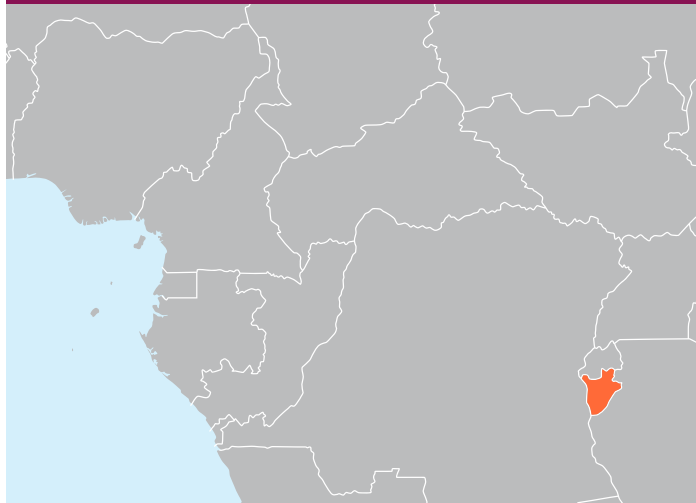


# Burundi Fact Sheet

SEVA'S WORK AT A GLANCE: In country since 2016 | Partner: 1

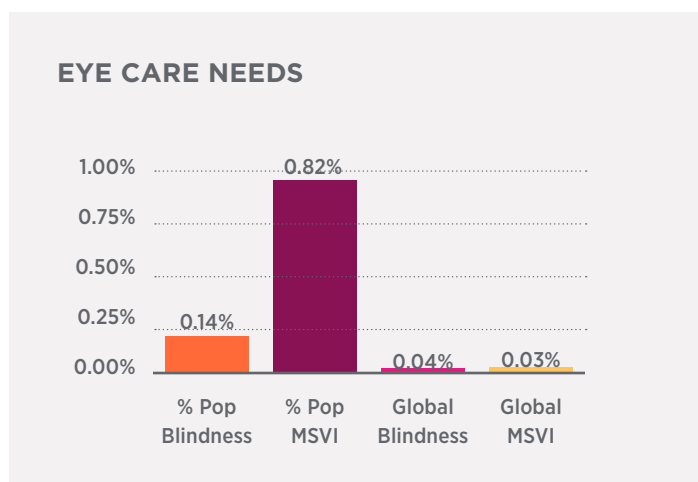


## Country Overview

- » Located in Sub-Saharan Africa
- » Burundi spans 10,747 mi<sup>2</sup>
- » Population: 11.9 million
- » 2020 Human Development Index Ranking: 185 of 189 countries<sup>1</sup>

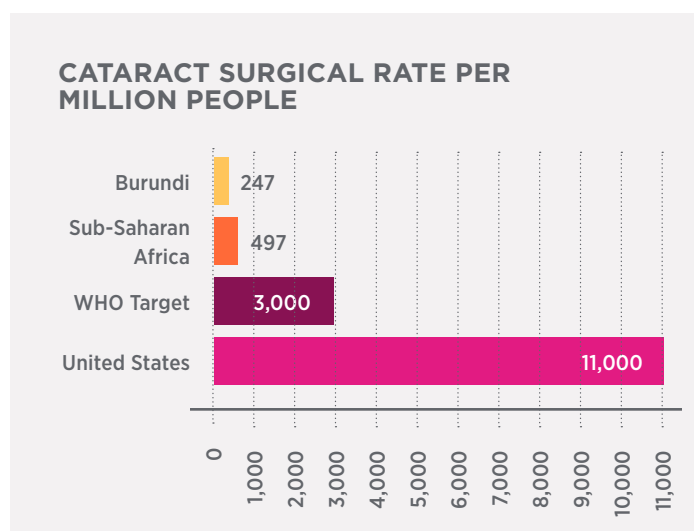
## Scope of Eye Care Needs<sup>2</sup>

- » 0.14% of Burundi's population is blind (17,000), as compared to 0.19% in the United States
- » 0.82% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment (97,624), as compared to 2.02% in the United States
- » 0.04% of global blindness
- » 0.03% of global MSVI



## Nationwide Eye Care Response

Burundi's 2014 CSR was 247 surgeries per million, as compared to the US CSR of 11,000 and Sub-Saharan Africa's CSR of 497/million. Seva Foundation works to improve these rates through our hospital management systems and training support.



<sup>1</sup> 2020 UNDP Human Development Report: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/countries>

<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all country sight statistics from IAPB Vision Atlas: <http://atlas.iapb.org/global-action-plan/gap-indicators/>

### Seva's Approach in Burundi

Established in 2001 in response to the VISION 2020 initiative the Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology works to increase access to high-quality eye care services provided by Africans for Africans. with Seva's support in hospital management systems and training, KCCO partners with local governmental hospitals to train community health workers, conduct outreach trips to rural communities without regular access to eye care, provide clinical training for ophthalmologists and cataract surgeons, and providing funds for medical treatments for those who cannot afford them. This year, Seva supported efforts to reach children with eye care and equipped the clinic with training equipment that residents will use to learn how to provide quality eye care exams.

### Impact of COVID-19 in Burundi

COVID-19 continues to have an impact on the country. Throughout, Seva's partner has been able to provide necessary eye care services using enhanced safety measures. Cases have increased substantially in the third quarter of 2021. Burundi is in the process of procuring its first COVID-19 vaccines for its population.

#### EYE CARE PERSONNEL

1.3



Ophthalmologists per million people

0.2



Optometrists per million people

2



Ophthalmic personnel per million people

= 1 million people

### SPOTLIGHT ON REACHING CHILDREN

Chris had experienced problems seeing since he was two. His parents knew there was a problem but hoped that it would go away. However, as he grew, the problem did not go away. When they took him to their local health center, the clinic referred him to Seva's partner in Bujumbura. The clinic knew where to refer because of the work the hospital had done to increase understanding of pediatric eye care needs. Chris's parents took him to the clinic where he was diagnosed with cataract and underwent surgery. Despite the delayed care, Chris regained some vision. The month after his surgery, his mother reported he had become more playful and she knew his vision would continue to improve when he received his glasses.

### IMPACT (FY 2020-2021)\*

6,607

Children screened

230

Children receiving surgery

51

Children receiving glasses

### Resources:

[Seva's Partner: KCCO](#)

\* Numbers based on reports received.

## BURUNDI FACT SHEET

