Reducing the number of existing and potential avoidable blindness cases in Douala.

**Impact made by the project**
A hospital was set in urban Cameroon, increasing accessibility to eye health services that was not possible otherwise.

**Sustainability**
The project enabled providing eye-related surgeries at subsidised costs, thereby increasing the number of patients. A combination of these two aspects has ensured financial stability and sustainability of eye health services at the hospital.

**Local engagement by Standard Chartered**
Staff engaged with the project by conducting outreach screening, educational talks on Glaucoma and World Sight Day events. The marketing department in Cameroon also worked with RtS staff to design posters for World Sight Day.

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**Main objectives for the project:**
- The eye care service delivery of Acha Hospital in Douala is strengthened in a sustainable way.
- Access to Eye Care services improved, especially of the indigent population and children.
- Eye care services rendered are efficient and high quality.
## Strengthening eye health delivery of the new Acha Douala Hospital

### SiB contributed towards...

- 30 hospital staff trained
- USD177,019 of equipment and USD187,122 of consumables supplied
- Surgeries cross-subsidised

### Leading to...

- 179,000+ patients seen, treated or referred
- 5,000+ cataract surgeries
- 1,900+ other surgical treatments
- Sustainability of the new Acha Douala hospital

### Therefore impacting...

- Screening and treatment of eye patients at the hospital increased
- Sustainability of services at the hospital ensured

### Supported HR department in financial and personnel sustainability

- Quality of surgical outcomes monitored

### Supported Monitoring and Evaluation Unit

- Efficient and quality eye health services

### Key service delivery increase

- 111% in the number of spectacle distribution (1,800 in 2010 and 3,800 in 2013)
- 1900% in the number of eye surgeries at the hospital (200 in 2010 and 4,000 in 2013)

### SiB Project

- Implementing partner: Right to Sight
- Total contribution: USD998,175
- Project Duration: April 2010 – December 2013
- Location: Douala

### Situation analysis

- Target Population: 2 million*
- Blindness Prevalence: 1%, with Cataract as the leading cause (50%)
- Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness (RAAB)

* Urban population, so there are other eye care providers in the project region.

### Mbah’s parents realised that he had problems in his vision when Mbah was ten months old. At 2 years of age, Mbah was taken to the Acha Douala Hospital where he received free surgical treatment for bilateral congenital cataract.

### Mbah’s profile

- Name: Mbah
- Age: 2 years
- Location: Douala