

# Nicaragua Fact Sheet

SEVA'S WORK AT A GLANCE: In country since 2013 | Partner: 1



## Country Overview

- » Nicaragua spans 50,338 square miles
- » Population: 6.1 million
- » 2016 Human Development Index Ranking: 124 of 188 countries<sup>1</sup>

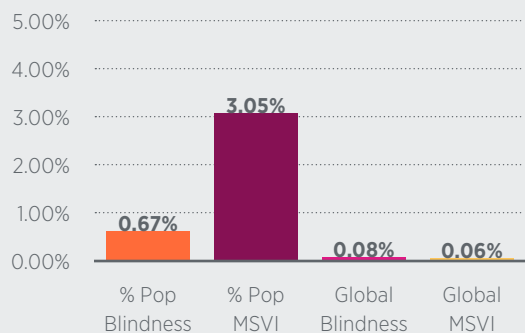
## Scope of Vision Needs<sup>2</sup>

- » 0.67% of Nicaragua's population is blind, as compared to 0.15% in the United States
- » 3.05% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment or MSVI, as compared to 1.25% in the United States
- » Nicaragua accounts for 0.08% of global blindness and 0.06% of global MSVI

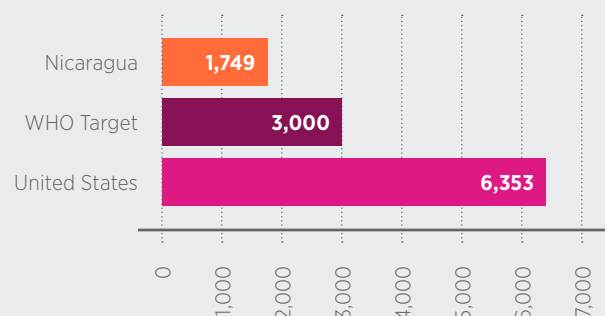
## Nationwide Eye Care Response

- » Nicaragua's Cataract Surgical Rate is 1,749 per million as of 2013
- » There are 17 ophthalmologists/million people (101 total)
- » No data is currently available for optometrists and AOPs

### VISION NEEDS



### CATARACT SURGICAL RATE PER MILLION PEOPLE



<sup>1</sup> 2016 UNDP Human Development Report: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/2016-report>

<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all statistics provided by IAPD Vision Atlas Global Vision Database.

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## Seva's Approach in Nicaragua

Nicaragua is the largest country in Central America. Through Seva's Global Sight Initiative, partner organization International Eye Foundation (IEF) began working in Nicaragua in 2013 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 who are there full time. Seva-funded projects executed by IEF staff include: increasing outreach to under-served areas of Managua, increasing patient volume at the hospital and increasing the number of cataract surgeries provided by COOS surgeons.

### Resources:

[Case Study: Visualiza Eye Care Systems](#)

### SIGHT SERVICES

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Ophthalmologists per million people

= 1 million people

### IMPACT (FY17-18)

1

Clinic

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People trained

