

Nicaragua Fact Sheet

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Country Overview

- » Nicaragua spans 50,338 square miles (130,370 km²)
- » Location: Central America
- » Population: 6.62 million
- » 2020 Human Development Index Ranking: 128 of 189 countries¹

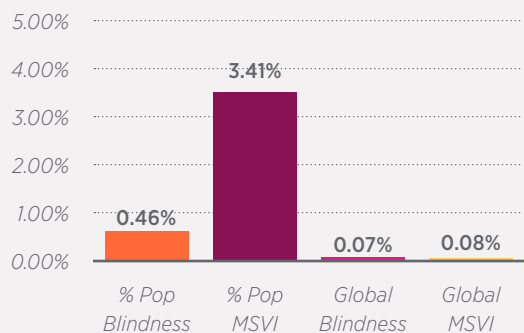
Scope of Eye Care Needs²

- » 0.46% of Nicaragua's population is blind, as compared to 0.19% in the United States
- » 3.41% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment or MSVI, as compared to 2.02% in the United States
- » Nicaragua accounts for 0.07% of global blindness and 0.08% of global MSVI

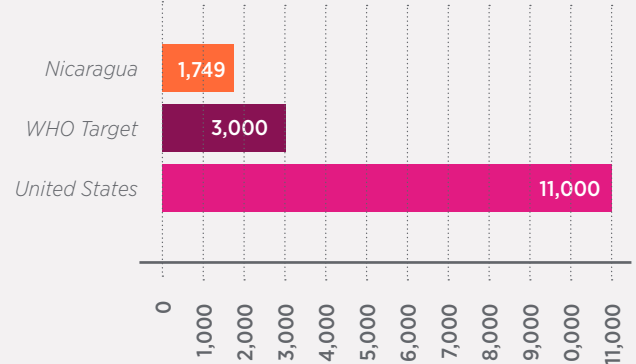
Nationwide Eye Care Response

- » Nicaragua's Cataract Surgical Rate is 1,749 per million as of 2013
- » There are 19.7 ophthalmologists/million people (120 total)
- » No data is currently available for optometrists and AOPs

EYE CARE NEEDS



CATARACT SURGICAL RATE PER MILLION PEOPLE



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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SPOTLIGHT ON INCREASING ACCESS

This year, Clínica Ojo Sano (COOS), in partnership with Seva and Visualiza, is establishing a mobile unit to expand its eye care services to more remote parts of the country. Access has been further challenged by mobility restrictions imposed due to COVID-19. This mobile unit will allow the clinic to improve access to more people to address visual impairment and provide treatment, reaching an estimated 1,500 people a year.

Seva's Approach in Nicaragua

Nicaragua is the largest country in Central America. Through Seva's Global Sight Initiative, Seva works with Clínica Oftalmológica Ojo Sano (COOS). COOS provides quality ophthalmic and optical services to residents of Managua, as well as patients from surrounding rural areas. The clinic is staffed by Nicaraguan ophthalmologists working at the clinic full time. Seva and Visualiza work with COOS to expand patient volume at the hospital and increase the number of cataract surgeries completed.

Impact of COVID-19 in Nicaragua

COVID-19 continues to have a major impact on the country. Following initial closures, the government has permitted many businesses to reopen. Seva's partner has been able to resume routine, non-emergency eye care services. Barriers around supply chain management continues to be a challenge for hospitals trying to procure needed supplies. As part of its response to COVID-19, Seva made funds available to its partner in Nicaragua to procure necessary protective equipment for its staff.

Resources:

[Clínica Ojo Sano Facebook Page](#)

EYE CARE PERSONNEL

19.7 

Ophthalmologists per million people

 = 10 million people

IMPACT (FY 2020-2021)*

2,364

People receiving services

150

Cataract surgeries performed

Vision Center Supported by Seva



* Numbers based on reports received.