

Peru Fact Sheet

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Country Overview

- » Located in South America
- » Peru spans 496,200 square miles
- » Population: 33 million
- » 2021-22 Human Development Index Ranking: 84 of 191 countries¹

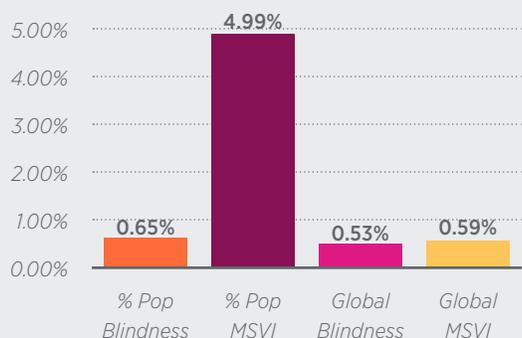
Scope of Eye Care Needs²

- » 0.65% of Peru's population is blind (146,000), as compared to 0.19% in the United States
- » 4.99% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment or MSVI (1,746,947), as compared to 2.02% in the United States
- » 0.53% of global blindness
- » 0.59% of global MSVI

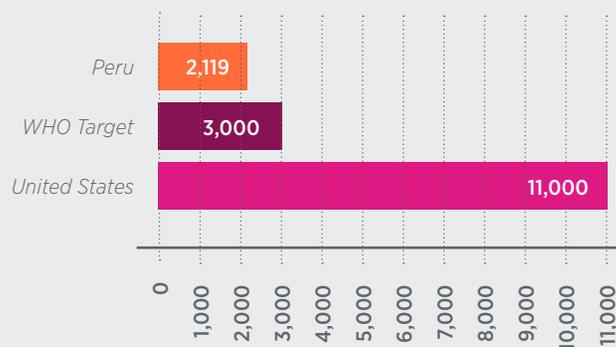
Nationwide Eye Care Response

- » Peru's Cataract Surgical Rate (CSR) was 2,119 surgeries in 2019, as compared to the US CSR of 11,000
- » 39.6 ophthalmologists per million people in 2019 (1,012 total)
- » 91 optometrists per million people in 2019 (3,000 total)
- » 58 allied ophthalmic personnel per million people in 2019 (1,900 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/>

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Seva's Approach in Peru

With a rapidly aging population and cataract being the lead cause of blindness, Peru has great need for high quality eye care. Seva has partnered with Clinica Oftalmológica Divino Niño Jesús (DNJ) as part of the Global Sight Initiative since 2009. The Global Sight Initiative is an expansive network comprised of more than 120 mentor and mentee hospitals and clinics spanning the world. DNJ began as a mentee of Visualiza Clínica Médica Oftalmológica and quickly became a high quality, high volume center for eye care in South America. DNJ transitioned from a mentee to a mentor hospital in 2014. DNJ incorporated regional mentees: (1) DNJ - Loreto, Iquitos (Amazon zone), (2) Fundación Oftalmologica del Norte -FON- in Piura; (3) Centro Comunitario Maranatha -CECOM- in Trujillo, (4) Centro de Prevención de la Ceguera -CEPRECE- in Cusco.

IMPACT (FY 2022-2023)*

16,818

People receiving services

2,189

Cataract surgeries performed

1

New VC funded through Seva

907

People receiving services at VCs

370,000

People who now have access to care

EYE CARE PERSONNEL

39.6



Ophthalmologists per million people

91



Optometrists per million people

58



Ophthalmic Personnel per million people

= 10 million people

SPOTLIGHT ON BUILDING CAPACITY

DNJ recently installed Visualiza's software to help improve patient flow in the hospital. With Seva's support, two Vision Centers launched in June 2023 that will provide eye care services to the community. This year, Seva will support DNJ with the development of a pediatric program.

* Numbers based on reports received.

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