

Pakistan Fact Sheet

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Country Overview

- » Pakistan spans 307,374 square miles
- » Population: 221 million
- » 2021-22 Human Development Index Ranking: 161 of 191¹

Scope of Eye Care Needs²

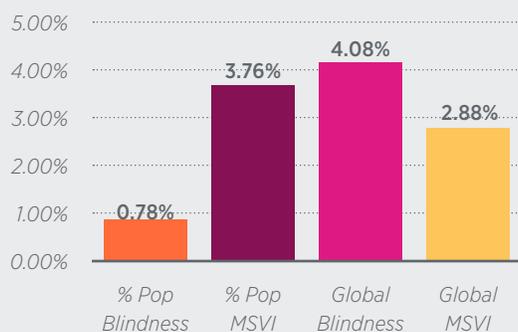
- » 0.78% of Pakistan's population is blind (1,755,867), as compared to 0.19% in the United States
- » 3.76% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment (8,501,090), as compared to 2.02% in the United States
- » 4.08% of global blindness
- » 2.88% of global MSVI

Nationwide Eye Care Response

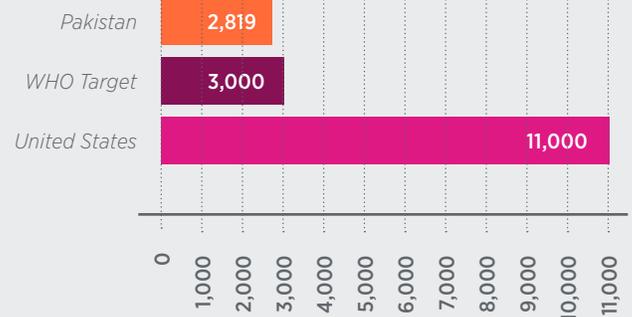
Pakistan's Cataract Surgical Rate (CSR) was 2,819 surgeries per million in 2014, as compared to the US CSR of 11,000.

- » 14.8 ophthalmologists per million people in 2015 (2,800 total)
- » 4.6 optometrists per million people in 2019 (1,020 total)
- » 9 allied ophthalmic personnel per million people in 2015 (1784 total)

EYE CARE NEEDS



CATARACT SURGICAL RATE PER MILLION PEOPLE



¹ 2021-22 UNDP Human Development Report: https://hdr.undp.org/system/files/documents/global-report-document/hdr2021-22pdf_1.pdf

² Unless otherwise noted, all country sight statistics from IAPB Vision Atlas: <http://atlas.iapb.org/global-action-plan/gap-indicators/>

Seva's Approach in Pakistan

Approximately 4% of the world's blind live in Pakistan. With 1.7 million people blind, many have limited access to eye care. Most of Pakistan's trained ophthalmologists work in urban areas at government or private clinics, making accessible and affordable eye care a concern in rural communities. Women living in rural areas are especially vulnerable, as social constraints inhibit their ability to travel to receive necessary services.

Seva strengthens eye care programs in rural Pakistan with our partner, Comprehensive Health & Education Forum (CHEF) International. Seva's work with CHEF International is focused on providing quality and affordable eye care to the farming community of Buner. Together, Seva and CHEF established an eye care center in Buner in 2017 providing accessible, affordable and sustainable eye care services to the community.

Seva supports CHEF International with local staff development, operational improvements, and funding for direct services. With this support, Seva has helped CHEF become a resource to other Pakistani eye hospitals.

SEVA, with its partner organization CHEF International in Pakistan, plans to focus on the existing projects in Buner as well as explore opportunities in primary eye health, school eye health and teleophthalmology.

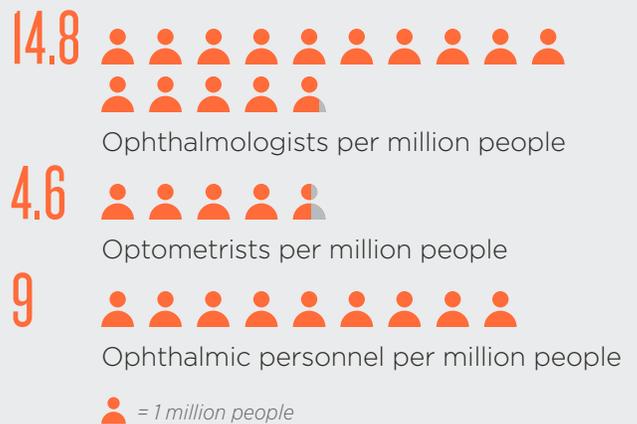
Resources:

- [Seva's Clear Vision for Pakistan](#)
- [CHEF International](#)

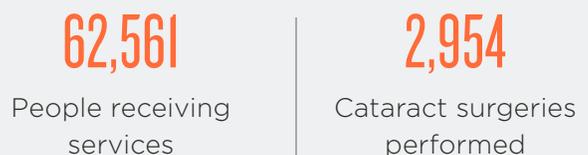
SPOTLIGHT ON INCREASING ACCESS

58-year-old Munir was identified with cataracts in both eyes during a free eye camp in his village. Munir is a watchman by profession and his cataracts affected his job. He was unable to carry out his duties accurately. Munir always asked for help from his colleagues. He often complained of headache. He could not explain his issues due to the stigma surrounding disabilities in his line of work. After being screened, he was referred to Takhtbhai Eye Hospital of CHEF International, where they operated on him free of cost. Now, he gains confidence with every passing day because his eyesight issues were resolved.

EYE CARE PERSONNEL



IMPACT (FY 2022-2023)*



* Numbers based on reports received.

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