

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

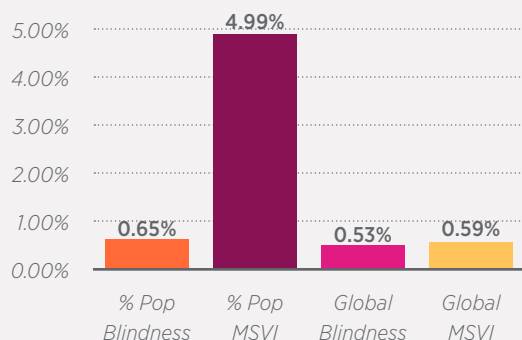
Scope of Eye Care Needs²

- » 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

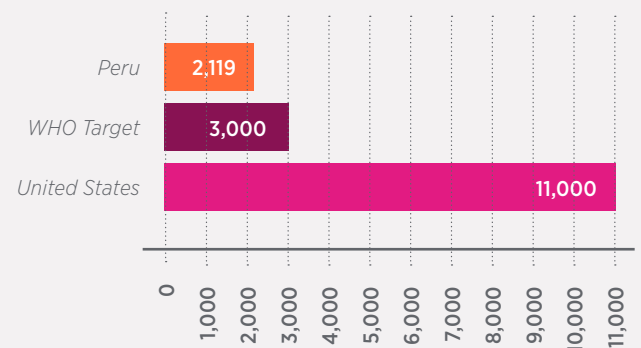
Nationwide Eye Care Response

- » 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

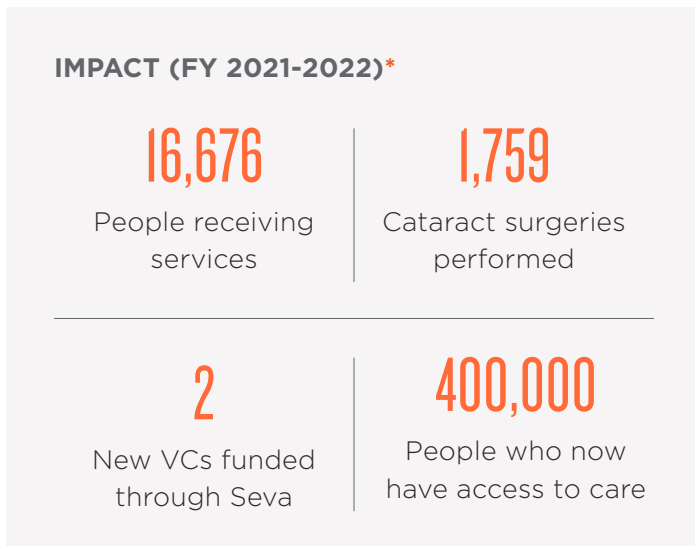
² Unless otherwise noted, all country sight statistics from IAPB Vision Atlas: <http://atlas.iapb.org/global-action-plan/gap-indicators/>

Seva's Approach in Peru

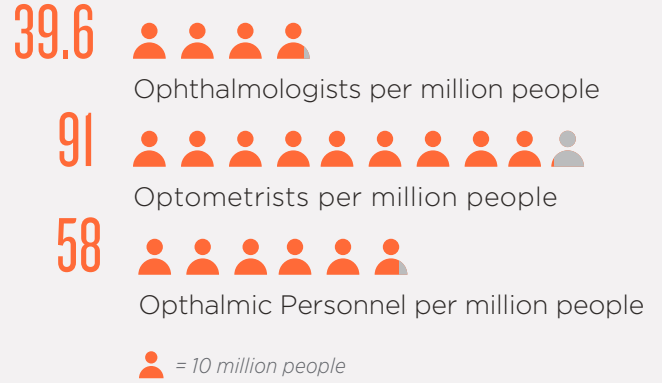
With a rapidly aging population and cataract being the lead cause of blindness, Peru has great need for high quality eye care. Seva has partnered with Clinica Oftalmológica Divino Niño Jesús (DNJ) as part of the Global Sight Initiative since 2009. The Global Sight Initiative is an expansive network comprised 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 of COVID-19 in Peru

As of September 2022, the COVID-19 infection and death rate have significantly declined. 83.6% of the population is now fully vaccinated. Seva's partner DNJ continues to provide eye care services while maintaining safety protocols.



EYE CARE PERSONNEL



SPOTLIGHT ON BUILDING CAPACITY

With Seva's support, DNJ incorporated their own training unit in 2016. To date, DNJ's Training Unit graduated 22 Ophthalmic Assistants with comprehensive knowledge to meet other ophthalmic institutions. DNJ continues to grow and refine their current ophthalmic assistant training curriculum. In addition to their focus on specialized ophthalmology, they added specialization in pharmacy and special exams. The program combines theoretical classes with experiential practice in the hospital. A process of evaluations and performance measurement is carried out to ensure the success of its trainees.

Resources

- [Seva in Peru](#)
- [DNJ website](#)

* Numbers based on reports received.

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