

Mexico Fact Sheet

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Country Overview

- » Location: North America
- » Mexico spans over 1,972,550 Square Kms (761,610 Mi²)
- » Population: 129 million
- » 2020 Human Development Index Ranking: 74 of 189 countries¹

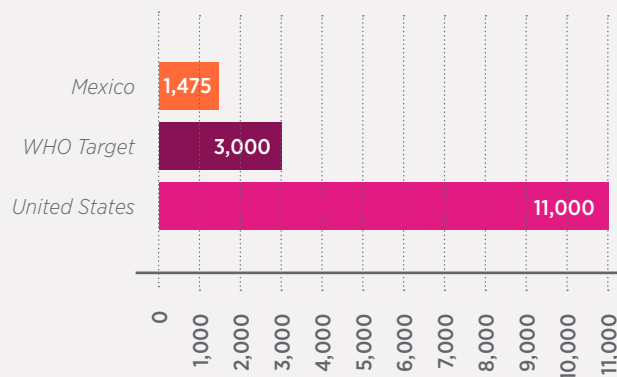
Scope of Eye Care Needs²

- » 0.42% of Mexico's population is blind, as compared to 0.19% in the United States
- » 3.54% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment or MSVI, as compared to 2.02% in the United States
- » Mexico accounts for 1.26% of global blindness and 1.58% of global MSVI

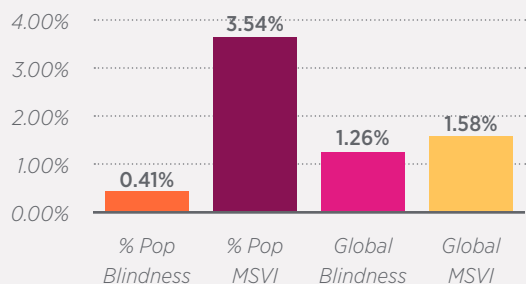
Nationwide Eye Care Response

- » Mexico's Cataract Surgical Rate is 1,475 per million as of 2013
- » There are 42.5 ophthalmologists/million people
- » There are 56.3 optometrists/million people
- » There are 47 AOPs per million people

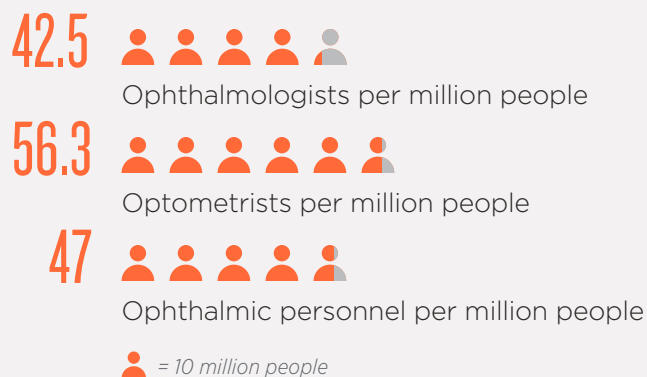
CATARACT SURGICAL RATE PER MILLION PEOPLE



EYE CARE NEEDS



EYE CARE PERSONNEL



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

² Unless otherwise noted, all statistics provided by IAPB Vision Atlas Global Vision Database.

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Seva's Approach in Mexico

Seva and Visualiza Clínica Médica Oftalmológica, a leading eye hospital in Guatemala, began a partnership through Global Sight Initiative (GSI) to mentor Queretaro-based Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología (IMO) in 2013. Through capacity building efforts and careful planning, IMO has become financially sustainable and dramatically increased the number of patients it sees every year. This partnership also includes a specific investment to reach children. IMO will begin providing services to children and their families through a new vision center in Cadereyta Montes.

In 2019, Seva and Visualiza began working with ConVision, a new clinic in Juarez. The clinic implements a social enterprise approach and aims to reach 2 million patients in 10 years.

SPOTLIGHT ON REACHING CHILDREN

When little Yamileth Nieves Amoret was five months old, her mother began to worry that the baby girl couldn't see clearly. So she brought her into Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología (IMO), Seva's partner in Querétaro, Mexico - and not a moment too soon. The hospital diagnosed her with cataract. Without surgery, her vision might not have developed properly. Thankfully, IMO provides low-cost or free high-quality care to low-income patients. When the doctors removed her eyepatch, Yamileth smiled and let out a big belly laugh!

Resources

[Partner: Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología](#)

IMPACT (FY 2020-2021)*

28,602

People receiving services

1,228

Cataract surgeries performed

16,564

Children screened

721

Children receiving glasses

484

Children receiving surgery

1

New VC funded through Seva

500,000

People who now have access to care

Impact of COVID-19 in Mexico

COVID-19 continues to have a major impact on the country. However, Seva's partner eye clinics have been able to continue operating with enhanced safety protocols. After an initial decrease in demand for services, the clinics have seen an increase in patients seeking eye care. Seva's partner IMO implemented a major communication campaign around the importance of eye care and maintaining eye health during COVID-19. As part of its response to COVID-19, Seva made funds available to its partners in Mexico to procure necessary protective equipment for its staff.

* Numbers based on reports received.

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