

Mexico Fact Sheet

SEVA'S WORK AT A GLANCE: In country since 2013 | Partners: 2



Country Overview

- » Location: North America
- » Mexico spans 758,400 square miles
- » Population: 126.2 million
- » 2019 Human Development Index Ranking: 76 of 189 countries¹

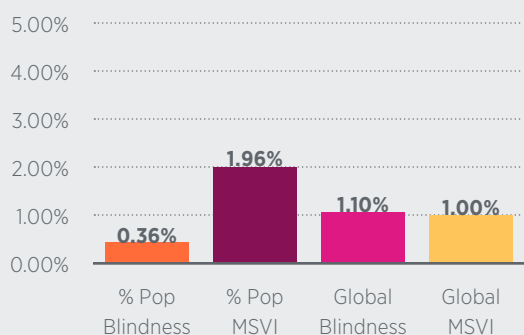
Scope of Vision Needs²

- » 0.36% of Mexico's population is blind, as compared to 0.15% in the United States
- » 1.96% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment or MSVI, as compared to 1.25% in the United States
- » Mexico accounts for 1.1% of global blindness and 1% of global MSVI

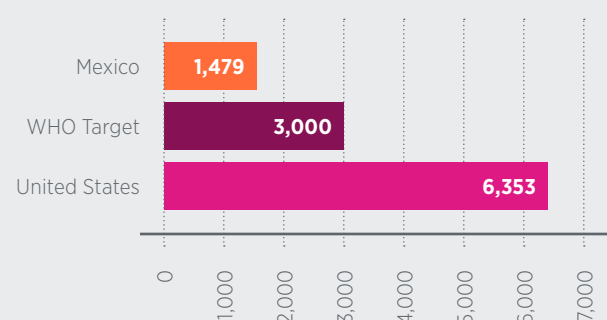
Nationwide Eye Care Response

- » Mexico's Cataract Surgical Rate is 1,479 per million as of 2013
- » There are 45 ophthalmologists/million people
- » There are 59 optometrists/million people
- » There are 46 AOPs per million people

VISION NEEDS



CATARACT SURGICAL RATE PER MILLION PEOPLE



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

² Unless otherwise noted, all statistics provided by IAPB Vision Atlas Global Vision Database.

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.

In 2019, Seva and Visualiza began working with Con-Vision, a new clinic in Juarez. The clinic implements a social enterprise approach and aims to reach 2 million patients in 10 years.

SPOTLIGHT ON CAPACITY BUILDING

As a mentee to Visualiza, IMO's objectives are to train eye health professionals who have a vision for public health, allowing them to replicate sustainable, high-quality eye care models. IMO recently introduced a new online training program for its residents. This online component complements the in-person instruction. The training program is an exciting approach that can be adopted in other areas within the hospitals and by other hospitals looking to enhance the training experience. IMO hopes its trainees will go on to undertake high level research in ophthalmology and public health related topics to generate best practice and evidence-based policies in Mexico.

Resources

[Partner: Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología](#)

* Numbers based on reports received.

SIGHT SERVICES

45



Ophthalmologists per million people

59



Optometrists per million people

46



Ophthalmic personnel per million people

= 10 million people

IMPACT (FY 2019-2020)*

21,153

People receiving services

871

Cataract surgeries performed (7 children)

2,919

Children screened

505

Children receiving glasses

Impact of COVID-19 in Mexico

COVID-19 continues to have a major impact on the country. However, Seva's partner eye clinics have been able to continue operating with enhanced safety protocols. After an initial decrease in demand for services, the clinics have seen an increase in patients seeking eye care. 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.

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