



Kolmarg
EYESIGHT FOUNDATION
Restoring sight to the blind

ANNUAL REPORT 2022





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1.0 MESSAGE

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am delighted to share with you all our Annual Report 2022. The report highlights the activities carried out by the foundation with the support of our partners in 2022, and to the glory of God we were able to accomplish much more than the preceding year. The number of patients seen increased by 358%, cataract surgery by 95%, and the number of glasses dispensed by 145% over the preceding year.

Our activities commenced in January at the Jos Custodial Centre of the Nigerian Correctional Services where free medical and surgical eye care was offered to both inmates and officials of the centre. Our other activities were held in 2 government hospitals, a mission hospital and a private clinic. We were able to organize our first outreach outside Plateau State in April 2022, and this was at the Federal Medical Centre, Keffi in Nasarawa State also in north-central Nigeria. While we are grateful to all our partners, Board of Trustees, and volunteers for all we were able to achieve in 2022, more still needs to be done as we were unable to meet our target for the year.

The majority of those who are blind in sub-Saharan Africa are poor and reside in rural areas where eye care facilities and personnel are almost nonexistent. It is our desire to be able to extend these services to these rural areas in northern Nigeria in 2023. We therefore, look forward to strengthening our existing partnerships in the new year, and also develop new ones. By doing this we believe we will be able to restore sight to many more who are blind from cataract and refractive errors, and also prevent many from going blind, thereby transforming the lives of multitudes. Eradicating blindness and restoring sight reduces poverty, improves the quality of life for individuals and communities, and positively impacts the GDP of nations. The theme for our activities for the year 2023 would therefore be “Restoring Sight, Transforming Lives”.

We would be most grateful if you would support us as we strive towards the realization of this vision. For all who have supported us so far, once again I say thank you, and may the good Lord bless you all.

Olukorede Adenuga
Executive Director



2.0 ABOUT KOLMARG EYESIGHT FOUNDATION

Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation (KEF) is an international Christian non-governmental organization that provides free eye care to poor and disadvantaged persons in sub-Saharan Africa. It was founded by Prof. Olukorede Adenuga on the 22nd of November 2020, and incorporated on the 8th of March 2021 in Jos, north-central Nigeria (RC no; 156441).

| VISION

To see that no one is needlessly blind from preventable or treatable causes in sub-Saharan Africa.

| MISSION

Elimination of avoidable blindness in sub-Saharan Africa through comprehensive eye care provision at no cost to poor and disadvantaged persons.



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| 3.0 OUR STRATEGY

We organize eye camps during which we offer the following services free of charge;

- Cataract surgery
- Refraction and dispensing of reading glasses
- Screening for and treatment of glaucoma
- Screening for diabetic retinopathy
- Low vision rehabilitation
- Training of community health workers



4.0 MEET OUR TEAM



4.1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Prof.
Olukorede
Adenuga**
CHAIRMAN



**Dr.
Emmanuel
Agogo**
VICE CHAIRMAN



**Dr.
Olaniyi
Taiwo**
SECRETARY



4.2 MANAGEMENT STAFF



**Prof.
Olukorede
Adenuga**

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR/
CHAIRMAN

Olukorede is the Executive Director and Chairman, Board of Trustees of Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation. He qualified as an Ophthalmologist in 2006 and is currently a Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Jos and Honorary Consultant Ophthalmologist at the Jos University Teaching Hospital, Jos in north-central Nigeria. Olukorede is passionate about providing eye care to rural communities and has been involved in eye camps in rural areas of north-central and north-eastern Nigeria for over 10 years. He has been a regular volunteer for the TY Danjuma Foundation/Care Vision Support Initiative free eye care program in Taraba and Edo states since 2009.



**Dr.
Dankat
Tushak**

PROGRAM MANAGER

Dankat is an ophthalmic nurse with over 3 decades of experience working in the Ophthalmology Department of Jos University Teaching Hospital, and later COCIN Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre, both in Plateau State, north-central Nigeria. He has Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Social Work and Administration, and a PhD in Security Intelligence and Forensic Investigation. He also has several years of experience working as a volunteer in eye camps across northern Nigeria.



**Toyin
Oyeniya**

ACCOUNTANT

Toyin has a first degree in Accountancy and a Certificate in Management. She has 9 years of experience working as an accountant with a publishing company before joining Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation.



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Thomas Adeyeye

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Thomas is a civil engineer and also a health safety and environmental professional. He joined Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation in 2022 on completion of his national youth service assignment at the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Headquarters, Jos. While at ITF he worked as an administrative assistant. Prior to his posting to ITF, he also worked as an administrative assistant with a real estate firm



Winnie Munmbo

STORE OFFICER

Winnie has a degree in microbiology and worked as a teacher before joining Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation. She also volunteers as a teacher with an NGO, Greater Youth Foundation that reaches out to inmates at the remand home for juveniles in Jos.



4.3 INTERNATIONAL STAFF

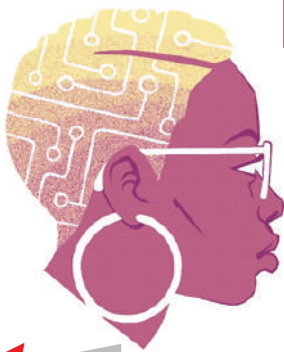


**Dr.
Ayo
Adenuga**

LIAISON
OFFICER
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Ayo is a Public Health and Clinical Research Physician with over 15 years wealth of experience in implementing and managing high impact health programs in sub-Saharan Africa and the USA. She has experience and skills in driving innovative solutions to health and development challenges by effectively implementing and managing a number of clinical research projects and global health programs in infectious diseases, oncology, rare diseases, maternal and child health, and translational neuroscience. She is currently working with Emmes LLC, a global clinical research organization in the USA as the Project Lead.



**Damilola
Odelola**

LIAISON
OFFICER
(UK & EUROPE)

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Lola Odelola is a Technologist and Professional Rubber Duck, her role in the technology industry is to help others and build tools that make work and life a little easier. Professionally she has worked in a number of industries, including ethical food, political organising & campaigning, Web Standards, and Big Tech. Her desire to help also extends past her paid work as she is the founder of blackgirl.tech, a non-profit aimed at helping to diversify the tech industry with free workshops, social events, and scholarships. Lost in the Source is Lola's blog and podcast where she explains technical concepts and shares her experiences in tech as well as tips and advice on how to grow as an engineer and navigate the industry. Lola continues to work in the Web Standards space, imagining new ways to make the Web more safe, accessible and equitable.



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5.0 2022 ACTIVITIES

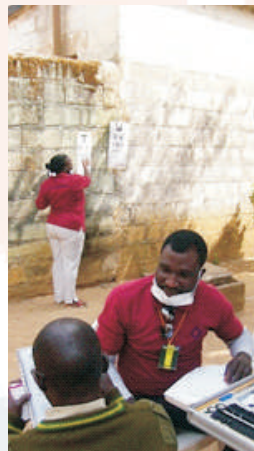


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5.1 Nigerian Correctional Service Outreach



Our first activity for the year took place on the 13th of January 2022 at the Nigerian Correctional Service (formerly Known as Nigerian Prison Service), Jos Medium Security Custodial Centre. Eight inmates and four officers of the command had free eye surgery, including cataract and pterygium surgery. Eye drops were also prescribed for glaucoma and other minor eye conditions, and fifty reading glasses distributed to those with presbyopia. Accessing eye care has always been difficult for the inmates as the clinic within the centre does not have an ophthalmologist or optometrist. The inmates and officers were therefore very happy and grateful to the organization for bringing the service to the custodial center.



5.2 Eye Camp at Federal Medical Centre, Keffi



Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation (KEF) partnered with the department of Ophthalmology, Federal Medical Centre, Keffi (FMCK) to provide free cataract surgery to indigent patients at the centre. This was the first outreach organised by the foundation outside Plateau State. The Head of Department of Ophthalmology at the medical centre, Dr. Patricia Musa expressed her gratitude to KEF for collaborating with the hospital, and said she looked forward to more of such programs in the future. She further disclosed that the Dr. Yahaya Baba Adamu-led management of FMCK is always open and ready to partner with committed NGOs in the areas of equipment and manpower to help offer free health care services to indigent patients. Surgeries were performed on the 5th of April, 2022 at the medical centre's main theatre with 19 patients benefiting from the program. Surgery consumables, postoperative medications and sunglasses were all provided free of charge by the foundation. The patients expressed their delight to both the hospital and the foundation for their kind gesture.



5.3 Eye Camp at 563 Nigeria Airforce Hospital (NAF), Jos



A free cataract surgery camp took place on May 30, 2022 at the 563 NAF Hospital, Jos. Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation (KEF) collaborated with the hospital to provide free cataract surgery to indigent patients. While receiving the eye care team from KEF, the hospital commander, Air Commodore Ogbodo expressed his gratitude to the foundation for choosing the hospital for the laudable program. He noted that there was a lot of poverty in the country with people unable to afford basic health care and that programs such as this will go a long way in alleviating the sufferings of the poor, particularly for those who are blind. He said he hoped the foundation will organize more of such programs in the future and that the hospital will always be ready to support whenever the need arises.

The Executive Director of the organization, Prof. Olukorede Adenuga, thanked the Commander for accepting to collaborate with the organization. He said the foundation was desirous of having another program in the hospital before the end of the year. This he said would be a comprehensive program, not just offering cataract surgery but will also include screening for and treatment of glaucoma, distribution of reading glasses, and screening for diabetic retinopathy. Eighteen patients had eye surgery. All surgery consumables and postoperative medications were provided by the foundation.

5.4 Eye Camp at Our Lady of Apostles' Hospital (OLA), Jos



The foundation organized a free eye camp at OLA Hospital, Jos on the 24th of September, 2022. There was a huge turnout of people for the one day event. 548 patients were seen, and 225 reading glasses as well as eye drops for other common eye conditions were dispensed. 57 patients had eye surgery, 53 of these were for cataracts with the remaining being pterygium excision. About 40 patients with cataracts, were unable to be operated on initially but later had their surgery, following additional support from our partners on the 28th of October, 2022. 44 patients had cataract surgery during this second free eye camp at the hospital.



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5.5 Dilimi Eye Camp



Our final program for the year, a cataract surgery camp, took place on the 1st of December, 2022 at Ash Shakirun Clinic in Dilimi, Jos. Dilimi is a predominantly Muslim and Hausa community in Jos North local government. Screening began on the 28th of November and 550 patients were seen. Treatment was provided for patients with glaucoma, allergic conjunctivitis, and other common eye conditions, and reading glasses dispensed to those with presbyopia. 69 patients had eye surgery, 62 of these were for cataracts. All the services were provided free of charge by the foundation and Ash Shakirun Clinic. Surgeries were sponsored by Advantrix Designs Company Ltd and friends while reading glasses were supplied by Ash Shakirun Clinic.



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6.0 SUMMARY OF 2021/2022 ACTIVITIES





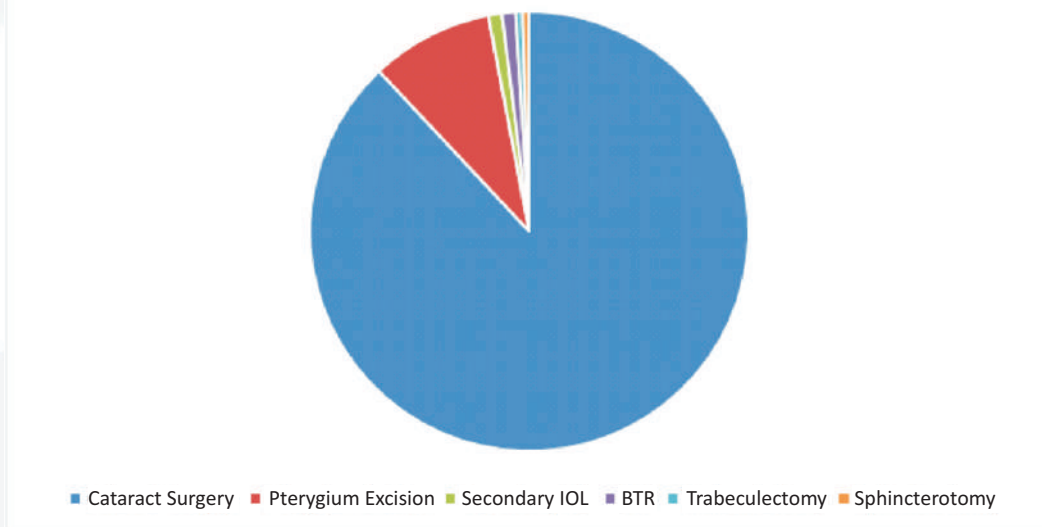
	2021	2022
 Number of patients attended to	300	1376
 Number of glasses dispensed	186	455
 Number of eye drops dispensed	220	420
 Number of eye surgeries	11	220



Figure 1; Eye surgeries done in 2022 (%)



220 eye surgeries were performed in 2022. Females constituted 112 (51%) of these. The age range of these patients was 10-91 years. 194 cataract surgeries were performed constituting 88% of the surgeries done. Other surgeries performed were pterygium excision (20), secondary intraocular lens implantation (2), trabeculectomy (1), sphincterotomy (1), and bilamellar tarsal rotation (BTR) [2].



7.0 COMMENDATIONS

Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation received a letter of appreciation from the Nigeria Correctional Service, Plateau State Command. This is not just for Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation but for every one of our partners as well.

NIGERIA CORRECTIONAL SERVICE PLATEAU STATE COMMAND

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO
THE CONTROLLER OF CORRECTINGS

Ref: PL/SHQ/SUN/01-V/100

Date: 20/04/2022



The Executive Director/Consultant Ophthalmologist,
(Prof. OO Adenuga)
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West of Mines,
Jos Plateau State.

Sir,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Staff and inmates of the Nigerian Correctional Service, Plateau State Command, I wish to most profoundly express our appreciation for the humanitarian services you and your organisation has been rendering to the Command over the years.

Your recent visit and service rendered to both staff and inmates of Jos Custodial Centre demonstrated your selfless service to humanity which cannot be overemphasized. The Command wishes to recognise this benevolent kind gesture and to also assure you of our willingness to build on the existing collaboration.

While thanking you for your usual assistance, please accept the assurances of my highest regards.

JR IBINUHI
Controller of Corrections
Plateau State Command



8.0 How You Can Support Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation

Your donation of any amount will support Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation in eliminating avoidable and treatable causes of blindness in sub-Saharan Africa. You may support us through any of these channels;

1. Bank transfers

Naira Account; Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation, Zenith Bank 1217709526

Dollar account; Kolmarg Eyesight Foundation, Zenith Bank 5071975329

2. Online Donation

You can make your donations online by visiting;

<https://www.kolmargeyesight.org/fund.php#eye>

3. In-kind donations

These may include any of the following;

- a. Equipment such as operating microscope, cataract surgery set, bipolar cautery machine, hot air oven, direct ophthalmoscope, indirect ophthalmoscope, visual acuity charts, glucometer, and digital sphygmomanometer.
- b. Surgery consumables e.g. posterior chamber intraocular lenses (+19.0D-21.5D), crescent knives, keratomes, viscoelastic, sutures (9/0 nylon, 8/0 vicryl, 4/0 silk), surgical mask, gauze roll, cotton wool roll, and surgical gloves (sizes 7-8).
- c. Drugs e.g. lidocaine injection, dilating eye drops (Phenylephrine, Tropicamide, Cyclopentolate), Anaesthetic (Tetracaine) eye drops, steroid/antibiotic eye drops and ointment, antiglaucoma eye drops, ciprofloxacin eye drops, antihistamine eye drops, acetazolamide tablets, and tetracycline eye ointment.
- d. Vehicles; the foundation needs a pickup truck (Toyota hilux) and a bus to ease the movement of equipment, consumables, and volunteers to the rural areas where camps will be held.



9.0 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Our vision of seeing that no one is needlessly blind from preventable or treatable causes in sub-Saharan Africa is a task that we cannot achieve alone. We are, therefore, very grateful to those who have supported us and have become partners. A number of individuals sent in donations, and we do appreciate that they may not want their names mentioned. We would, however, like to specially acknowledge Advantrix Designs Company Ltd and Alliance for Community Enhancement for their generous support in 2022. Advantrix Designs Company Ltd supported us with funds, branded T-shirts and caps and much more. The Chief Executive Officer of the company also did a lot of fund raising personally to ensure the success of our programs. Alliance for Community Enhancement, a UK based club set up to help out in areas of health and education in poorer countries was the major sponsor of the outreach at OLA Hospital in September 2022.





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