EYE HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING IN GHANA

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**EYE HEALTH SYSTEM**

- Eye health system consists of all organizations, people and actions whose *primary intent* is to promote, restore or maintain eye health.
- OEU Ghana SiB projects have been implemented to help strengthen Eye Heath System in Ghana.
# EYE HEALTH SYSTEM FRAMEWORK

## System Building Blocks
- Service Delivery
- Eye Health Workforce
- Information and Research
- Medical Products and Technology
- Financing
- Leadership/Governance

## Overall Goals/Outcomes
- Improved Health
- Responsiveness
- Social and Financial Risk Protection
- Improved Efficiency
### WHAT HAS OEU/SIB DONE?

#### SERVICE DELIVERY
- Raised demand through awareness creation
- Integrated Primary Eye Care into Primary Health Care
- Supported outreach services

#### EYE HEALTH WORKFORCE
- Trained Primary Eye Care Workers
- Built the capacities of frontline ophthalmic personnel
- Advocated for fair distribution of eye health workforce
WHAT HAS OEU/SIB DONE?

INFORMATION AND RESEARCH

- Trained Health Information Officers
- Conducted National Survey

MEDICAL PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGY

- Supplied cost effective surgical consumables on sustainable basis
- Provided infrastructure and equipment
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<td>Conducted free surgeries where and when needed</td>
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CONSTRAINTS

- Financial access difficulty – delays in reimbursements from National Health Insurance.
- Poor commitment from leadership and management to eye health development.
- Poor staff motivation – outreach support, equipment, and medicines to work with.
- Physical access difficulty – some districts still do not have hospitals and therefore access to frontline ophthalmic personnel.
- Ineffective intra and inter sectoral action plans
HOW OEU/SIB IS WORKING TO MINIMISE THE CONSTRAINTS

- **Advocacy:**
  - Timely release of insurance reimbursement to hospitals
  - Comprehensive health care including eye health
  - Intra and inter sectoral plans

- **Outreach support:**
  - Travel and Transport /Fuel/Snacks/Lunch
  - Medicines
  - Portable equipment
THANK YOU