

# Benin Fact Sheet

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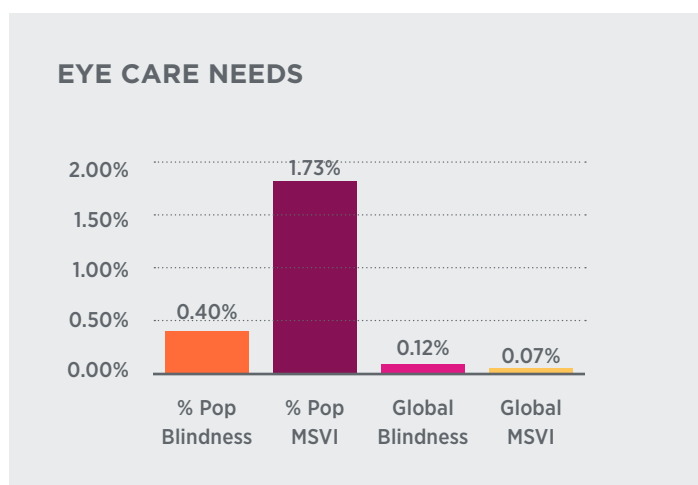


## Country Overview

- » Located in West Africa
- » Benin spans 44,310 square miles
- » Population: 12.1 million people
- » 2021-2022 Human Development Index Ranking: 166 of 191 countries<sup>1</sup>

## Scope of Eye Care Needs<sup>2</sup>

- » 0.40% of Benin's population is blind (52,000), as compared to 0.19% in the United States
- » 1.73% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment or MSVI (218,373), as compared to 2.02% in the United States
- » 0.12% of global blindness
- » 0.07% of global MSVI



## Nationwide Eye Care Response

Sub-Saharan Africa's median Cataract Surgical Rate (CSR) is 497 — 28% of the global average and 6% of the average for high-income countries. Seva works to improve these rates through our hospital management systems and training support in Benin, focusing on improvement in the following Global Action Plan indicators for universal eye health.

- » Benin's CSR was 578 surgeries per million in 2015, as compared to the US CSR of 11,000
- » 3.7 ophthalmologists per million people in 2015 (40 total)
- » 0.4 optometrists per million people in 2014 (5 total)
- » 7 allied ophthalmic personnel per million people in 2012 (64 total)

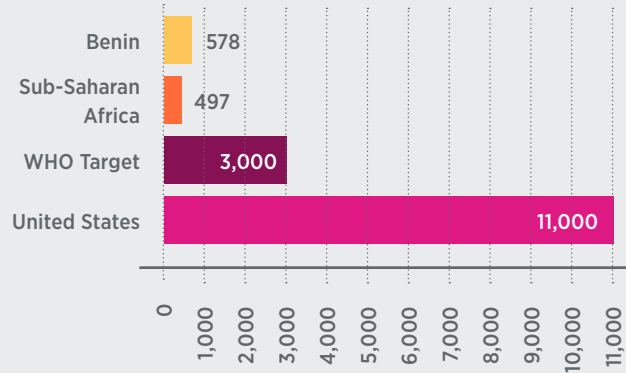
<sup>1</sup> 2021-22 UNDP Human Development Report: [https://hdr.undp.org/system/files/documents/global-report-document/hdr2021-22pdf\\_1.pdf](https://hdr.undp.org/system/files/documents/global-report-document/hdr2021-22pdf_1.pdf)

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

\* Numbers based on reports received.

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### CATARACT SURGICAL RATE PER MILLION PEOPLE



### EYE CARE PERSONNEL



### IMPACT (FY 2022-2023)\*

16,773

People receiving services

2,832

Cataract surgeries performed

## Seva's Approach in Benin

Seva partners with the Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology (KCCO) to reduce blindness in Benin. KCCO began a capacity building program with St. Andrew de Tinre Hospital in Parakou, Benin in 2017. KCCO provides training, assistance for outreach activities to low-income communities in Benin, and support for a growing number of patients to be seen at the hospital in Parakou. Beginning in 2023, Seva decided to focus on work in the East and South part of the continent, focusing our investment in Tanzania and surrounding areas, where we see our local partner, KCCO, strongly positioned. For the time being, we will not continue our investment in Benin beyond 2023. To facilitate that transition, we worked with KCCO and the partner to prioritize areas of funding need. Simultaneously, we are actively looking for opportunities to work more directly with additional partners implementing services on the ground in countries where we already work in Eastern/Southern Africa.

## Resources

[Seva's work in Africa](#)

[KCCO Website](#)

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