Mexico Fact Sheet

SEVA’S WORK AT A GLANCE: In country since 2013  |  Partners: 2

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 countries

Scope of Eye Care Needs

» 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

EYECARE PERSONNEL

42.5  Ophthalmologists per million people

56.3  Optometrists per million people

47 Ophthalmic personnel per million people

= 10 million people

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

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.

Resources

Partner: Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología

* Numbers based on reports received.