**Our 2018/19 impact at a glance**

**BCPB seed-funded the Peek Vision project testing a smartphone app to screen for eye problems. By the end of 2018 over a quarter of a million children and adults were screened for eye health problems and referred for further treatment as part of programmes run by Peek Vision and its partners. In addition, the Government of Botswana’s national comprehensive school eye health programme will begin national roll-out using Peek systems in 2019, a world first.**

**The purchase of a hand-held camera as part of a project funded by BCPB has enabled a team to access remote areas of need via helicopter, bringing a Diabetic Eye Screening Programme to the whole population of Swaziland.**

**The equipment and training BCPB provided several years ago continue to be of relevance in preventing blindness and improving quality of life for many Nigerians who would have otherwise gone blind.**

**The results from a study we supported have significantly impacted current treatment protocols for microbial keratitis in Malawi.**

**A former BCPB Boulter Fellow has provided evidence showing that low uptake of Vitamin A supplementation is directly linked to the prevalence of childhood corneal blindness in Nigeria.**

**We have part-funded three students from Uganda, Nigeria and Rwanda with Boulter Fellowships to enable them to attend the 2018/19 Master’s Degree course on Public Health for Eye Care at The International Centre for Eye Health in London. The course has enabled them to learn new skills and gain additional knowledge to work in eye health in their home countries.**

**BCPB’s support of emerging eye health professionals has led to high-achieving leaders in the field of blindness prevention, with our first ever Sir John Wilson Fellow Dr Ciku Mathenge from Rwanda this year receiving the International Humanitarian of the Year Award from Surgical Eye Expeditions.**

**The results of a study which formed a past Boulter Fellow’s dissertation will provide an insight on how best to develop and test strategies to overcome the inequalities in uptake of cataract surgery in Sokoto, Nigeria.**

**Our support of a project in Tanzania enabled the development of a training curriculum to detect eye problems in children aged between 3 months and five years. Over 800 frontline primary healthcare workers have now been trained through the World Health Organization’s Integrated Management of Childhood Illness programme. We also supported the development of seven educational videos enabling healthcare workers to detect eye problems in Tanzanian children under the age of five.**

**Through our research mentorship award, one of the mentees is now able to smoothly supervise post-graduate student research and is independently cascading the mentorship training. This in turn will improve the quality of research in Africa providing evidence that will impact blindness prevention projects.**

**BCPB has supported a project that has trained thirty-five senior trainees in glaucoma surgery and forty-nine junior trainees in cataract surgery from 21 countries in Africa using simulated surgery, away from patients.**

**Our four Boulter Fellows from Kenya, India and Nigeria who studied on the MSc course in 2017/18 will now go on to save the sight of an estimated 30,000 people. Since completing the course they estimate that they will train a further 47 eye health professionals over a year, who will then go on to save the sight of an estimated 14,250 people.**

**Our support of a project this year in India will ensure over 10,000 children in 120 schools will be screened for uncorrected refractive errors. This project will ensure that children will receive spectacles if they need them.**