

STRENGTHENING EYE HEALTH SYSTEMS

**EXAMPLES FROM BRIEN HOLDEN
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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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