

# Delivering Community Impact Through Effective Corporate/NGO Partnerships

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# 39 million blind people in the world 80% of blindness is avoidable 90% of blind people live in developing countries



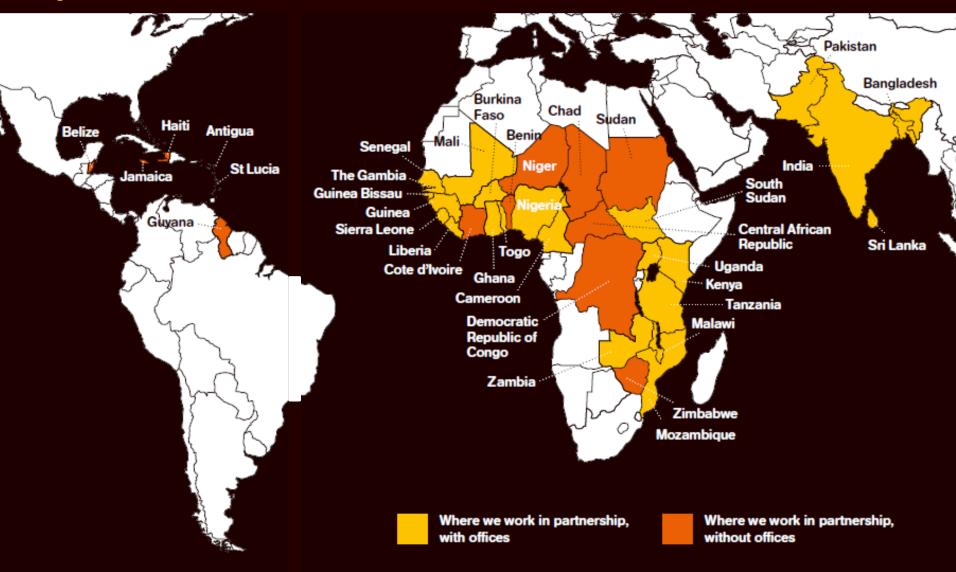
## **Sightsavers' Mission:**



Sightsavers is an International organisation that aims to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equality for people with disabilities.

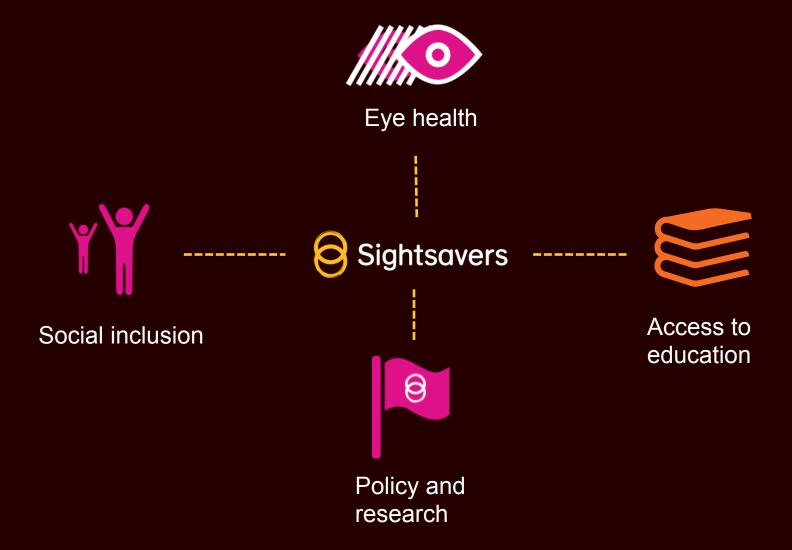
#### We work where need is greatest

Sightsavers works in more than 30 countries around the world



#### Our areas of work





#### How we work



We partner with regional and national governments and NGOs to:

- Distribute disease treatments
- Carry out surgeries and eye examinations
- Advocate for people with disabilities
- Strengthen health systems

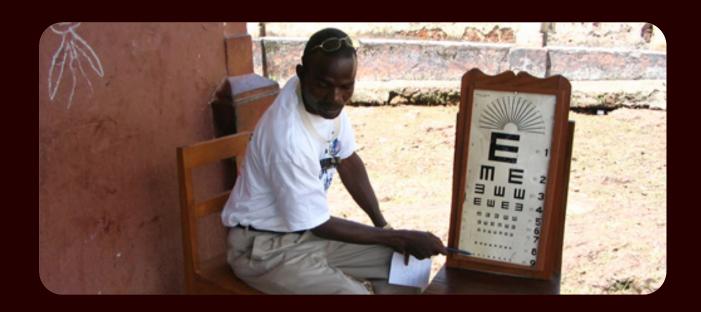


## Partnership: Anglo American



Partnered 1993-2010 Programme Countries: Tanzania, Mali, Guinea, Senegal





# Partnership: African Petroleum



Partnered 2012-2013
Programme Countries: Gambia, Liberia,
Senegal





#### **Benefits**



#### To the corporate partner:

- Working with a credible global NGO
- Financial security
- Rigorous monitoring and evaluation
- Supporting "Ministry-approved" programmes
- Tangible outputs

#### To Sightsavers:

- Advancing our mission to reach those in need
- Working with a partner who understands local context
- Long term commitment to a region

### Challenges



- Geographical fit
- Managing reputational risk (on both sides!)
- Crisis management
- Changing/competing priorities
- Impact of market change

# Lessons for future partnerships



- Open, honest dialogue
- Senior level buy-in (on both sides)
- Detailed partnership plans
  - ✓ Monitoring frameworks and timescales
  - ✓ Milestones
  - ✓ Communications



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