HCP CUREBLINDNESS’ WORK IN SOUTH SUDAN

Globally, 43 million people are blind—80% of this burden is treatable or preventable.

- HCP Cureblindness began working in South Sudan in December 2011.
- Since 2011, HCP has hosted 19 surgical outreaches in South Sudan, providing sight-restoring surgeries to treat cataracts and trachomatous trichiasis (TT).
- HCP surgical outreaches present opportunities to transfer skills to in-country medical staff and increase in-country capacity to treat those in need of eye care.
- After years of conflict and with only a small handful of eye care professionals serving a population of nearly 11 million people, most South Sudanese lack adequate access to eye care.
- South Sudan currently has five ophthalmologists, which means one physician per 2.75 million people.

9,800+ SIGHT-RESTORING SURGERIES

19 SURGICAL OUTREACHES

COMPLETED TOGETHER WITH OUR PARTNERS SINCE OUR FIRST IN-COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP IN 2011
WHY WE HELP

For millions of people, blindness is treatable. Unfortunately, 90% of people suffering from vision loss live in low- and middle-income countries where a solution isn’t available.¹ Without care, blindness dramatically affects individuals, their families and their communities.

• Blind children are more likely to die in childhood than children with good vision, especially in low-income countries.²
• Vision loss is linked to social exclusion more broadly, including the experience of negative attitudes, violence and bullying, sexual assault, and loneliness.³
• The restoration of sight helps break the cycle of poverty and inequity.⁴ Studies show that as many as 90% of blind individuals in poor communities cannot work.⁵ 55% of the world’s blind are women - and 90% of women who are blind are living in poverty.⁶
• Sight helps people learn. Children can learn twice as much when they see clearly.⁷

HOW WE HELP

HCP’s approach to eye care is unique—it focuses on building local capacity, ensuring quality infrastructure and equipment are available, enabling quality patient care and aiding effective prevention. We provide training and equipment to healthcare professionals, who then go on to provide eye care services in their own communities. This action-based approach builds local leadership, empowers key actors, and develops sustainable practices from the ground up.

WHERE WE STARTED

Founded in 1995 in Nepal by Dr. Geoff Tabin and Dr. Sanduk Ruit on their dream to end needless blindness in the world, HCP Cureblindness today provides critical eye care services, training for ophthalmic professionals, and enhanced eye care infrastructure where they are needed most.

OUR VISION

We envision a world in which no person is needlessly blind.

OUR MISSION

We enable countries to cure needless blindness by developing high-quality, cost-effective eye care in underserved areas of the world.

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IAPB Vision Atlas
2 United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
3 Africa Humanitarian Action
4 Lancet
8 BMJ
10 BMJ

1, 5, 9 Unite for Sight
2 Aravind Eye Hospital
3 World Economic Forum