



Eyu-Ethiopia Annual Report (2023)



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Cover Photo:
Student in eye examination at
North Wollo, Ethiopia


Acknowledgment

Funders


We extend our sincere appreciation to the following organizations whose generous contributions and financial support have been invaluable to our endeavors:




Welcome trust




Francis I. Proctor Foundation



Health Campaign Effectiveness Collation at the Task Force for Global Health,




Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation




Himalayan cataract project (HCP)

Partners

We also express our deepest gratitude to the following partners and collaborators whose unwavering commitment and collaborative efforts have significantly enriched our initiatives:




Ministry of Health, Ethiopia (MOH)




Amhara Region Health Bureau (ARHB)



Amhara Public Health institute (APHI)



Essilor Group



London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine



College of Medicine and Health Science - Bahir Dar University

About us

Eyu-Ethiopia is a nonprofit nongovernmental organization established with the aim of reducing the burden of avoidable blindness in Ethiopia through research, training and integrated community-based service delivery. It was established in June 11, 2019.



Photo: A student wearing a new spectacle for refractive error management at North Wollo, Ethiopia



Vision

A country free from avoidable eye health problems



Mission

Generate evidence, and implement innovative, community-oriented, and integrated eye health programmes to reduce avoidable eye health problems in Ethiopia.

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Research Projects

Kebele Elimination of Trachoma for Ocular Health (KETFO)



This research project is a four-arm cluster randomized controlled trial that aims to determine whether three additional targeted azithromycin treatment administered in core group 2-9 years children is more effective than the current WHO program at achieving complete elimination of trachoma after 3 years. The study is undergoing in Merhabete Woreda, North Shoa Zone.

This project is funded by the National Institute of Health to Francis I. Proctor Foundation for Research in Ophthalmology, San Francisco, California, USA.

Integrated Management of Presbyopia in Rural Ethiopia (IMPiRE)

This project is implemented to establish a self-reliant near vision impairment(Presbyopia) management services in rural Ethiopia through (a) integrated distribution of near vision correction spectacles by a primary health care cadres, and (b) community contribution to the cost of spectacles. The 1st phase of the project is being implemented in North Mecha & Dembecha Districts.

The project was initiated with support from Himalayan Cataract Project and Esillor Group.



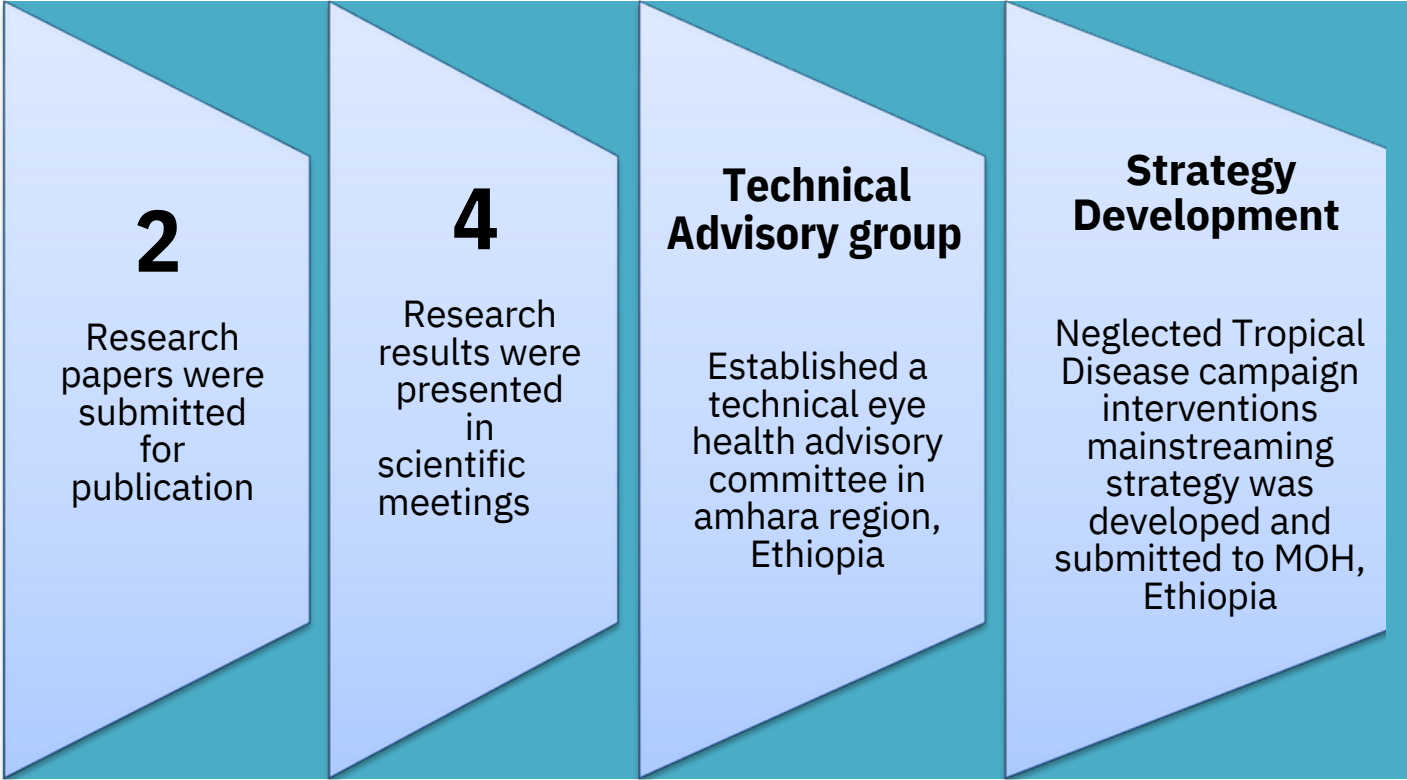
In 2023, 4 primary health care professionals were trained on presbyopia management and 143 near vision correction spectacles were distributed through the primary health care system.

Mainstreaming Primary Eye Health Care Interventions in Ethiopia (PEC)

The overall aim of this project is to identify a package of feasible and effective interventions for mainstreamed primary eye health care services within the primary health care system in a low-resource setting. The project is funded by Wellcome Trust UK, and sponsored by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.



Research Activities





Eyecare Services

4000



people were treated using eye drops

19,471



People received eye health promotion and awareness messages

114,613



People received Azithromycin MDA for trachoma control

14,210



People received eye-examinations



Photo: Eyu-Ethiopia team on eye care service provision



Photo: Eyu-Ethiopia team on eye health education

Presbyopia Management

Segenet Gedamu

“ The spectacle restored my near vision. I’m so happy. I have been without work since 3 years. But now, I return back to work and getting money to support my family. ”

Segenet Gedamu, a 50 years old handicraft worker (locally named “Tilf”) from rural kebele of North Gojjam, Ethiopia. She expressed her happiness after she got a spectacle for a presbyopia treatment.



More than

143

Near vision spectacles were distributed to rural community members in 2023



Vision impairment correction surgeries



Photo: Woldya Hospital cataract surgery team, in OR North Wollo, Ethiopia

67

Cataract surgeries



Photo: after successful cataract surgery service given by Eyu-Ethiopia in collaboration with Amhara Region Health Bureau at Woldya Hospital, Ethiopia



School eye health



Photo: Visual acuity screening for students at schools in North Wollo zone, Ethiopia

Over **6817** student's visual acuity was screened



50

Eyeglasses were distributed for students with refractive error



Eye Health Advocacy Programs

World sight day celebration

In collaboration with Amhara Region Health Bureau, Light for the World and Carter Center Ethiopia we celebrate WORLD SIGHT DAY in October 2023 under the theme “Love your eyes at work”.





Trainings

Capacity building
trainings were given to

211

Health professionals



Photo: Ophthalmologists and ophthalmic nurses on training for a RAAB survey at Bahirdar, Ethiopia



Photo: Ophthalmologists and ophthalmic nurses on training at Bahirdar, Ethiopia for a blindness survey

Cross-cutting activities

We made donation to the joint research conference organized by APHI and Bahir Dar university.

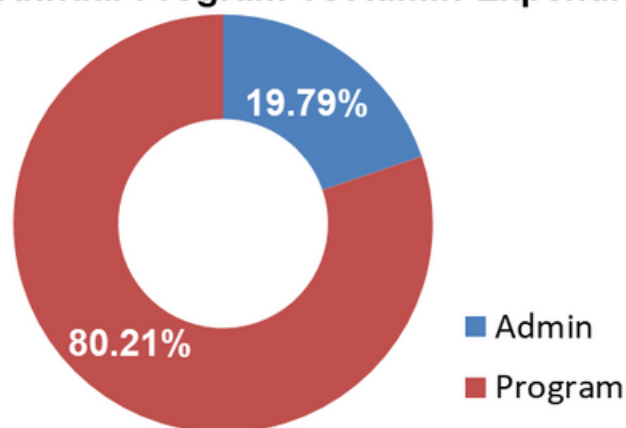
Volunteering

Five volunteers were registered to serve in Eyu-Ethiopia. Two of them provided an estimated 184 hours of service in 2023. We thank these volunteers for their invaluable support.

Budget utilization

The annual budget set for 2023 was ETB 15, 832,338.63, out of which 71.23% was utilized.

Annual Program vs Admin Expenditure



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