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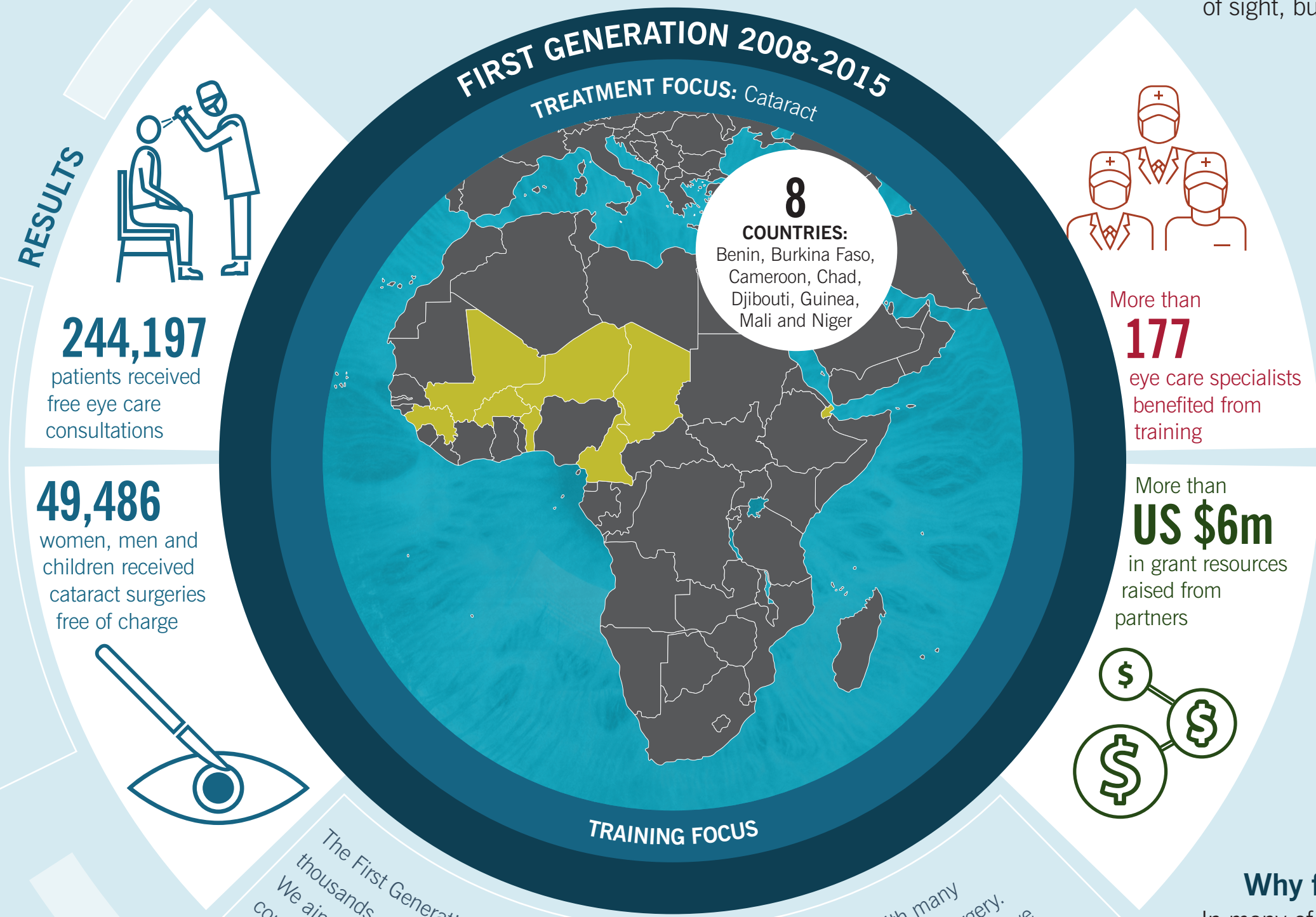
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A BRIGHT FUTURE

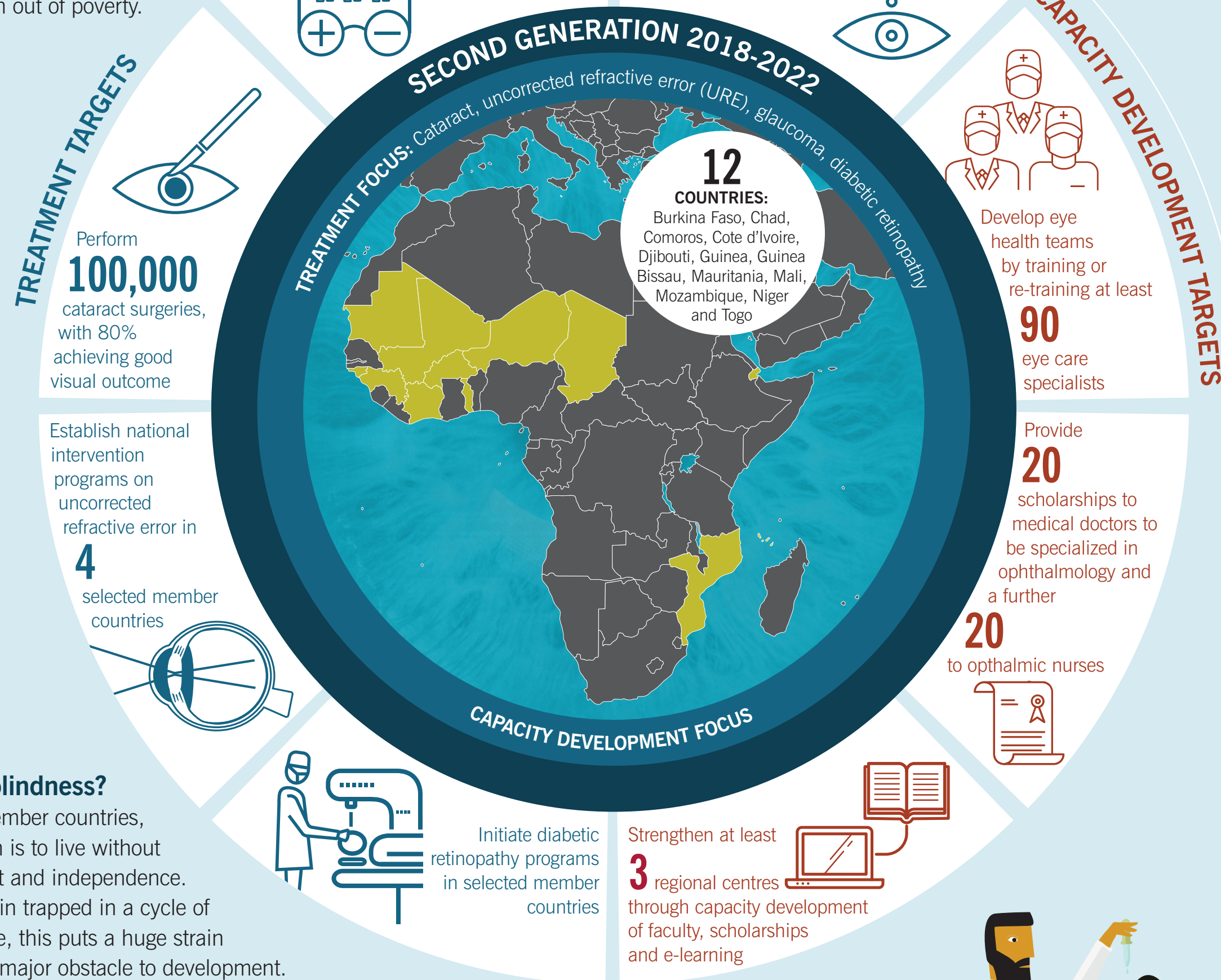
Restoring sight to give people a clear path out of poverty The Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness A powerful partnership that is restoring sight and changing lives

What is the Alliance?

The Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness is a partnership program launched by the IDB in 2008, with the aim of using South-South partnership to prevent and cure vision problems, giving people not just the gift of sight, but a path out of poverty.



The First Generation of this program was a tremendous success, with many thousands of people having their vision restored through successful cataract surgery. We aim to broaden our scope and provide more treatment and training, targeting more eye conditions and working in more countries.



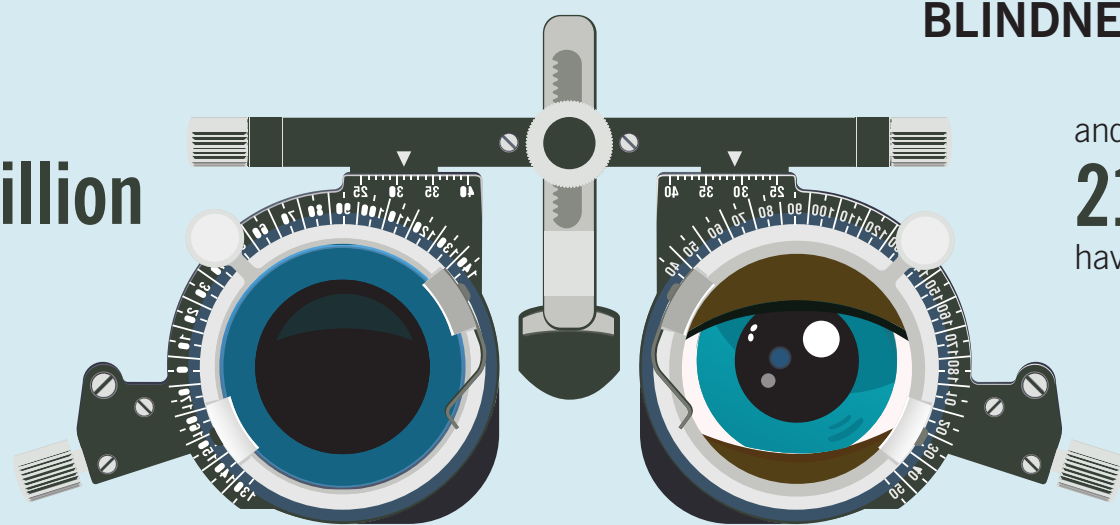
Why fight blindness?

In many of our member countries, to live without vision is to live without education, employment and independence. As a result, millions remain trapped in a cycle of poverty. On a national scale, this puts a huge strain on a country's economy, and is a major obstacle to development.

BLINDNESS AROUND THE WORLD: THE FIGURES

According to The Vision Loss Expert Group (Lancet publication in 2017) estimates, there are approximately **253 million** visually impaired people worldwide.

Of these, **36 million** are blind



and **217 million** have low vision.

89% of visually impaired people live in low-income countries.



Among the leading causes of visual impairment are cataracts, glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and refractive errors such as long- or short-sightedness.

80% of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured.





A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP

The Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness is composed of a number of key partners, each with a unique role to play in bringing sight to communities where people are living in darkness.

Donors

Our generous donors provide the essential funding that makes the Alliance possible. These kind individuals and organizations share our dedication to fostering development by saving sight, and their contributions enable us to carry out training, provide vital equipment to medical centers, and pay for the screening and treatment of hundreds of thousands of people.

National Blindness Control Programs (NBCP)

Each NBCP collaborates with its Ministry of Health and co-ordinates the complex activities of Alliance teams within that country. With a particular focus on long-term sustainability, they also provide technical and logistical support where needed, as well as monitoring the work and reporting back to the IDB.

South-South Partnership

At the heart of the Alliance is the co-operative spirit of South-South partnership that is critical to its success and goes far beyond ophthalmology. As countries share resources and knowledge, collaborating to solve the problem of blindness, they are weaving a network of expertise and forming relationships that will continue to bear fruit for years to come.

Non Governmental Organizations

These are the organizations that carry out much of the work of the Alliance, implementing the various programs as effectively and transparently as possible and making sure that funds are being put to the best possible use.

Training Centers

To strengthen a country's ability to fight avoidable blindness, these centers provide training to eye care specialists, using internationally approved and up-to-date curricula and administering courses that are properly certified and accredited. This is how we ensure local teams learn best practice and that they are best placed to save the sight of the people they treat.

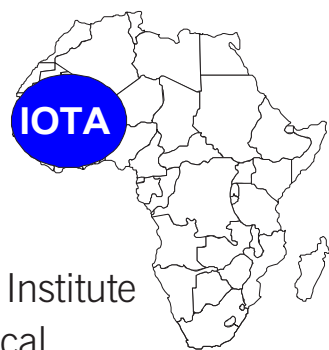
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Help give a Bright Future to people, and nations, who need to see a clear path out of poverty. To find out more about how you can help, contact:

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