

Pakistan Fact Sheet

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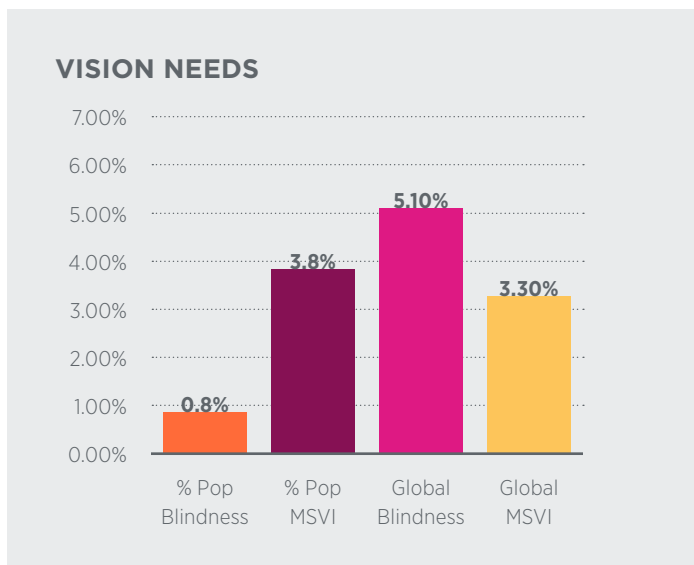


Country Overview

- » Pakistan spans 307,374 mi²
- » Population: 221 million
- » 2019 Human Development Index Ranking: 152 of 189

Scope of Vision Needs¹

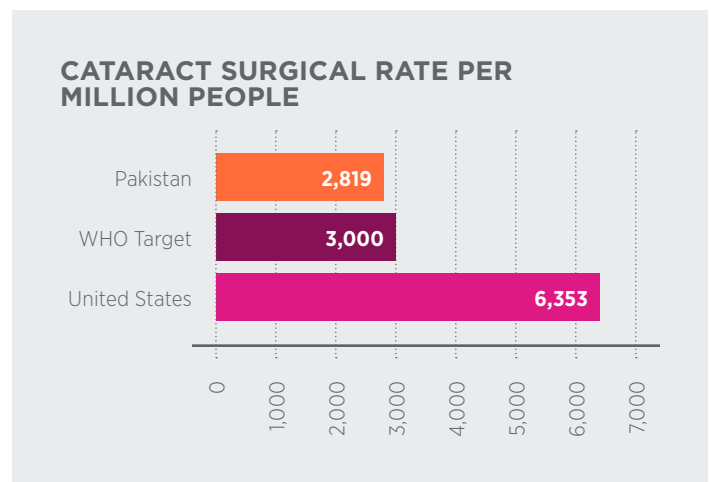
- » 0.8% of Pakistan's population is blind (1.8M), as compared to 0.15% in the United States
- » 3.8% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment (8.3M), as compared to 2% in the United States
- » 5.10% of global blindness
- » 3.3% of global MSVI



Nationwide Eye Care Response

Pakistan's 2014 CSR was 2,819 surgeries per million, as compared to the US CSR of 6,353 and WHO target CSR of 300 per million. Pakistan's 2013 cataract surgical coverage (CSC) was 71.3% (<3/60) as compared to the WHO target of 80%.

- » In 2015, there were 14.8 ophthalmologists per million people in Pakistan.
- » There were 6.9 optometrists, and 9 AOPs per million people.



¹ Unless otherwise noted, all country sight statistics from IAPB Vision Atlas: <http://atlas.iapb.org/global-action-plan/gap-indicators/>

Seva's Approach in Pakistan

Approximately 5% of the world's blind live in Pakistan. With 1.8 million people blind, many have limited access to eye care. Most of Pakistan's trained ophthalmologists work in urban areas at government or private clinics, making accessible and affordable eye care a concern in rural communities. Women living in rural areas are especially vulnerable, as social constraints inhibit their ability to travel to receive necessary services.

Seva strengthens eye care programs in rural Pakistan with our partner, Comprehensive Health & Education Forum (CHEF) International. Seva's work with CHEF International is focused on providing quality and affordable eye care to the farming community of Buner. Together, Seva and CHEF established an eye care center in Buner in 2017 providing accessible, affordable and sustainable eye care services to the community.

Seva supports CHEF International with local staff development, operational improvements, and funding for direct services. With this support, Seva has helped CHEF become a resource to other Pakistani eye hospitals.

Impact of COVID-19 in Pakistan

COVID-19 cases continue to increase across the country. The pandemic has created gaps in health-care delivery and increasing cases in rural areas are adding to the uncertainty. Seva's partner in Pakistan, CHEF, has increased the capacity of its para medical and medical staff with a focus to improve local community awareness of COVID-19 in the three districts where it works. As part of its response, Seva provided funds to procure essential protective equipment for its partner hospitals.

SIGHT SERVICES



Ophthalmologists per million people



Optometrists per million people



Ophthalmic personnel per million people

 = 1 million people

IMPACT (FY 2019-2020)*

46,183

People receiving services

2,329

Cataract surgeries performed

612

Children screened

Resources:

[Seva's Clear Vision for Pakistan](#)

[CHEF International](#)

* Numbers based on reports received.

SPOTLIGHT ON UNIVERSAL ACCESS

Over the past two years, Seva has worked with CHEF to transform a primary eye care center to a secondary hospital and establish a community program in Buner district, Pakistan. The Tehsil Eye Center (TEC) in Buner now provides high quality, affordable eye care to this remote community, bringing cataract surgeries to residents of the community of Sowari and the surrounding rural areas in Buner.

In the first six months of 2018, 1840 walk-in patients received comprehensive eye care services at a cost they can afford. Additionally, TEC conducts community outreach with free eye camps in rural areas, screening and treating patients on sight, or referring them to TEC in Buner for further treatment of cataracts and refractive errors when needed.

