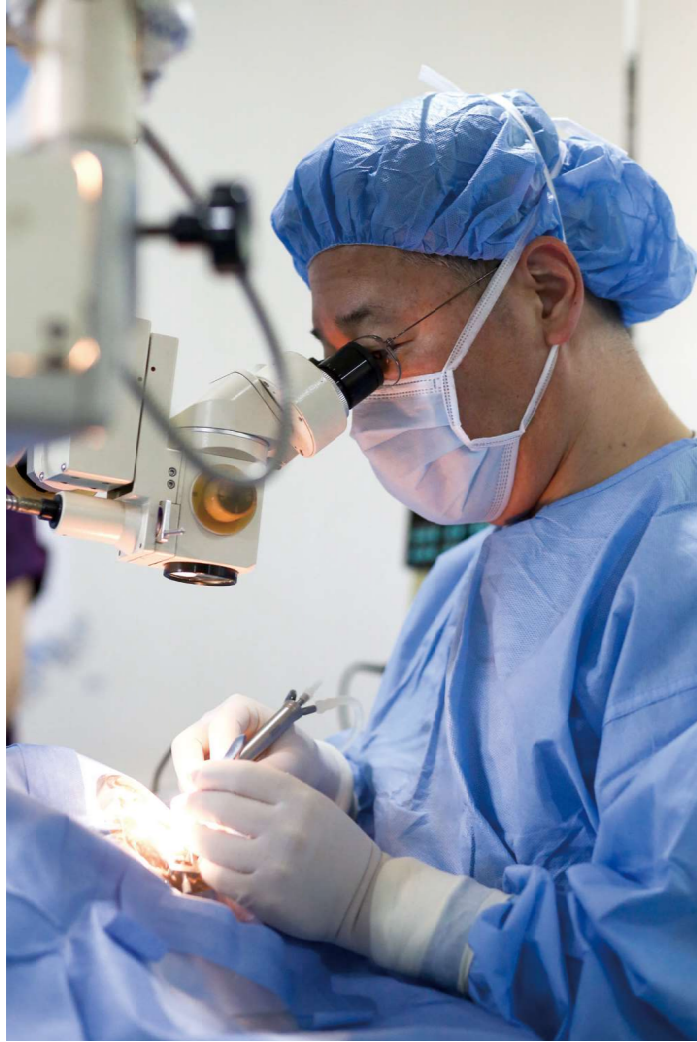




Sharing a Brighter World Together



Sharing the fruits of Vision Care in 2018 & 2019



Greetings!

I send each of you warm regards and wishes for health and safety during the recent global COVID-19 viral pandemic. Vision Care is adjusting to a new reality as most of our Vision Eye Camps planned for the first half of 2020 have been canceled. While we bear a heavy heart for the individuals and families who have been affected by this illness, we continue to make plans for the future.

This year I have been reminded of our mission to join VISION 2020, a global initiative launched in 1999 by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) to eliminate avoidable blindness by the year 2020. Since its inception, 195 member countries and over 60 partnering organizations and institutions have put their efforts together to establish and secure appropriate infrastructure and resources to provide quality access to eye healthcare around the world. Together we have been able to successfully decrease the number of people suffering from blindness and visual impairment. Through the active contributions of Vision Care volunteers and medical professionals, churches, and local missionaries in 38 countries, we have worked together towards these goals and I feel forever indebted to all of you for your support.

During the past ten years, Vision Care has focused on enhancing the eye health system in Ethiopia by building the capacity of our local partner hospital and medical staff, and we have established medical staff training programs through our branch offices in Uganda and Tanzania. Quality of Life evaluations that were subsequently conducted in these three countries indicate that patients, upon receiving sight-restoring surgeries, have gained greater physical and social independence. Moreover, community eye health awareness programs in Ethiopia and Uganda targeting teachers, parents, and public health staff have resulted in improved eye health knowledge, attitudes, and practices. We have also launched new branches in Tonga and Morocco to lay the foundation for tangible improvements in the eye health services offered in these countries. We hope that these long-term projects through our 10 branch offices along with our Vision Eye Camps in 39 countries will continue to build “A Brighter World Together!”

Lastly, I am very pleased to let you know that Vision Care is now an official associated member of the United Nations Department of Global Communications, which until recently was known as the United Nations Department of Public Information (UNDPI). We hope that such news will bring greater momentum in continuing our noble mission.

Vision Care promises to work even harder in 2020, by renewing our commitment to strengthen the global eye health community and seeking to become a more influential member working together with our partners. We celebrate what has already been accomplished and ask for your continued prayers and support as we look to the mission that lies ahead.

Donghae Kim, MD
Founder and President, Vision Care

Mission

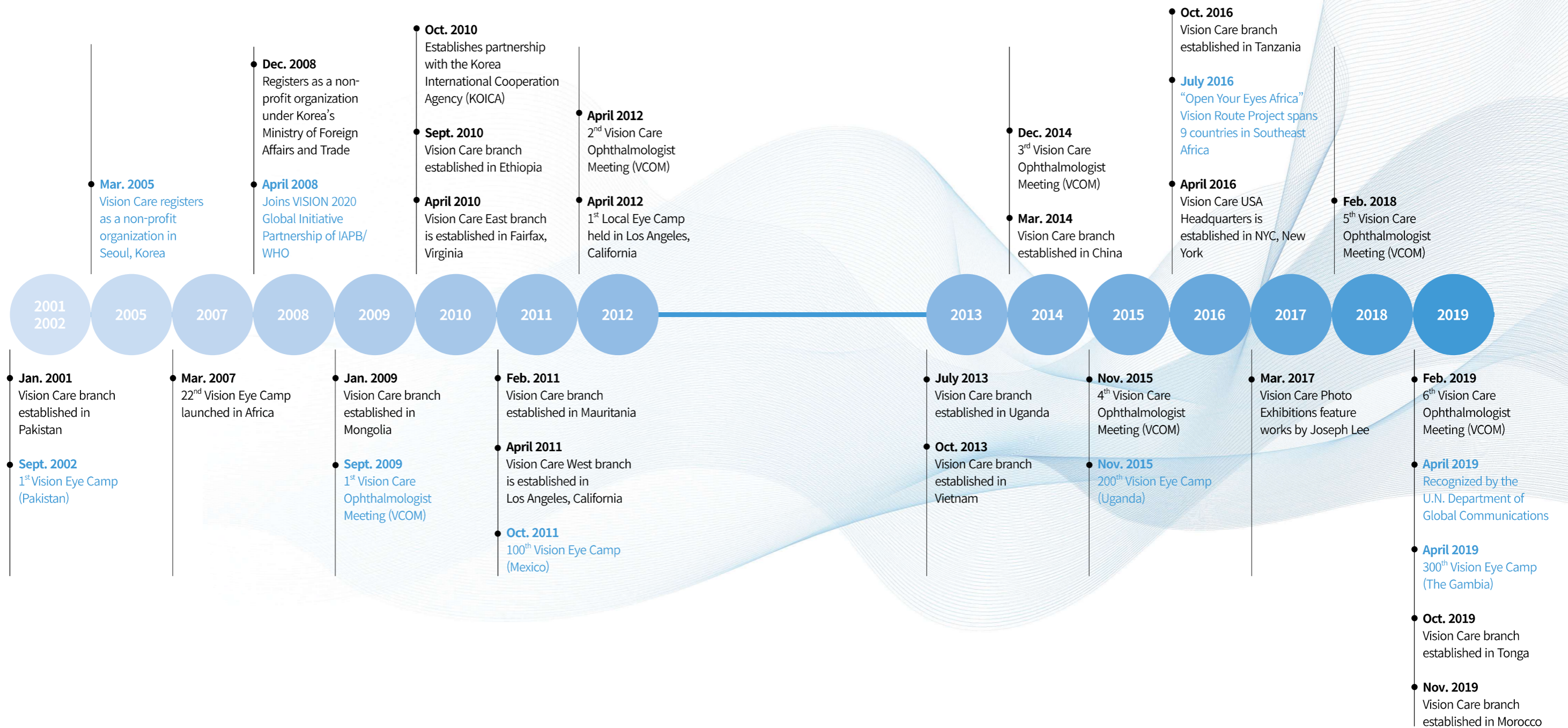
As God commands us to love our neighbors and serve them with His love and compassion, we go everywhere in the world to help those who are suffering, especially from vision disabilities, so that they will be able to see with healthy eyes, minds, and souls.

Vision

We aim to let the world know that although vision problems can be recovered by proper prevention and timely treatment, there are many people losing sight daily due to poor living conditions. We help patients get regular treatment at short-term eye camps and long-term base clinics by having doctors, missionaries, volunteers, and sponsors work together.

History of Vision Care

Since 2002, Vision Care has been bringing the light of hope to those who are suffering from visual impairment - to individuals, families, and communities.



2002-2019 Map of Vision Care Activities

Activities in
39
Countries

Branches in
10
Countries

Vision Eye Camps	320
- Surgeries	26,375
- Outpatient Examinations	174,919
- Eyeglass Distribution	44,437

Local Medical Staff Training	72
- Ophthalmologists (PTC)	20
- Nurses (SONTC)	38
- Ophthalmic Technicians (OTTC)	14

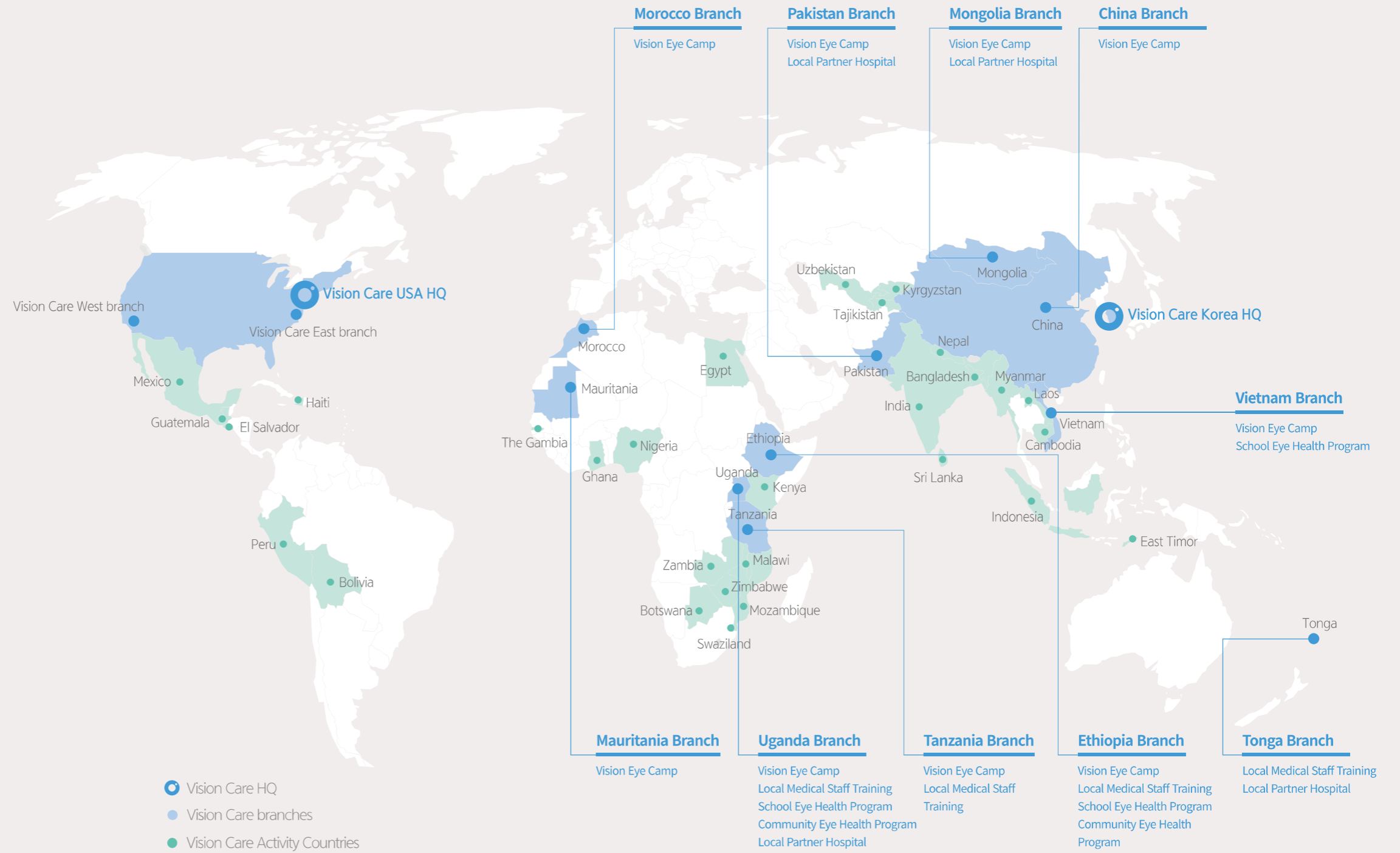
Trainee Invitation Program in Korea	12 visits / 29 participants
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School Eye Examinations	112,304
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Community Eye Health Program	23,344
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Mobile Examinations	27,935
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Local Hospital Cooperation	
- Surgeries	13,119
- Outpatient Examinations	194,887



Highlights from 2018 & 2019

5th and 6th Vision Care Ophthalmologist Meeting (VCOM)

Through VCOM (50 participants at 5th meeting, 40 participants at 6th meeting), ophthalmologists shared their experiences, knowledge and insights related to their respective international blindness relief activities and discussed areas for improvement.



6th VCOM gathering

Vision Care Blog and Instagram Launch

Vision Care launched its blog and Instagram to share our news with various different groups of people. Through the blog, you can read not only about our Vision Care activities but also topics related to current eye health issues, trainee stories, and news from our overseas branches.



Vision Care blog

2018 & 2019 Vision Week / World Sight Day Campaign

With both the World Sight Day and Vision Week taking place annually during the second week of October, throughout this week, we organized meaningful online and offline events on the current status of global blindness and relief activities, and launched a special fundraising campaign with EONE timepiece.



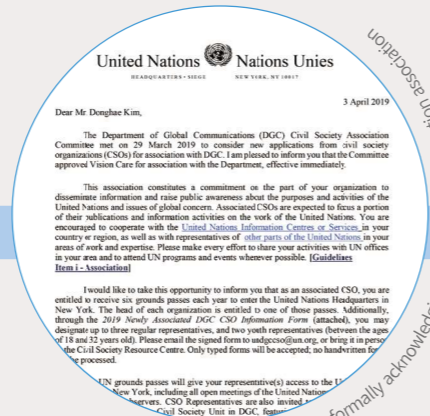
2018 Vision Week street event



Group photo during the last day of the 300th Vision Eye Camp in The Gambia

Celebrating 300th Eye Camp in The Gambia

Vision Care held its milestone 300th Vision Eye Camp in the Brikama region of The Gambia, a country where there are only 3 ophthalmologists. We would like to thank all the volunteers and supporters who have made our Vision Eye Camps possible, from the first in Pakistan (Sept. 2002) to the 300th in The Gambia (Apr. 2019).



UNDGC letter formally acknowledging Civil Society Organization association

Vision Care Receives UNDGC Civil Society Organization Status

Vision Care was designated as an associated Civil Society Organization (CSO) by the United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC). Vision Care will continue to carry its mission in cooperation with international organizations and other governmental entities to make ophthalmic medical services available to all.



Vision Care Korea staff in the new Shinchon office

New Vision Care Korea HQ Location

In January 2019, Vision Care Korea moved from Myongdong to Shinchon. As we leave the beloved Myongdong office and adjust to our new location, we also gained a renewed sense of commitment and determination to achieve our mission.



Dr. Lisiatie, general manager of the Tonga partner hospital

Opening of Morocco and Tonga Branches

Vision Care established the Tonga and Morocco branches in October and November 2019. Please cheer for our newest branches as they lay the foundation for building the capacity of their local eye health systems, and prepare short-term and long-term strategic activities.

2018/2019 Vision Eye Camp

Through our Vision Eye Camps, Vision Care has been actively committed to restoring sight and preventing blindness by treating cataracts, the leading cause of global blindness and visual impairment. In 2018 alone, 26 Vision Eye Camps were held in 17 countries, providing thousands of sight-restoring surgeries. In 2019, we were able to share the gift of sight through 27 Vision Eye Camps held in 15 countries.

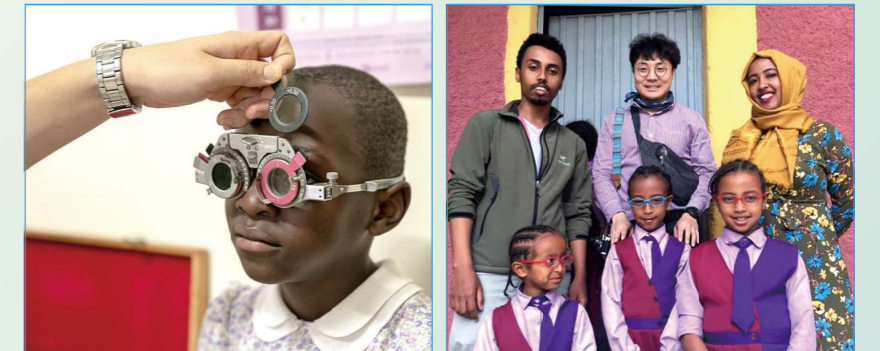


Where We Work

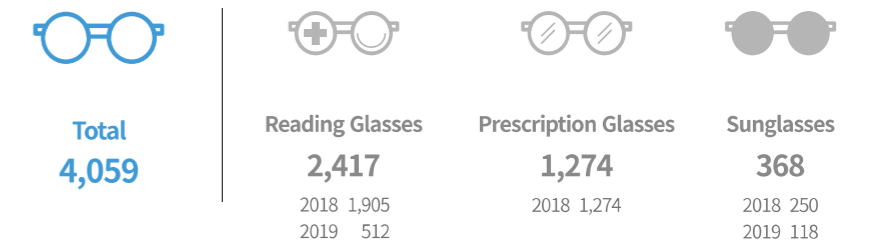
Central & South America	3 countries	3 Vision Eye Camps	El Salvador, Guatemala, Peru
Asia	9 countries	16 Vision Eye Camps	Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Vietnam
Africa	9 countries	34 Vision Eye Camps	Ethiopia, The Gambia, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe

2018/2019 Eyeglass Distribution Program

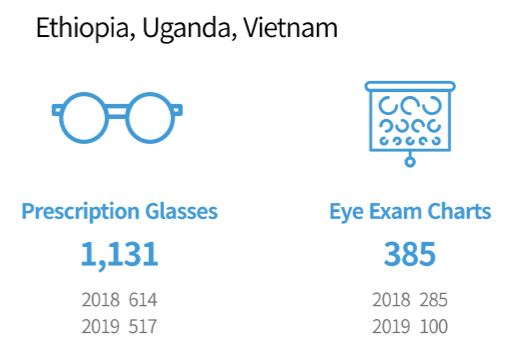
Those with visual impairment from refractive error can be treated with prescription glasses through appropriate examination and timely treatment. At both our Vision Eye Camps and local branch offices, we perform eye examinations and provide prescription glasses, reading glasses and sunglasses, helping people improve their quality of life. In 2018 and 2019, Vision Care distributed 4,043 and 1,147 pairs of glasses, respectively, and donated hundreds of eye charts to local schools and community health centers.



Vision Eye Camp



School Eye Health Program



2018/2019 Vision Training

We believe that the key to long-term sustainability is to build the capacity of our partner hospitals by training local doctors, nurses and other medical personnel. In addition to our core training program for ophthalmologists (PTC), surgical nurses (SONTC), and ophthalmic technicians (OTTC) at our branch offices, Vision Care provides additional learning opportunities through our special Visiting Fellowship Program and other Eye Health Education initiatives. Local medical staff who undergo the training program through Vision Care then participate in helping train other medical personnel, creating long-term synergy and growth.



Local Medical Staff Training



Continuing Medical Education (CME)

2018 Topic: Oculoplastic Surgery / 8 participants
2019 Topic: Herpes Simplex Keratitis, Dry Eye Syndrome / 18 participants
Host Country: Ethiopia

Visiting Fellowship Program

Four Ophthalmologists were invited to attend the Korean Ophthalmological Society Meeting in South Korea, where they visited multiple private ophthalmology clinics and medical facilities and met with eye health professionals in medicine and public health.
(Ethiopia - 2 in 2018 / 2 in 2019)

2018/2019 Vision Eye Center

By leveraging our branch presence and local hospital partnerships in 10 countries, Vision Care aims to strengthen local eye care capacity and develop infrastructure through long-term projects. Using a community-oriented approach we hope to improve local resources and eliminate preventable blindness for people of all ages.



School Eye Health Programs

Year	No. of Schools	Students Screened	Surgery Referrals
2018	43	18,472	13
2019	29	13,433	17

* 2018: Ethiopia, Uganda, Vietnam /
2019: Ethiopia, Uganda

Community Eye Health Programs in Clinics and Remote Areas

Year	Clinics	Examinations	Surgery Referrals	Remote Areas	Examinations	Surgery Referrals
2018	14	3,458	5	8	1,925	1,925
2019	13	4,633	20	19	10,803	2,721

*2018: Ethiopia, Uganda / 2019: Ethiopia, Uganda, Pakistan

Eye Health Activities with Partner Hospitals

Year	Partner Hospitals	Eye Examinations	Surgeries
2018	5	24,393	1,860
2019	5	22,358	1,471

* 2018-2019: Ethiopia, Uganda, Pakistan, Mongolia, Tanzania
* Surgical procedures include cataract surgery, YAG laser capsulotomy, pediatric strabismus surgery, pterygium excision, and glaucoma surgery.

Medical Equipment Support

2018: 10 donations / 2019: 9 donations

* 2018-2019: Ethiopia, Uganda, China
* Equipment Support – Includes Surgical microscope, set of Cataract surgery equipment, Examination equipment and Sanitizing equipment.

Education to Enhance Eye Health Awareness

2018: In Ethiopia, educational sessions were led by 4 Vision Care instructors for 442 participants including teachers, parents and clinical staff. A follow-up survey showed these sessions led to a 50% increased awareness of practices for the prevention, treatment and management of common eye conditions.
2019: In Ethiopia and Uganda, educational sessions were led by 4 Vision Care instructors for 461 participants including teachers, parents and clinical staff. A follow-up survey showed these sessions led to a 92% and 33% increased awareness of practices for the prevention, treatment and management of common eye conditions.

2018/2019 Vision Network

Vision Care Ophthalmologist Meeting



5th Vision Care Ophthalmologist Meeting

- Feb. 4, 2018 / 50 ophthalmologist participants.
- Exchanged experiences and cases involving international eye health.
- Shared technologies and knowledge of ECCE (Extracapsular Cataract Extraction) and MSICS (Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery).
- Proposed short-term and long-term global eye health strategies.



6th Vision Care Ophthalmologist Meeting

- Feb. 17, 2019 / 40 ophthalmologist participants.
- Presented miLOOP cataract surgery techniques for developing countries.
- Shared overseas medical experiences and activities and successful cases in eye health work.
- Shared experiences of global cooperation among doctors (case reports from Ethiopia).



Establishing MOUs with Local Partners



	Country	Organization	Program
2018	Ethiopia	- Addis Ababa Education Bureau - St. Paul's Hospital	School Eye Health Screening Program
		- Ras Desta Hospital - Jimma University Hospital Department of Ophthalmology - Ambo Hospital - Addis Ababa University Department of Ophthalmology - Dil Chora Hospital	Local Eye Health Activity Cooperation & Consumable Medical Supply Support
		- Ministry of Health	Local Eye Health Business Approval Support
2019	Tanzania	- Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital	Local Eye Health Activity Cooperation
	Kyrgyzstan	- National Hospital of Kyrgyz Republic	Local Eye Health Activity Cooperation

Scientific Congress of the College of Ophthalmology of Eastern Central and Southern Africa (COECSA)



2018 COECSA

- Aug. 29~31 / Vision Care Headquarter representatives, 4 local staff members, 3 medical staff from the local partner hospital.
- Vision Care surgical wet-lab teaching miLOOP technique in cooperation with doctors from the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS).

2019 COECSA

- Aug. 21~23 / 3 medical staff from the local partner hospital.
- Presentation on Vision Care's 6-year experience leading Phacoemulsification Training Courses (PTC) in Ethiopia.

2018/2019 Special Stories from the Field



We met Blessing at the School Eye Examination Program in Uganda

Eight-year-old Blessing was deaf from birth and cannot speak. Moreover, she had strabismus in her right eye, a challenge for her as she had to rely mainly on her left eye. Fortunately, Vision Care's branch in Uganda leads an eye health screening program at the Mulago School of the Deaf where Blessing goes to school. Through this program, she was able to receive an examination from an ophthalmologist at Bethesda Hospital, the partner hospital of Vision Care in Uganda. Through the examination, Blessing was also diagnosed with cataract in her right eye and subsequently received sight-restoring surgery at the Vision Care's 290th Eye Camp in Uganda. Now Blessing is able to see and dream a brighter world with a smile.



Tesfaye receives Phaco Training in Ethiopia and Special Invitation to Korea

Tesfaye is an Ethiopian ophthalmologist who had completed all 4 phases of Vision Care's Phacoemulsification Training Course (PTC) in 2018. In November 2019, through a special invitation from Vision Care, Tesfaye was able to go to Korea to participate in a conference organized by the Korean Ophthalmological Society. There, he also visited various hospitals in Ophthalmology to see and learn about the eye care environment in Korea, including their medical systems, general hospital layout, and latest eye examination equipment. In addition, Tesfaye visited various sights in Korea including Gyeongbok Palace, Cheonggyecheon, and Memorial Hall for Ethiopian Veterans in the Korean War located in Chuncheon. Upon completion of his visit, he shared about his experiences. "I have learned so much by visiting the Korean ophthalmology hospitals. In particular, I was impressed by the cutting-edge medical equipment that is difficult to see in Ethiopia and the well-thought-out use of space and equipment stationed to facilitate efficient examination of patients. I would like to thank Vision Care for giving me the opportunity to learn so much through the Korea Invitation Program."

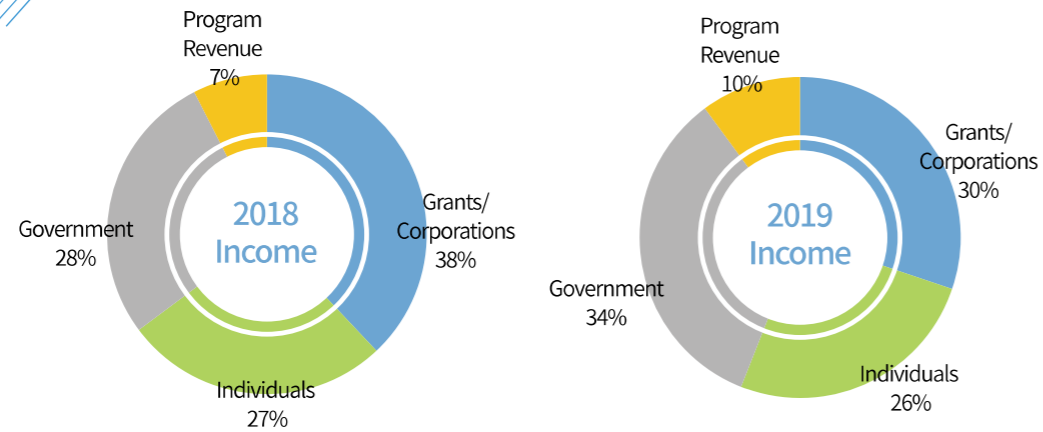


Bringing Smiles to Ibrima at the 300th Gambia Eye Camp

Ibrima developed cataracts after a tree branch scratched his cornea while he was playing with a friend at school. However, his eye injury was left untreated as there were no Ophthalmological services nearby. Fortunately, the 300th Vision Eye Camp took place in The Gambia two weeks later, which allowed Ibrima the chance to receive a successful cataract surgery requiring general anesthesia. While prior to receiving the sight-restoring surgery Ibrima was shy and anxious, when he returned for his post-op examination, he met the Vision Care Eye Camp team with a bright smile and full of energy. With his restored vision, we cheer for Ibrima who looks forward to playing soccer again with his friends.

2018/2019 Financial Summary

Income >>>

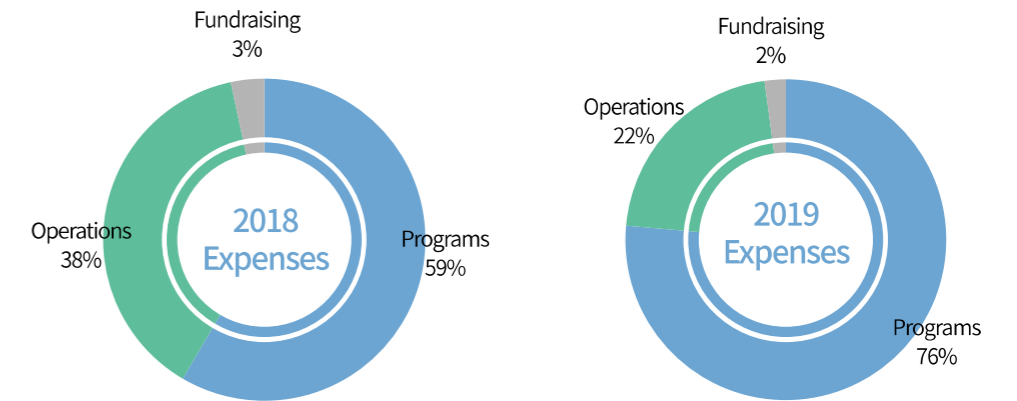


Exchange Rate: KRW 1,156 / USD 1

Category	2018		2019		
1. Beginning Balance	\$ 171,869		\$ 156,041		
2. Income	Amount (\$)	Percentage (%)	Amount (\$)	Percentage (%)	
Contributions	Grants/Corporations	514,352	38	393,132	30
	Individuals	363,578	27	335,948	26
	Government	374,497	28	441,699	34
	Other	15	0		0
	Total Contributions	1,252,442		1,170,780	
Earned Income	Program Revenue	101,534	7	131,471	10
	Total Earned Income	101,534		131,471	
Total Income	1,353,976		1,302,250		

* Program Revenue includes Vision Eye Camp participation fees.

Expenses >>>



Exchange Rate: KRW 1,156 / USD 1

Category	2018		2019	
3. Expenses	Amount (\$)	Percentage (%)	Amount (\$)	Percentage (%)
Program Expenses	Vision Eye Camp	319,043	579,558	
	Vision Eye Center - Ethiopia	346,388	290,915	
	Vision Eye Center - Uganda	91,809	155,941	
	Vision Eye Center - Pakistan	10,793	5,437	76
	Vision Eye Center - Tanzania	31,365	23,952	
	Vision Eye Center - Vietnam	1,022		
	Vision Eye Center - Other	467		
	Total	799,888		1,055,803
Operation Expenses	Operations	523,019	296,888	22
	Fundraising	45,671	29,374	2
	Other	1,226	2,481	0
	Total	569,916	328,743	
Total Expenses	1,369,804		1,384,546	
4. Ending Balance	\$ 156,041		\$ 73,745	

* Due to the change in Korean GAAP, from the fiscal year 2019, we have separated the various HR/personnel costs associated with the activities in each country and allocated these expenses under each country's respective eye health activities.

* Operation Expenses include staff salary, rent, and general operating costs.

* Fundraising Expenses include costs related to on/off-line campaigns, PR material production, and donor cultivation & engagement activities.

2018/2019 Shining Moments

“Restore Sight, Share Vision!” With this honorable mission in mind, I began participating in the Vision Care Eye Camps. And while there I saw that restoring eye sight for one person not only has an impact on the quality of life for the individual, but also makes a tremendous difference in the surrounding community. Through Vision Care, I was able to contribute my knowledge and skills towards this amazing work. I will continue to support Vision Care with my time, expertise, and financial means. I strongly encourage you to join me in supporting this organization and its mission.



I have always volunteered my time for medical mission trips from my days as a student in college to now as a physician. Lately, all of my medical mission work has been done with Vision Care. The organization does an amazing job handling all of the logistics of the trip. Every patient is treated with the same level of technology and care as they would be in the United States. Cataract surgery is also one of the best surgeries to be done for medical mission trips because it can restore vision quickly and the patients do not require lifelong follow up. I have brought many residents and medical students with me on these trips to introduce them to this wonderful organization and would encourage anyone interested to join on the next trip.



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As a medical student, I have always wanted to find ways to integrate my training with my faith. In particular, as a Korean American, I have found very few mentors with my background and faith in the field of medicine. To be able to pray, laugh, and serve the patients in Morocco with ophthalmologists at Vision Care was an experience I will never forget. Returning home, I feel energized and even more convinced that this is the field that God has called me to. I hope that this is not the last but the first of many opportunities to serve with Vision Care in the many eye camps to come!



Vision Care founder Dr. Donghae Kim had said that “Recovering sight after surgery is the beginning of a new life” and this resonated deep in my heart. In New York / New Jersey where I currently live, Vision Care also organizes a Local Eye Camp which takes place every year where they provide free eye examinations and cataract surgeries for seniors and others in the local community. When I realize that my little help can change someone’s life, I always wish I can do more to contribute - and I sincerely thank Vision Care for allowing me the opportunity to participate in this precious mission.



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