# Quality Eye Health For All

## Impact made by the project
Integrated primary eye care into primary health care across 35 districts. Conducted first national blindness and visual impairment study.

## Sustainability
Empowered the districts right from the community based health planning services to the district hospitals to deliver eye health services by training and equipping frontline ophthalmic personnel as well as primary eye care workers.

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

## Main objectives for the project:
- Quality screening and assertive case-finding in 35 districts to identify eye problems and conditions that can ultimately cause blindness if left untreated.
- Improving the comprehensiveness of community-based primary eye health care to cover 75 percent of the population in the catchment area through referral of patients with eye problems, and coordination of care when eye problems co-occur with other problems.
- Creating and nurturing strategic partnerships with other non-government organizations to advocate for necessary primary eye health care, and community infrastructure.
- Creating awareness campaigns throughout the ten regions to promote eye health-seeking behaviour and increase by 300 percent patients’ ability to access and receive quality comprehensive eye care screening and medical treatment.
- Equip at least 10 hospitals with modern ophthalmic equipment.

## Integration of Primary eye care into primary health care

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<td>SiB contributed towards training of 3,337 primary eye care workers across the 35 project sites.</td>
<td>Leading to 515,504 eye examinations conducted.</td>
<td>Therefore impacting the delivery of eye health services by bringing eye health to the door step of the communities.</td>
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<td>SiB contributed towards training of 92 frontline ophthalmic personnel, 11 equipment technicians and orientation for 10 ophthalmologists.</td>
<td>Leading to the availability of much needed human resource for eye health in partner districts.</td>
<td>Therefore impacting on the surgical backlog in Ghana by bringing quality services to previously underserved districts.</td>
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<td>SiB contributed towards the distribution of spectacles, low vision aids and established a system where low vision and refractive error patients could access quality services and treatment.</td>
<td>Leading to distribution of 1,372 spectacles to needy but poor people.</td>
<td>Therefore impacting on the elimination of avoidable blindness.</td>
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SiB contributed towards equipment and consumables for 35 district hospitals. | Leading to 35 districts hospitals fully equipped and functional. | Therefore impacting on the availability of quality eye health services at the district and increased access to eye health services.

SiB contributed towards development and dissemination of IEC materials. | Leading to sensitization of over 5,000,000 people. | Therefore impacting partner districts and communities taking charge of their eye health.

**Key service delivery increase**

Uptake of eye health services in partner districts increased by 300%

Introduction of low vision services
Surgery in some districts
Refractive error services

**SiB Project**
Implementing partner: Operation Eyesight Universal
Total budget: $1,249,963
Total SiB contribution: $999,971
Project Duration: July 2013 to June 2017

**Situation analysis**
Target Population: 7.5m
Blindness Prevalence: 0.74%
Leading causes: Cataract 58.4%, Glaucoma 19.4%, Posterior Segment 12.9%, Cornea Opacity 11.2% and Others 1.7%.

**Name:** Mr. Kwabena Kumah  
**Age:** 59  
**Location:** Pataho, Tarkwa, Western Region

During an outreach by the ophthalmic team of the Tarkwa Municipal Hospital, to Pataho, the community health nurse at Pataho brought Mr Kumah, to see the ophthalmic nurse. He was then referred to the Tarkwa Municipal Hospital where his condition was managed. Now his eye is settled and all the pain has stopped. He said he is very happy and continues to praise the ophthalmic nurse as his deliverer.

As a result of his satisfaction for the services that was provided for him at the eye clinic at the Tarkwa Municipal Hospital he took his mother who was blind from cataract to the hospital for cataract surgery. He said his aged mother can now see very well and as a result she does not stay at home any more, she goes to her farm every day.

He said, “I realized that none of the people who had cataract surgery at the Tarkwa Municipal Hospital complained of any pain or had any problem with their eyes when I visited the hospital, however many of the people who travelled with me to Accra for the surgery complained of pain and other