

Mexico Fact Sheet

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Country Overview

- » Located in North America
- » Mexico spans 761,610 square miles
- » Population: 129 million
- » 2021-22 Human Development Index Ranking: 86 of 191 countries¹

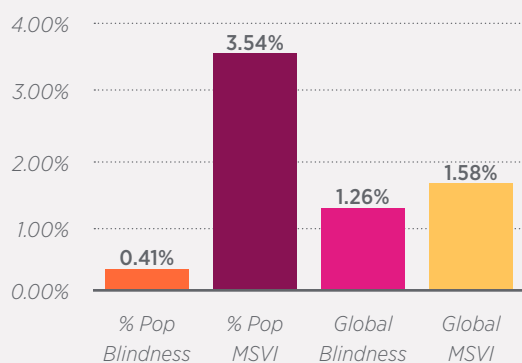
Scope of Eye Care Needs²

- » 0.42% of Mexico's population is blind, as compared to 0.19% in the United States
- » 3.54% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment or MSVI, as compared to 2.02% in the United States
- » 1.26% of global blindness
- » 1.58% of global MSVI

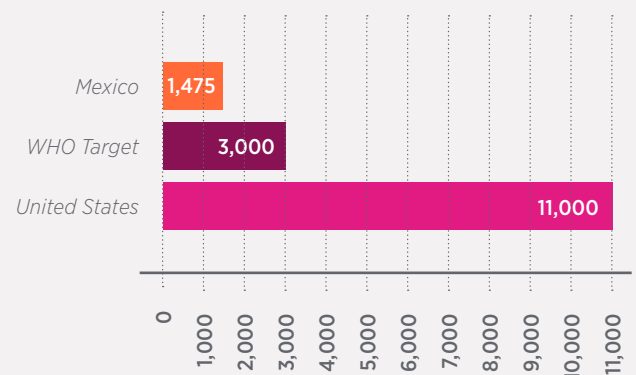
Nationwide Eye Care Response

- » Mexico's Cataract Surgical Rate (CSR) was 1,475 per million in 2013
- » 42.5 ophthalmologists per million people in 2015 (5,400 total)
- » 56.3 optometrists per million people in 2019 (7,257 total)
- » 47 allied ophthalmic personnel per million people in 2014 (5,625 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 Mexico

Seva and Visualiza Clínica Médica Oftalmológica, a leading eye hospital in Guatemala, began a partnership through Global Sight Initiative (GSI) to mentor Queretaro-based Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología (IMO) in 2013. Through capacity building efforts and careful planning, IMO has become financially sustainable and dramatically increased the number of patients it sees every year. This partnership also includes a specific investment to reach children. IMO will begin providing services to children and their families through a new vision center in Cadereyta Montes.

EYE CARE PERSONNEL



IMPACT (FY 2021-2022)*

21,317

People receiving services

2,404

Cataract surgeries performed

1,374

Children screened

1,647

Children receiving glasses

284

Children receiving surgery

1

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1

Doctor trained

2

AOPs trained

8

Administrators trained

SPOTLIGHT ON REACHING CHILDREN

Pedrito is a three-year-old boy from Mexico. When he was one year old, his parents noticed something seemed off about his development, so they brought him to Queretaro-based Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología (IMO). The doctor told them that because he was a premature baby for being born before 34 weeks, his eyes did not develop properly, which caused retinopathy of prematurity. With his visual impairment, he could not carry out daily activities such as: walking, playing, going to school, identifying objects, and even eating. Pedrito was afraid to move from one place to another and have contact with people. For the next two years, Pedrito underwent special care with follow-up visits, different treatments, and visual aids. Fortunately, after several consultations and visual stimulation, Pedrito acquired skills that allowed him to carry out activities on his own. His family supports him by adapting things from everyday life to high contrast so that Pedro can see them. After treatment and wearing glasses, his vision improved, and he has become happier and more sociable!

* Numbers based on reports received.

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Impact of COVID-19 in Mexico

Infection rate has decreased with 63.2% of the the total population fully vaccinated. Seva's partner eye clinics continue operating with standard safety protocols. Seva's partner IMO implemented a major communication campaign around the importance of eye care and maintaining eye health during COVID-19. As part of its response to COVID-19, Seva made funds available to its partners in Mexico to procure necessary protective equipment for its staff.

Resources

[Partner: Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología](#)

