Mexico Fact Sheet

**Country Overview**

» Mexico spans 758,400 square miles
» Population: 122 million
» 2016 Human Development Index Ranking: 77th of 188 countries

**Scope of Vision Needs**

» 0.36% of Mexico’s population is blind, as compared to 0.15% in the United States
» 1.96% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment or MSVI, as compared to 1.25% in the United States
» Mexico accounts for 1.1% of global blindness and 1% of global MSVI

**Nationwide Eye Care Response**

» Mexico’s Cataract Surgical Rate is 1,479 per million as of 2013
» There are 45 ophthalmologists/million people
» There are 59 optometrists/million people
» There are 46 AOPs per million people

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2 Unless otherwise noted, all statistics provided by IAPD 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 has almost doubled the number of cataract surgeries they provide each year.

SPOTLIGHT ON CAPACITY BUILDING

As a mentee to Visualiza, IMO’s objectives are to train eye health professionals who have a vision for public health, allowing them to replicate sustainable, high-quality eye care models. IMO recently introduced a new online training program for its residents. This online component complements the in-person instruction. The training program is an exciting approach that can be adopted in other areas within the hospitals and by other hospitals looking to enhance the training experience. IMO hopes its trainees will go on to undertake high level research in ophthalmology and public health related topics to generate best practice and evidence-based policies in Mexico.

Resources

Partner: Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología
Case Study: Visualiza Eye Care Systems