Removing Barriers to Quality Eye Care Project

Impact made by the project
The 21 targeted existing district hospitals eye units have been equipped with basic ophthalmic equipment and their capacities strengthened to provide sustainable eye health services.

Sustainability
Empowerment of ophthalmic staff and integrating primary eye care into the primary health has led to district authorities taking charge of their responsibilities. Project supported getting eye health included in the National Health insurance scheme.

Local Standard Chartered engagement
Bank staff were actively engaged through their employee volunteering in project activities such outreach, training, awareness creation, and monitoring and evaluation of the project.

Main objectives for the project
The aim of the project was the development of primary and secondary eye care services in 21 districts in 6 regions of Ghana by 2015.

The Objectives were:
1: Expand the provision of primary and lower secondary eye care services within 21 districts and expand the provision of referral services to base hospitals
2: Improve the quality and increase the quantity of screening, surgery, and treatment
3: Construct one new eye unit, renovate/rehabilitate two other eye units, and provide equipment to 21 district hospitals to ensure provision of quality eye services to target populations
4: Create awareness campaigns throughout 6 regions to promote eye health seeking behaviours

Eye Health Services Strengthened

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<td>Training of 1,613, primary eye care workers across the project sites</td>
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<td>Training of 12 equipment technicians, 10 optometrists &amp; 42 ophthalmic nurses and orientation of six ophthalmologists</td>
<td>20,581 eye surgeries over the project life were recorded</td>
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$ 93,383 spent on renovation of 3 eye units.
$544,547 invested into equipment & consumables for 21 district hospitals.

Leading to...

21 districts hospitals equipped and fully operational

Therefore impacting...

Availability of eye health services in the target districts resulting in increased access to primary eye care services in the target districts

Create awareness campaigns throughout 6 regions to promote eye health seeking behaviours

Development, distribution of behaviour change communication materials, and airing TV commercials on eye health seeking behaviour

Eye health seeking behaviour in the targeted districts and beyond improved.

SiB Project
Implementing partner: Operation Eyesight Universal
Total budget: $1,416,772
Total SiB contribution: $900,000
Project duration: January 2011 to December 2015

Situation analysis
Target population: approx. 5 million
Leading causes of blindness: Cataract, Glaucoma & Refractive Error

Name: Michael, age 4
Location: Ashanti Region

Realizing the benefit of the spectacles to Priscilla, her parents decided to take Michael to the Juabeng Government Hospital for eye examination. The optometrist diagnosed Michael, like his elder sister Priscilla, as having myopia.

Just like his elder sister, Michael could not see well and did bumped into objects in his way. This is now a thing of the past after he received his spectacles.

The mother of Michael said, “I am happy the condition of Michael has been detected early and I thank Operation Eyesight and Seeing is Believing for the help given to my son and daughter.”