

# Benin Fact Sheet

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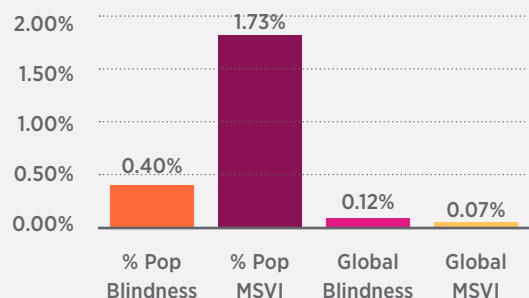
## Country Overview

- » 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

### EYE CARE NEEDS



## 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)

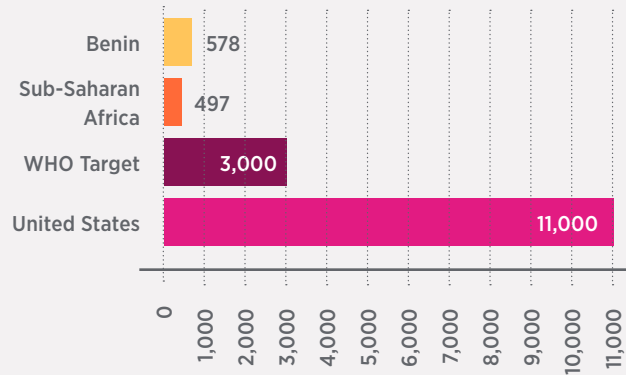
<sup>1</sup> 2021-22 UNDP Human Development Report: [https://hdr.undp.org/system/files/documents/global-report-document/hdr2021-22pdf\\_1.pdf](https://hdr.undp.org/system/files/documents/global-report-document/hdr2021-22pdf_1.pdf)

<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



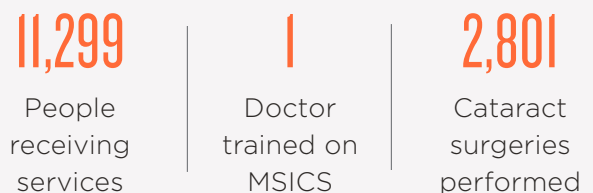
### Impact of COVID-19 in Benin

COVID-19 continues to have an impact on the country, particularly in major cities where COVID-19 has been concentrated to date. Cases have increased substantially in the third quarter of 2021. As part of its response to COVID-19, Seva worked with KCCO to provide funds for essential protective equipment for its partner hospital in Benin. Our partner noted that this support was particularly timely as most programs have been affected in a bad way by the third wave of COVID-19. Fewer than 1% of people have received a COVID-19 vaccination in Benin.

### SPOTLIGHT ON BUILDING CAPACITY

Established in 2001 in response to the VISION 2020 initiative, KCCO is the largest organization in Africa dedicated to reducing blindness through community ophthalmology training. With Seva's support in hospital management systems and training, KCCO partners with local governmental hospitals to train community health workers, conduct outreach trips to rural communities without regular access to eye care, provide clinical training for ophthalmologists and cataract surgeons, and providing funds for medical treatments for those who cannot afford them. In Benin, Seva and KCCO worked with our partner to develop an outreach program that saw an increase in the number of patients coming to the hospital. Furthermore, during the past year, we saw a 5% increase in the acceptance rate for surgeries. Our partner in Parakou recently received much needed equipment thanks to support from Seva to further improve its quality and service delivery.

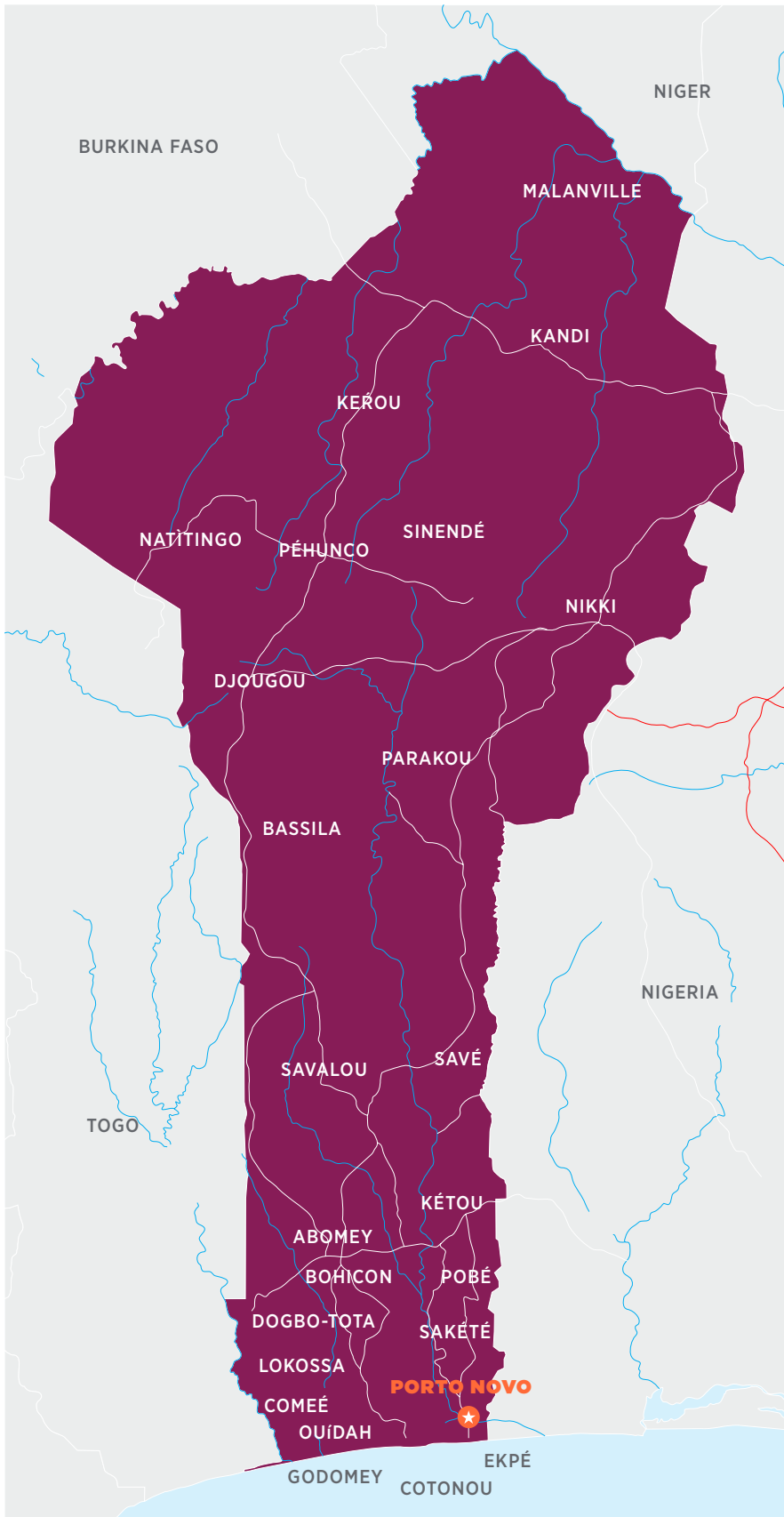
### IMPACT (FY 2021-2022)\*



### 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.

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### Resources

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[KCCO Website](#)