambique and blind from cataract, travels to Nhamatanda, the site of a mobile outreach, organised by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD. All his hopes lie on one person, an ophthalmologist, to give him back his sight, his self-dependence, his life.

And he finds the help he needs: it takes the experienced ophthalmologist about fifteen minutes to remove the opaque lens and replace it with a clear artificial one. Augusto stays the night in Nhamatanda.

The next morning brings new light into Augusto’s life. As the eye nurse removes his eye patch, Augusto’s face lights up. He can see the world around him again.

Mozambique

Community Based Rehabilitation

To grow up as a child with a disability in rural Mozambique means life on the edge of society. Possibilities to access to rehabilitation, medical services, education or an independent life are practically nonexistent. To change that, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD has, since 2008, supported Community Based Rehabilitation programmes in Beira, capital of Sofala province. Based on our experiences we have expanded our work to the rural districts Gorongosa and Buzi.

1,156 children with disabilities received rehabilitation services in 2013, with 33 additional field workers supporting them in developing their skills. In addition to supporting individuals in their development, we raise awareness about barriers persons with disabilities have to face and promote an inclusive society.

Like everybody else, young adults with disabilities need education and a chance to get a job to be financially independent. But they face considerably more barriers in their daily life than most other groups in society. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD advocates for their right to be admitted into vocational training programmes. In 2013, 30 persons with disabilities started training as teachers, nurses, mechanics or barbers/hair stylists.

Comprehensive Eye Care

70% of all eye problems can be treated by an ophthalmic nurse. But what if there is none within reach of a day’s walk on foot? In remote areas people go blind from eye infections, injuries, or diseases that could be prevented or treated easily. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD arranges for the recruitment of eye care professionals and supports young ophthalmologists in their studies.

In 2013, 3,085 cataract surgeries were carried out in clinics and during mobile outreaches supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD; a total of 97,377 people were examined and treated.

Back into the Light

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Bolivia

Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness

In Bolivia, 252 ophthalmologists take care of a total population of 9.7 million; eye care services are almost entirely limited to the big cities and urban areas. For the rural poor access to eye care and blindness prevention is a particularly major challenge as they cannot afford transport or treatment and often are not even aware of the possibility of help.

The “National Committee for Eye Health and Prevention of Blindness in Bolivia” was set up in 2012 as new initiative to unify the eye health community and promote the development of a National Plan of Eye Health in Bolivia. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is part of this initiative. The first step, a Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness, is carried out in the three main departments of Santa Cruz, Cochabamba and La Paz, to collect data on what eye problems are most prevalent and how the population can be served best.

Every Child’s Right to Inclusive Education

In Bolivia, every child has the right to receive an education. But a lack of teachers trained for special needs, inaccessible school buildings and insufficient teaching material constitute barriers for many children with disabilities. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD compiled a handbook for teachers, field workers and parents and works on removing barriers, physical as well as psychological. To achieve this, we start at the bottom: in six Community Based Rehabilitation Programmes we are supporting children with disabilities to develop their potential. Although it may look like a small achievement when disabled children take part in a procession or receive First Communion with their peers, it’s these little things that lead to change in society.

In 2013, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD and its partners helped 725 children with disabilities to receive an education. 1,267 children with disabilities accessed rehabilitation services.

Alejandro lives an Independent Life

Alejandro Prado Meneses was born with Down’s syndrome. He was very happy during his primary school years, accepted by his classmates and supported by his teachers. But when he entered middle school, his life changed. He was made fun of, mobbed and excluded.

Alejandro did not give up. After three long years he received permission to enrol in another school. In addition to classes he took up art and sports, activities offered by a project partner of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD, which boosted his self-confidence and helped him make new friends.

Today Alejandro is 21 and works in a supermarket. He is an active member of a self-help group where he discusses every day challenges with his friends and colleagues.
Benister lives in Meghalaya and has been visually impaired since the age of five. In India like in many countries, persons with disabilities have great difficulty finding employment and often remain dependent on their families. Benister had the opportunity to receive support of the Bethany Society, a local NGO dedicated to providing Community Based Rehabilitation services, supported by LIGHT OR THE WORLD. After graduation from school he joined the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme that guarantees at least 100 days of employment per year in community projects. Benister worked alongside everybody else, carrying mud and stones, building roads. Joining the scheme was a way for him to show people that he can work just like others, if the environment is accessible and colleagues supportive. “The scheme has given me confidence to challenge stereotypes in my community. I am proud to lead a dignified and independent life”. Today Benister is working in Hyderabad as a tour guide, supporting himself and his family.
CBR and Inclusion

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports two Community Based Rehabilitation programmes in Pakistan, each providing rehabilitation services to several villages and raising awareness about inclusion of persons with disabilities in community life.

To work towards a society where everybody can take part equally, our partner organisation CHIP (Civil Society Human and Institutional Development Programme) follows an inclusive development approach. They strengthen mainstream organisations at community level and support them in becoming inclusive in all aspects – from barrier-free offices to social development programmes accessible to persons with disabilities. An important part of the project is access to income generation. This is achieved through a kind of apprenticeship programme, where persons with disabilities accompany, for example, carpenters, hairdressers, ... in their daily work and learn their trade. In the current phase, which started in December 2012, 32 new villages were included in the project and 18 villages from the previous phase continue to be monitored and receive ongoing support. The idea of turning community organisations into local training and resource centres has already yielded some promising results and continues to work well. A detailed impact evaluation is planned for 2015.

1,244 children with disabilities received rehabilitation in our programmes in 2013; 157 accessed education.

Eye Health

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports three eye clinics in Pakistan. 60,553 persons were examined and treated in 2013, and 1,415 received cataract surgery. 21,866 persons were screened for refractive errors, and we provided 1,537 pairs of spectacles, of which 867 were distributed to school children. We reached significantly less persons than in the previous year, because activities planned for the school eye health programme in 2013 could not be carried out in full due to safety concerns.

Fatima gets an Education

Fatima is 12 years old and lives in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province in Pakistan. She was born with a physical disability and a squint. Her loving family did everything in their power to support her, but when they tried to find a school that would take her, they only found closed doors. A private school agreed to accept Fatima, but the high fees soon became too much for Fatima’s parents. Anxiously they searched again, well aware that a solid education is crucial for the future of their daughter. Today Fatima is attending an inclusive school in Nowshera which is supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD. She receives an education together with her peers and has a chance to lead an independent life.

Fatima, 12, attends an inclusive school in Nowshera, Pakistan.
WE TAKE ACTION

Cambodia

Inclusive Education for Children with Visual Impairments

An estimated 50% of all out-of-school children in Cambodia have a disability. While an increasing number of policies on disability, including plans on education for children with disabilities have been adopted, there is still a lack of knowledge on how it can actually be done. As only a fraction of the 6,000 blind children and children with low vision are following classes, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD set up an Inclusive Education Pilot Project in 2011. In three provinces children with visual impairments receive education in integrated classes in public schools with specially trained teachers and learning materials. They are no longer excluded from their peers, they learn alongside them. A further goal is to fully include children with disabilities in the school system. A follow-up programme will be extended to schools in six provinces. In 2013, 96 children with visual impairments enrolled in special or government schools and 25 blind children received an education in special classes.

Eye Care

We support four eye clinics in four provinces in Cambodia. A total of 1,627 eye surgeries were conducted in eye clinics and during a mobile eye camp in 2013. To identify people with eye problems in the villages, 120 NGO field workers were trained in primary eye care.

Rehabilitation and Self Help Groups

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports the forming of local self-help groups. In 2013, 18 self-help groups met on a regular basis. Its members support each other and the groups increase people’s economic empowerment by facilitating small saving and credit activities, as well as playing an important role in the advocacy for the rights of persons with disabilities.

Villa does not let Blindness detain him

Oun Villa was born with cataract, but his mother could not afford to seek treatment. Villa grew up blind. Unaware of the possibilities for blind children to receive an education, Villa stayed at home until he was 12 years old. During an assessment of blind and visually impaired children in his home district, a field worker from a LIGHT FOR THE WORLD’s partner organisation met the boy and proposed enrolling him in a school for the blind. At first, his mother was sceptical to let her dear boy go, but after a visit to the school itself she agreed. Villa now studies Braille with other blind and visually impaired children in the morning and goes to the local inclusive school in the afternoon. He has also taken up traditional music and plays at seasonal festivals. “I want to become a news anchor in TV or radio”, he says with a smile on his face.
Trained eye care specialists are in high demand in East Africa, due to the severe shortage of health professionals in general, and ophthalmologists in particular. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports young ophthalmologists in training with scholarships, to enable them to complete their studies. In 2013, students from seven African countries were enrolled on such scholarships at universities in Tanzania, Kenya, Côte d’Ivoire and Mali. Upon completing their studies, the students will be required to provide high-quality ophthalmic treatment in Sub-Saharan African countries for at least three years.

**Tanzania**

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

We screen villages in southern Tanzania for blind and visually impaired children, help them access eye care and rehabilitation services and support their enrolment in local schools. In 2013, 21,126 blind and visually impaired children received support and 403 cataract surgeries were performed on children through projects supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.

**Rwanda**

2013 was marked by the set up of new services in the Kabgayi eye clinic. A Low Vision department and optical workshop now ensure comprehensive eye care. Additionally a second eye surgeon was warmly welcomed and several staff members received additional training, both at home and abroad.

In 2013, 38,468 patients were examined, leading to 3,905 eye surgeries. A further 1,944 people received glasses to address uncorrected refractive errors.

A blind boy in Tanzania learns to write. With a solid education he will have better chances to find employment later, support himself and his family and lead an independent life.
Asia

Afghanistan

Afghanistan has been devastated due to years of conflict and much of the population lives in extreme poverty.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports an eye care programme that has reached 76,459 people in the prevention of blindness. This includes 2,741 persons that received eye surgery, more than 16,000 people that were treated for eye diseases and 7,083 persons that received spectacles to improve their eyesight. Additionally, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD has supported a new eye care training centre, where complicated surgery can take place. Staff received education at this training centre, and the amount of patients operated on has doubled compared to 2012.

Rehabilitation and inclusive education is another topic that LIGHT FOR THE WORLD works on in Afghanistan. In 2013, amongst other achievements, 203 teachers were trained in inclusive education and 28 field workers were trained as rehabilitation workers. The programme also supported students entering inclusive education and persons with a disability starting their own business. Also, due to lobbying and advocacy activities, the parliament has agreed a law which will be of benefit to persons with a disability.

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 family member with a disability. The project aims to improve the livelihoods of these ultra-poor families by improving food security and helping 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.

A new project has started to enhance rehabilitation services for people with disabilities across Bangladesh. Over the next four years over 30,000 people will receive assistive devices and therapy services. To achieve structural change, the referral system as well as the national expertise centre will be strengthened.

Papua New Guinea

Deafness and hearing impairments are extremely widespread among the population of Papua New Guinea, but until recently no common sign language existed. With few official signs and a repertoire of individually invented gestures, everyday communication is possible, but formal education and complex topics (including legal action) are basically out of reach. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD works on the inclusion of hearing impaired persons in the health and education system and supports the development of an official and fully functional sign language for Papua New Guinea.

19,539 children and adults with hearing impairments have been reached in 2013; 23,531 children with various disabilities received support on our rehabilitation programmes.
The development of a national sign language for Papua New Guinea helps hearing impaired persons to access education and other services.

Thanks to a generous donation of drugs used in post-surgery treatment from the pharmaceutical companies CROMA and Bausch & Lomb we were again able to support 22 eye clinics and health posts throughout the country in saving eyesight.

Philippines

Although the Philippines have a fast-growing economy, there is huge economic inequality, with a small group of rich elite and a large group of people who live below the poverty line.

In November, typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda hit the Philippines, leaving behind many vulnerable people, especially those with a disability who have difficulty accessing aid. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports her partner organisation with an emergency aid project to aid people with a (visual) disability. The project focuses on rebuilding and repairing the homes of blind people, and hopes to rebuild the 32 special education centres that were damaged during the typhoon.

Eastern Europe

Bosnia-Herzegovina

In collaboration with our project partners we promote inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society. We support specialised day care centres which are open to the public and develop into community centres for the whole population. The original five community centres we started in 2011 now share their experiences with others and help them to become more inclusive. To ensure that the next generation takes an active interest in an inclusive society, youth groups have become important stakeholders in the process.

Supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD, teenagers with and without disabilities advocate together for an inclusive society.

In 2013, 10,848 persons with disabilities received support in our programmes.

In the Philippines we support schools for blind and visually disabled children. After the typhoon Haiyan hit, we helped families to rebuild their homes.
# Africa

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## Nekekele
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## Somma Regional
- **Trachoma Mapping**

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## GINÉE
- **Konakry**
  - Drugs for Eye Clinic

## MALI
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## MOZAMBIQUE
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  - Drugs for Eye Clinic

## MOCAMBICO
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- 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: Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
- National: Disability Mainstreaming and Inclusive Education
- Dhaka: Emergency Relief for the Savar Factory

### 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 Kampong 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
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- Assam: Diagnostic Camps and Eye Care Services
- Assam: Mobile Eye Care Services
- Barapara: Inclusive Education and Rehabilitation Programme for Children who are Deaf
- Bokulgaon: Daycare Centre for Children with Learning Disabilities
- Manipur: Advocacy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Meghalaya: Mobile Eye Care Services
- Northeast India: Integration of Children with Disabilities in Schools
- Northeast India: Community Based Rehabilitation Programmes in 1 District
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What We Achieved in 2013

Allocation of Funds

In 2013, our total income increased to 21,102,031 €. 76% were used for programme work and advocacy. With this investment we reached 1,177,197 persons with eye problems or disabilities in Africa, Asia, South America and Eastern Europe.

Core Work Areas
Our focus is on eye care. 54% of our budget goes into prevention of blindness programmes and providing comprehensive and barrier-free eye care services. In addition to the over 950,000 persons reached in our programmes, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD distributed medication to treat trachoma and onchocerciasis to more than 2.2 million people, thus treating neglected tropical diseases and saving them from irreversible blindness.

41% of our funds were used to make rehabilitation and other health services, education and livelihood accessible to persons with disabilities in underdeveloped regions.
A further 5% went into promoting human rights and an inclusive society.

Regional Focus
The main percentage (62%) of our support goes to Africa, followed by Asia (21%) and international initiatives (11%).

81% of all cataract surgeries performed in programmes supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD in 2013 were done in Africa, and the majority of all children with disabilities reached (54%) live in Asian countries.

Administration and Information
In 2013, 20% of our income was used to provide information on our work programme, public relations, donor administration and to raise awareness on inclusive society across Europe. Thanks to the extensive pro bono support of PR companies, we are able to keep our promotional costs at a low level, while at the same time making the public aware of our core areas – eye care, rehabilitation and human rights for all.

Expenses for administration and infrastructure amounted to 3% of our funds.

Persons reached

Persons who benefitted from the Programmes of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD in 2013

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CARACT ACT SURGERIES 2013 (by continent): 56,367

- 80% Africa: 45,560
- 19% Asia: 10,804
- <1% South America: 3

CHILDREN IN REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES 2013 (by continent): 73,554

- 54% Asia: 40,151
- 43% Africa: 31,935
- 2% South America: 1,311
- <1% Europe: 322
Financial Foundation of our Work

Sources of Funding

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD received 21,102,031 € in donations, institutional and government funding in 2013. Our funds were used to support 185 projects around the world and promote an inclusive society at national level and within the international community.

Private Sources
Donations from individuals, companies or institutions amounted to 58% of our total income in 2013. They are the solid base of our work.

2% of our funds came from bequests. In 2013, we received a substantial donation in kind from CROMA and Bausch + Lomb – drugs used during surgery and for the after treatment of cataract patients, which we distributed to eye clinics in our partner countries.

Governmental Support and Foundations
Governmental support is our second highest source of income, amounting to 15% of our budget. The development agencies of Austria, the Czech Republic and the government of the Netherlands supported programmes in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burkina Faso and South Sudan.

14% of our funds in 2013 came from Foundations and Trusts.

European Union
The 3-year-project “END EXCLUSION – Let’s Enable the Millennium Development Goals” was concluded in 2014 and was entirely funded by the European Union to raise awareness among young Europeans for an inclusive society. Further project
support from the European Union went into initiatives in Tanzania, South Sudan, eastern and southern Africa and Papua New Guinea. The total amount of EU support in 2013 was 642,957 €.

Our thanks go to all the individuals, institutions and supporters who make our work possible. With their help we reached 1.1 million people in underdeveloped regions, performed 56,367 cataract surgeries and 15,100 eyelid surgeries, distributed drugs to treat trachoma and onchocerciasis to 1.5 million people, supported 73,554 children with disabilities to gain access to education and rehabilitation services and advocated for an inclusive society.

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 2013 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. We have established an internal quality management system across the Confederation and implement an anti-corruption policy within the organisation as well as with our project partners.

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

Partners and Supporters

- European Union
- Austrian Development Cooperation
- Czech Development Agency
- Belgian Development Cooperation
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
- Ministry of Sports of Austria
- Federal province of Upper Austria
- Federal Provinces of Lower Austria
- Federal Province of Salzburg
- Federal Province of Styria
- Federal Province of Vienna
- Federal Province of Vorarlberg

- Africa Action e. V.
- Amsterdam Blind Foundation
- Bausch + Lomb
- CROMA Pharma
- Dr. Silvia Bopp Foundation
- Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung
- Het Schild Foundation
- Karl Kahane Foundation
- Foundation L'Occitane
- Liberty Foundation
- Medicor Foundation
- Rotterdam Blind Foundation
- Seva Foundation
- Sightsavers
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