Strengthening Vision 2020 in North-East Zimbabwe

Impact made by the project
Improved quality and increased quantity of eye health services for children & adults in remote regions in Zimbabwe.

Sustainability
The project trained Instrument Technicians and introduced cost recovery mechanisms for devices and selected consumables to promote ownership and continuity.

Local Standard Chartered engagement
Participated in VA testing and eye unit database management system development

Main objectives for the project:
• Increase the quantity and improve the quality of eye-care services for adults and children over three years
• Increase the capacity of the eye-health workforce at primary, secondary and tertiary levels
• Improve the infrastructure for eye-care delivery at tertiary and secondary level
• Ensure all eye-care services are inclusive

Equipment and consumables
SiB contributed towards...

Provision of equipment and consumables for eye units worth USD303,349

8,241 adult cataract surgeries and 1,566 paediatric surgeries being performed.

Increased access to eye health services for adults and children in the targeted provinces

Establishment of low vision services at a cost of USD20,369.

Refraction of 1,247 children, 663 low vision assessments and 587 spectacles dispensed.

Low vision services now available in the eye clinic, resulting in improved supply, availability and affordability of spectacles and devices.

Refurbishment of three eye units at a cost of USD350,223

Adherence to sterility standards and improved patient flows.

Enhanced safety of surgical procedures, increased work efficiencies and number of theatre days.
Training and awareness raising activities

| Training of 936 Primary Health Care Workers, 11 OPNs in Low Vision, 3 Instrument technicians and 3 OPNs in child ophthalmology and refractions. | Strengthening of referral pathway and improved maintenance of equipment. | Increased referral uptake, sustainability, efficiency & strengthening of the eye health system. |
| Development of project IEC material | 936 people receiving eye health related material and over 2 million accessing eye health information. | Improved access to eye health information, promotion of eye health seeking behaviour, attitudes and practices of the target population |
| Development of partnership agreements with the hospitals on reducing cost of eye health services for patients | Reduction of theatre fees by between 30% (for adults) and 90% (for children). | Stagnation of patient costs for the duration of the project and reducing economic barriers for patients |

Key service delivery increase

| Increase in number of (annual) adults cataract surgeries | Increase in number of (annual) child quality eye surgeries |
| 182% | 396% |

SiB Project
Implementing partner: CBM
Total budget: $1,242,720
Total SiB contribution: $994,176
Project Duration: 4 years

Situation analysis
Target Population:
Blindness Prevalence: 3.7% (estimate)
Leading causes: Cataract, Glaucoma

Name: Trevis (left) & Tamia (right)
Age: 4 and 2
Location: Sekuru Kaguvi Hospital

Trevis, now 4 years old, and his younger sister Tamia, 2 years old, both developed bilateral cataracts in their infancy. They underwent surgery at Sekuru Kaguvi Eye Hospital and their sight was restored. Letwin, their mother feels this has given her children an opportunity for a more successful future.