STRENGTHENING EYE HEALTH SYSTEMS

EXAMPLES FROM BRIEN HOLDEN VISION INSTITUTE’S SIB FUNDED PROJECTS

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Past and current projects

1. Giving sight to Kwa Zulu Natal
2. FCT Comprehensive Eye care Programme
3. Giving Sight to Gauteng
4. East Africa Child Eye Health
5. *Mubende Comprehensive Eye care Project
1. Health Workforce

Improved the HR situation—both numbers and skills;

• Employment of optometrists
• Training in PEC and refresher courses
• Low vision and paediatric optometry courses
• and creating an enabling environment—refurbishing/equipping of eye units
2. Service Delivery for children
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Efforts to establish/strengthen a model for eye health delivery for children

- Integrated School Health Programme in South Africa
- Integration into education sector-teachers in Nigeria and East Africa
- Integration into general primary health care
Conclusion

• NGOs need to align with government’s policies and priorities in order to contribute to the strengthening of the country’s health systems e.g the SA ISHP
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