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IAPB REGIONAL UPDATES – AFRICA

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**AFRICA REGIONAL REPORT**

**IAPB Secretariat**

IAPB Africa was successfully registered as a legal entity in South Africa (as an external company) on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2012. The registration will enable further employment and placing of staff in South Africa and autonomy in terms of financial administration. Up until now, IAPB Africa funds have been administered by partner organizations.

**Advocacy**

Kovin Naidoo and Daniel Etya'ale co-facilitated the East Africa Child Eye Health (CEH) Meeting in Uganda, Kampala in January 2012 attended by partner organizations. The objective of the meeting was the development of a CEH Agenda for the Region, and to explore prospective partnership and funding opportunities.

IAPB Africa signed an MOU with WHO AFRO in mid-February which constitutes the first formal agreement and working relationship between the 2 entities since the inception of the VISION 2020 global campaign. It seeks to refine the strategic direction, scope of work, and outcomes for the benefit of VISION 2020 within Sub-saharan Africa for the next 5 years.

Daniel Etya'ale was the recipient of the Prince Abdulaziz Ahmad Al Saud Prevention of Blindness Award at the World Ophthalmology Congress in Abu Dhabi in February 2012. This award is presented to an ophthalmologist who has substantially contributed to Prevention of Blindness in the developing world.

Daniel Etya'ale will facilitate the VISION 2020 National Planning Workshop with partners in the Mozambique Eye Care Coalition in Maputo from 19-22 March 2012 covering a situational analysis of the 4 pillars of VISION 2020 including Provincial and National plans.

## **Disease Prevention and Control**

Daniel Etya'ale attended a meeting of the PEC Working Group in Ghana on March 13<sup>th</sup>, participation included Operation Eyesight Universal, Fred Hollows Foundation, Sightsavers, West Africa Health Organisation, and East Africa College of Ophthalmologists.

Daniel Etya'ale presented at the Paediatric Seminar in late February which saw the participation of ophthalmologists and medical advisors from South Africa. The seminar was part of a larger initiative to work with eye health professionals across the province of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa and hosted by ORBIS in partnership with the Department of Health. ORBIS is supporting a three year project to improve children's access to eye health services through a range of interventions including workshops and seminars with ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, optometrists and primary health care workers. The project aims to strengthen the existing referral and follow-up pathways for children using eye health services.

## **Human Resource Development**

The Africa office has employed 2 new staff:

- Stephanie Mekinda, the Human Resource Coordinator who is currently placed at the Sightsavers Cameroon office and will be transferred to the IAPB Cape Town Office as soon as her visa is processed.
- Halli Manolakos, Africa Programme Coordinator based at the Cape Town Office.



**AFRICA REGIONAL REPORT – Implementation at Subregional and Country Level**

<b>EAST AFRICA</b>				
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>VISION 2020 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 4 PILLARS</b>			
	<b>ADVOCACY</b>	<b>DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL</b>	<b>HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY</b>
Subregional Activities	FHF supported the EACO in a strategic planning process and development of a new plan for 2012-2015.			
			Teaching and Learning Project: FHF has funded the Centre for Health Science Education (CHSE) at Witswaterand University South Africa to undertake a situational assessment of the education support systems for faculty teaching in eye health. Participating education institutions include institutions in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Rwanda and Kenya.	
Eritrea		FHF is supporting the surgery and antibiotics components of the national SAFE strategy	FHF supporting the Bachelor Science Ophthalmic Nursing Program – cataract surgeons training program	FHF is supporting the tertiary hospital OPD and training facility construction
		FHF is supporting MOH participation in the Prospective Review of Early Cataract Outcomes and Global-Impact (PRECOG) research project	ICEE – 19 Optometry Technicians deployed by the MOH to the 10 Vision Centers which were set up in the government District Hospitals	
Ethiopia	CBM - INGDO forum for V 2020 promotion reactivated	KCCO - Preparation of case studies on “best practices” for Zithromax mass drug administration.	ORBIS - undertaken research in the area of productivity and quality amongst mid-level eye care workers.	
		FHF is undertaking scoping work for a trachoma project, anticipated commencement is 2013.	Support provided for Jima and Addis Ababa Universities training ophthalmologists and Yirgalem & ALERT Hospitals training ophthalmic nurses, 19 graduated.	
Ethiopia		FHF in partnership with LFTW is supporting a district-based eye project in Amhara Region	CBM supported the Ophthalmological Society of Ethiopia (OSE) who hosted the annual OSEA conference in Addis Ababa	



		CBM - Medical supplies were provided to 16 partners		
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Kenya	FHF - Supported key staff (Division of Ophthalmic Services) to attend international advocacy and planning fora.	FHF and OEU signed an agreement to support the implementation of the SAFE strategy Pokot County, and have so far supported the mass distribution of antibiotics in 1 district.	FHF supported specialist training for a paediatric ophthalmologist.	FHF has finalised plans for the construction of an eye unit at Migori Hospital in the Greater South Nyzana province in 2012.
	Breakthrough: Eye health is slowly being integrated into the PHC system, the number of dedicated eye health staff has increased at the national level, and reaching communities in outlying areas	FHF provided support to the Division of Ophthalmic Services to undertake prevalence surveys in East Pokot and Transmara Districts and trachoma rapid assessments in Makueni and Koibatek Districts.	FHF supported the training of 4 ophthalmic assistants, 2 low vision specialists, and 24 trachoma lid surgeons.	FHF supported the Division of Ophthalmic Services to roll out the electronic Health Information System in 10 districts.
		FHF expanded programming to new regions in South Nyanza and the Rift Valley province	FHF - support MOH and Kenya Medical Training College for research into the impact of counselling on uptake of cataract surgical service.	
		CBM + FHF have supported the Division of Ophthalmic Services (DOS) in the further development of a PEC curriculum and ToT manual.	CBM - Additional training sites have been developed to enable 80+ health care professionals per year to receive a 3 month Ophthalmic Skills Upgrade	
		CBM - A 3 year low vision plan successfully developed and funded, for the expansion of low vision services within a 5 program network.	ICEE has partnered with Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology to support the training of 36 optometry students.	
		CBM - The End of Term Evaluation (ETE) report was finalized in regards to a 4 year consortium trachoma control program (SAFE) funded by the EU.		
Rwanda		FHF has signed agreements with new partners in Zone 6 of Rwanda to expand their programming into 2 new	FHF has formed a partnership with Kigali Health Institute to support the training of Ophthalmic Technicians	FHF - A new Eye Unit has been completed at Muhororo Hospital in Ngororero District



		districts in 2012	(OTs) and the up-skilling of existing OTs in refractive services.	(Zone 5)
South Sudan			CBM - In collaboration with other stakeholders a workshop to develop a multiyear plan for Juba Teaching Hospital was conducted.	CBM supported the construction of a new modest training center at JTH.

**EAST AFRICA (continued)**

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South Sudan			CBM - Ophthalmic clinical officers and cataract surgeons being trained in Juba teaching hospital. 4 Cataract surgeons & nine OCOs graduated	
Tanzania	CBM - National Eye care Strategic Plan 2011 -2016 was presented to eye care partners in October 2011.	KCCO - Completed RAAB in Atsinanana Region, Madagascar with MoH	KCCO - Series of training programmes for educators on low vision and inclusive education (in Tanzania)	
		ICEE conducted 2 surveys to determine patient satisfaction and uptake of eye care services, specifically refraction in the public health facilities with Vision Centers.	KCCO - Conducted three short courses (Bridging Strategies, Management, Childhood Blindness) for eye care professionals throughout Africa	
			KCCO - Microfinance and eye health project leader went to Nepal to work with colleagues there to explore how to use local microfinance for promoting use of eye care services.	

**CENTRAL AFRICA**

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Cameroon			School of optometry in Yaoundé Cameroon has officially been created by the MOH, ICEE, Sightsavers, professional bodies of ophthalmology and opticians.	



**SOUTHERN AFRICA**

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Madagascar			ICEE - Optometry Giving Sight through ICEE awarded full scholarships to 2 students from Madagascar to study optometry in Mali.	
Mozambique	MECC - Working with MISAU to access USAID for funding distribution costs.	MECC – Research - Evaluation of clinical competency of eyecare cadres in practice and in training	MECC – Research on a cost benefit evaluation of the optometry training programme	
		MECC - RAAB was finished for Nampula province.	MECC – Partners working on development of local to guarantee sustainability.	MECC- Construction of eye clinic has started.
		MECC - Working with MISAU to access distribution of Zitromax	MECC - OCO Training continues + 1 optometrist for refraction training.	
	MECC – Development of strategic plan (next 4 years)	MECC - Trachoma Mapping completed in Cabo Delgado, Niassa and Inhambane.	MECC –strategic plan for Mozambique - include continuation of OCO training	MECC –strategic plan for Mozambique – includes construction and establishment of Provincial coordination structures.
Mozambique	MECC - The MEP continues to advocate with MISAU for the establishment of optometry as a public health profession	MECC - Clinical research - glaucoma, and novel diagnostic tools for detection, based at UniLurio University, Nampula	MECC - The MEP linked with MISAU (MOH) to deliver training in refraction to Ophthalmic technicians in training	
South Africa	ORBIS hosted 2 workshops in Cape Town in Dec 2011: 1. 'Advocacy for Action - Ensure Child Eye Health for Africa'.2. 'Sub-Specialty Training in Paediatric Ophthalmology for sub-Saharan Africa'	ICEE - Child Eye project in Gauteng Province replicated in Gauteng in partnership with Nissan Company, Department of Health and Education.	Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga: ICEE provided Low Vision Training to 15 optometrists and 26 ophthalmic nurses.	
	ICEE, AVRI and ORBIS has undertaken research in the area of poverty and eye health.	MECC – Research on the Development of a Paediatric Eye Health programme		
		ICEE - Northern Cape, established a partnership with Air Mercy		



		Services (AMS) to work with the Northern Cape DOH with funding from De Beers to deliver eye health service.		
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**WEST AFRICA**

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Subregional Activities	IAPB Francophone West Africa and IOTA (Institut d’Ophtalmologie Tropicale d’Afrique) submitted proposal for the grant of EUR 300 000 (3 years) to transform IOTA into a regional center of excellence and are awaiting the outcome.			
Ghana	OEU – SiB4 - The marketing strategy for awareness creation has been designed to cover the entire country even though the project covers 6 out of the 10 regions in Ghana.	OEU – SiB4 – While the marketing strategy is in progress, partner hospitals in the project are continuing with screening, treatment, and referral of patients.		OEU – To date the SiB4 project has set up a fully functional office, conducted a baseline survey, equipped all 21 partner institutions with modern ophthalmic equipment and consumables.
				OEU – SiB4 – Construction work on 3 out of 21 partner hospitals, started in first week of February 2012.
Nigeria	ICEE + Sightsavers - The project Launch in Gusau, Zamfara created awareness on eye health and attracted the support of key stakeholders.	KCCO - Preparation of case studies on “best practices” for Zithromax mass drug administration.	ICEE + Sightsavers - Training of 50 Teachers as School screeners and 50 Community Health Extension workers in Primary health Centers.	ICEE + Sightsavers - the 2 <sup>nd</sup> urban centre opened in the second senatorial district of Zamfara with Standard Chartered support, with further advocacy to the government for a centre in the third district.
		ICEE + Sightsavers - 10 vision corridors were set up in the communities, making self-vision assessment possible, expected to increase demand for service and referrals from the communities.	ICEE + Sightsavers - Community mobilization and screening activities in 50 communities by 50 trained CHEWs, supervised by 10 trained Coordinators (H1 ) and 4 staff of public health department covering 3 Area Councils- AMAC, KUJE and	ICEE + Sightsavers – Allotment of space of eye clinic and transforming male ward to an eye theatre at Kubwa General Hospital in Abuja



			BWARI	
				ICEE + Sightsavers - Vision centre/ optical workshop equipment cleared ready for transportation to Abuja