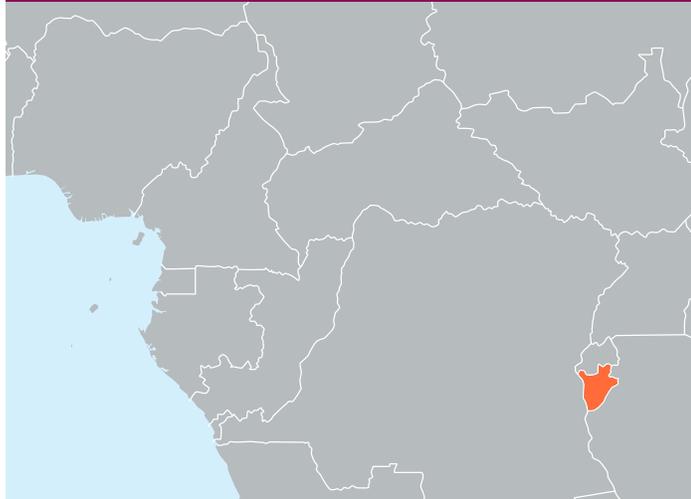


Burundi Fact Sheet

SEVA'S WORK AT A GLANCE: In country since 2016 | Budget: \$20,000 | Partner: 1

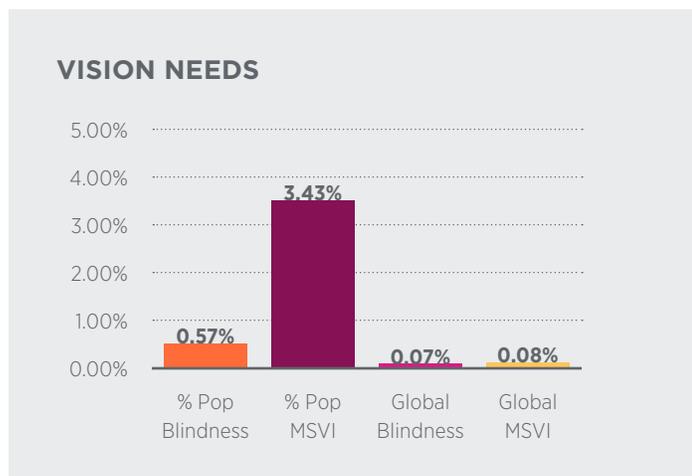


Country Overview

- » Located in Sub-Saharan Africa
- » Burundi spans 10,747 mi²
- » Population: 11.2 million
- » 2019 Human Development Index Ranking: 185 of 189 countries¹

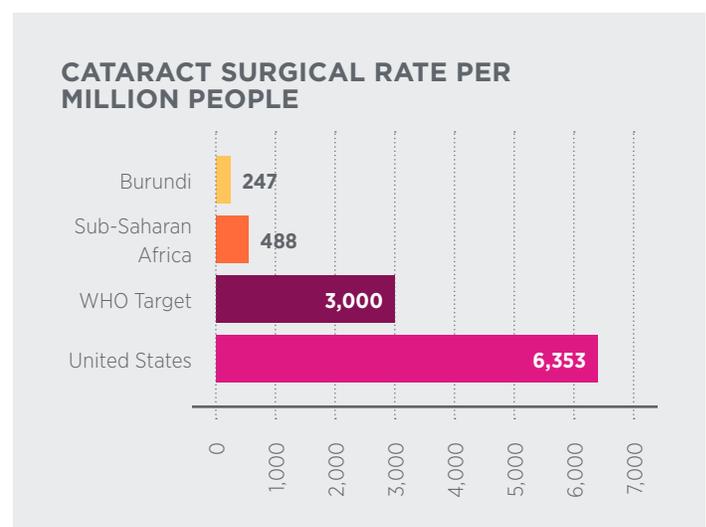
Scope of Eye Care Needs²

- » 0.57% of Burundi's population is blind (24K), as compared to 0.15% in the United States
- » 3.43% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment (169K), as compared to 1.25% in the United States
- » 0.07% of global blindness
- » 0.08% of global MSVI



Nationwide Eye Care Response

Burundi's 2014 CSR was 247 surgeries per million, as compared to the US CSR of 6,353 and Sub-Saharan Africa's CSR of 488/million. Seva Foundation works to improve these rates through our hospital management systems and training support.



¹ 2019 UNDP Human Development Report: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/countries>

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 Burundi

Despite being cured with a simple and cost-effective surgery, cataract continues to cause about 50% of avoidable blindness in Africa due to lack of access to eye care. Seva is working to confront this gap by supporting and strengthening eye health services throughout Africa through partnerships with local institutions and programs, such as the **Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology (KCCO)**. 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.

Impact of COVID-19 in Burundi

COVID-19 continues to have an impact on the country. Throughout, Seva's partner has been able to provide necessary eye care services using enhanced safety measures.

Resources:

[Seva's Partner: KCCO](#)

SIGHT SERVICES

2



Ophthalmologists per million people

0.2



Optometrists per million people

3



Ophthalmic personnel per million people

= 1 million people

IMPACT (FY 2019-2020)*

8,460

Children
screened

218

Surgeries completed
on children

SPOTLIGHT ON BUILDING CAPACITY

For many years, Dr. Levi Kandeke was Burundi's only child eye doctor. He started the pediatric surgery program around 2012 in Bujumbura's largest hospitals and ensured the medical staff were trained to provide quality eye care to children from Burundi and throughout the region. Seva's support has allowed Dr. Levi to train additional ophthalmologists to double the amount of surgeries to over 200 per year and treat not only Burundi's population, but also patients from Democratic Republic of Congo. For Dr. Levi, saving sight is equivalent to saving lives, allowing children to live longer and attend school.

* Numbers based on reports received.