This year has been one characterised by successful collaboration and partnership. Early in the year we saw the opening of the Sheikh Zayed Regional Eye Care Centre in The Gambia – the result of co-operation by four West African governments as part of the Sightsavers-supported Health for Peace initiative. The centre will provide eye care services and much needed training for eye care professionals from across West Africa.

We also saw the 20th anniversary of our river blindness programme – a long-running partnership with pharmaceutical company Merck & Co., which is donating Mectizan® for mass treatment of the disease for as long as necessary. We have also expanded our partnerships to include organisations such as Water Aid and Islamic Relief, who work with us to provide water and sanitation in areas where trachoma is a significant problem.

We lobbied and continue to lobby for governments to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. At the annual Africa Forum, over 300 people (more than half of them blind) met in Nairobi to discuss ways forward to ensure full social inclusion for people who are blind.

During 2007, the World Health Organization released new statistics on blindness that include people who are visually impaired simply because they do not have glasses. The revised figure reveals that a staggering 314 million people worldwide are blind or visually impaired – an increase of 153 million on previous estimates. This underlines the need to boost our efforts to tackle refractive error – an easily corrected cause of visual impairment.

We would like to thank our supporters, partner organisations and staff, without whom none of the past year’s achievements or any of our future work would be possible.

Nigel Crisp, Chair
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**Social inclusion**
Number of people who are blind who received training

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**River blindness protection**
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People screened for glasses and low vision

People screened
People receiving treatment

Eye operations
Number of eye operations performed

People seen and treated

People seen
People treated
Keeping it clean

Ten-year-old Kausar Nazir had trachoma – a disease endemic in her village, Killa Virkan – until Sightsavers’ partner COAVS launched a trachoma prevention initiative.

“I was class representative and always a very hard worker at school. When my eyes started watering, I thought it was normal. But after a couple of months I couldn’t see the blackboard. I became scared I’d have to quit my studies.

When the doctors visited our school and examined our eyes, they told me I had trachoma. I was given eye ointment and told to clean my face and hands regularly. We also had lessons about eye health with the doctors, and at home I told my family and friends about what I’d learnt.

We now keep our houses and village clean, getting rid of rubbish properly. We have more indoor latrines, safe drinking water and neat paved streets. Now I’m in a new school near my village. My classmates are asking the teachers to get the same doctors to visit our new school to examine our eyes and teach us about eye health.”

Preventable Conditions

Trachoma is a disease of poverty, affecting mainly women and children. Trachoma causes trichiasis, where the infected eyelid turns inward, scratching the cornea and leading to blindness.

Sightsavers supports the World Health Organization’s SAFE strategy to combat trachoma – combining Surgery, Antibiotics, Face washing and Environmental hygiene.

Almost 20 million people in Africa are infected with river blindness, which is caused by the black simulium fly. It can be prevented by a yearly dose over at least 20 years of the drug Mectizan®, donated by Merck & Co.
20 years and counting
October saw the 20th anniversary of one of the world’s most successful drug donation programmes. In 1987, the pharmaceutical company Merck & Co, Inc. took the historic decision to donate a tiny tablet called Mectizan® for as long as necessary in the fight to eliminate river blindness.

To date more than 75 million treatments of Mectizan® have been delivered by Sightsavers and our partners. Merck remains committed to donating the tablet for as long as it is needed.

River blindness blitz in Togo
In 2007 Sightsavers and the Ministry of Health in Togo launched a public awareness campaign to help tackle river blindness in the areas where the disease is widespread. Public awareness teams visited villages and discussions about the river blindness prevention drug Mectizan® were held with village chiefs, elders and opinion leaders, including awareness of side effects, the importance of whole-community participation and recruiting community Mectizan® distributors.

National and local radio broadcast messages about river blindness in French and local language. Overall 2,243,430 people were treated with Mectizan® in Togo.

Mass treatment prevents eye disease
Across Africa, widescale preventive treatment programmes were started or completed.

- In Kenya, an EC-funded, four-year trachoma programme started in three districts. Mass treatment with trachoma drug Zithromax reached 89% coverage in Kajiado district alone.
- The International Trachoma Initiative (ITI) provided Zithromax to both Uganda and the National Eye Care Programme in The Gambia.
- In Guinea Bissau, Sightsavers worked with partners to restart the Mectizan® distribution programme that was suspended due to conflict.
- Vitamin A supplements were distributed in Nigeria’s Kogi and Kwara states, to prevent children going blind through lack of the vitamin.

WITH SIGHTSAVERS’ SUPPORT...

In 2007 working with local partners we protected 19,675,145 people in Africa against river blindness

- The National Plan for Prevention and Control of Avoidable Blindness was launched in Sri Lanka, paving the way for more effective use of resources and better eye care.
- The Neglected Tropical Diseases Programme was launched in Mali, integrating the treatment of five tropical diseases, including river blindness and trachoma.
- Nigeria’s National Blindness and Low Vision Survey was completed – the findings will help us focus our programme work.
- A Prevention of Blindness Plan was drafted in Haiti to ensure that preventive work is prioritised and well resourced.
- The Gambia carried out its first Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness, helping us plan our work and evaluate our impact on cataract blindness.
Getting back in business

Papender Singh has recently had his sight restored after cataract surgery. The 35-year-old shopkeeper, who lives in Nali village, in Uttar Pradesh talks about his experience.

“Four years ago I had a road accident and soon after my sight started to get worse. I own my own grocery shop, and I noticed that I couldn’t see the money I was handling.

I found it difficult to manage the shop on my own, and my eight-year-old nephew had to come to the shop to help out, so he couldn’t go to school. My shop used to be the most popular in the village, but because people had to wait longer they stopped coming, and we became very poor. At the age of 30 losing your sight can’t be described in words.

But then I heard a team of doctors were visiting, and at their clinic I was told I had cataracts. At Modinagar hospital doctors operated on the cataract in my left eye. When the bandage was removed, I couldn’t stop my tears when I realised my vision had come back as I counted the fingers my daughter held up.

Now I can run my shop independently and support my family again. I want to expand my shop and with the income I want to provide both my daughters and my nephew with a good education.”

FACT FILE

CATARACT

Cataract is the world’s leading cause of blindness, accounting for 39% of blindness worldwide. In the developing world it can affect both adults and children, who may become permanently blind if not treated early enough.

Cataract is when the lens becomes cloudy and light stops entering the eye, eventually causing blindness.

Although cataract is not preventable, it can be cured by simple surgery to replace the cloudy lens with a new plastic one, restoring sight in just 20 minutes.
WORKING TO RESTORE SIGHT

New eye care plan for Liberia
Sightsavers worked closely with the Liberian government in 2007 to make the country’s primary eye care services part of the national health care plan. With our support, an ophthalmic team started training officers in charge of health facilities across the country, helping them identify and cure basic eye problems, and to refer people with conditions such as cataract to hospital.

The first eye camp in south-east Liberia – the most poorly served area in terms of eye care and all other health facilities – resulted in a total of 242 operations, 225 of which were for cataract. The camp also enabled valuable collaboration between eye care workers in Liberia and neighbouring Sierra Leone.

Award for ‘outstanding’ work in Pakistan
Hasan Minto, Sightsavers’ Refractive Error and Low Vision Advisor in our Pakistan office, won the 2007 Essilor International Award for Outstanding International Contributions to Optometry. This was a timely award, received as new World Health Organization figures revealed that worryingly the number of people who are effectively blind or have low vision because of lack of glasses is much greater than previously thought.

Curing cataract worldwide
This year we worked to cure cataract around the world, including:

- We supported the Rotary Netra Eye Hospital in India in providing eye care to those living in inaccessible rural areas in south India through the fully equipped hospital train Lifeline Express.
- Sightsavers supported outreach work in Guinea Conakry, which enabled staff of the Labe Regional Eye Care Centre and the Mamou Regional Eye Unit to conduct more than 900 cataract operations and almost 6,500 other eye care treatments.
- The Bangladesh Childhood Cataract Campaign restored the sight of 2,848 children and gave out 4,000 pairs of glasses and 2,000 pairs of baby frame glasses.

WITH SIGHTSAVERS’ SUPPORT...

In 2007 our partners treated 3,590,896 people for eye conditions

- Two projects to treat diabetic retinopathy (blindness caused by diabetes) were launched in north India, while in the south, a 169-bed diabetic retinopathy wing was opened at Sankara Hospital.
- The Sundarban Social Development Centre in West Bengal, India, received the National Eye Award from VISION 2020 for its work through floating mobile clinics that provide primary eye care and referral for people in inaccessible island areas.
- In Zambias Copperbelt, two hospitals will serve around 2 million of Zambia’s poorest people – those identified as most vulnerable to eye problems.
- The Ayodhya Eye Hospital in Uttar Pradesh, India, received the Mother India Award for Social Work 2006. In just four years the project has restored the sight of 37,528 people.
- In Pakistan, the Ministry of Health approved a plan to formally integrate eye care into its national primary health care system.
The gift of shared learning

Angeline Akai is blind. She qualified as a teacher after attending both an integrated school and college. She is now a community-based rehabilitation worker while she looks for teaching work.

“If I hadn’t gone to Kilimani Primary School [supported by Sightsavers] things would have been difficult, since I come from a financially needy family and I wouldn’t have been able to afford the special learning equipment that was provided free there.

Inclusive education changed my life, because it made me mix with able bodied people and helped me be independent – if I had gone to a special school it would have been hard to socialise and I would have had low self-esteem.

Blind people are left behind on issues like HIV, because there is no information in Braille. There are no jobs for the disabled, and most jobs are advertised in print, so by the time you find out about the job it’s past the closing date.

Blind children face stigma, financial constraints, lack of adequate learning facilities and equipment. Children cannot overcome these challenges alone – they need support and assistance from their families, school, government and NGOs.”

“I would teach parents that blindness is not a curse, just the way it is. I tell them that I’ve not reached the full heights of my potential but I’ve moved very far, and their child can go further than me.”

Angeline Akai

FACT FILE

People who are blind can become isolated from their community, making them vulnerable to poverty, abuse and early death.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted in December 2006 and opened for signature in March 2007. Lobbied for by disabled people all over the world, the Convention is a powerful tool to eradicate the obstacles faced by people with disabilities: discrimination, economic marginalisation and lack of opportunities to participate in social, political and economic decision making.
WORKING TO BE INCLUSIVE

New alliances in Pakistan
Sightsavers forged new partnerships with STEP and Milestone, two leading disabled people’s organisations in Pakistan, helping to promote the social inclusion of people with visual impairment and raise awareness of disability issues with policy makers.

Our support of inclusive education extended to eight government-run schools, enabling visually impaired and sighted children to study alongside each other.

As a result of our engagement with the local education authority in Punjab, the state government’s annual spending on educating children with special needs increased from £200,000 in 2003 to £7.75 million in 2007.

Vote of confidence
People with disabilities were more visible during 2007’s elections in Sierra Leone – the result of measures such as ballot boxes being made more accessible to visually impaired voters. Visually impaired people also contested parliamentary seats for three political parties.

A new pilot inclusive education project was launched. The first set of Braille text books were given to schools including the Milton Margai School for the Blind in Freetown.

Safer wells in Mali
Sightsavers and WaterAid worked in partnership with disabled users to make community wells easier and safer to use in Mali. Simple adaptations included a higher wall than traditional wells, providing greater support for blind and elderly users; as well as a lowered part for wheelchair users; installing a metallic plate above the pulley wheel to tell the user the position of pulley and the water container; and the placement of stones around the well to help with orientation.

MALI

WITH SIGHTSAVERS’ SUPPORT...

In 2007 our partners supported 5,047 blind or low-vision children to go to local, mainstream schools

- In Cameroon access for disabled children to government secondary schools was agreed, reducing the cost for parents with disabled children.
- Summer camps were held for visually impaired people and their families in Belize. One taught curriculum skills to visually impaired students enrolled in mainstream schools, and provided skills training for mothers of blind babies.
- Ongoing screening has been taking place in our education projects in Kenya, Uganda and Malawi, and children are being provided with spectacles where necessary.
- A computer training centre for blind and low vision users was launched in south India by Vision Aid Charitable Trust.
- The Regional Blind Cricket Development Programme in Guyana hosted a workshop for blind cricket coaches.
- Together with Jamaica’s Ministry of Health, we opened a computer lab, using software and applications tailored to visually impaired users.
Children are screened for sight problems at Sankara Eye Hospital in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
New centre for West Africa

The Gambia’s Sheikh Zayed Regional Eye Care Centre was opened in early 2007 – the result of several years’ work by Sightsavers, the Gambian Ministry of Health and regional collaboration Health for Peace to combat West Africa’s dire shortage of eye care professionals.

Over the next five years the centre will train thousands of community-based eye care workers and at least 50 ophthalmic nurses and 50 cataract surgeons from four countries. Maria Sabado, from Guinea Bissau, is one of them.

“I trained at the Sheikh Zayed centre and passed my Advanced Diploma in Ophthalmic Nursing and Cataract Surgery. I am now a cataract surgeon and perform general eye examinations and cataract operations, treat glaucoma, infections and eye trauma.

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Sightsavers helps to train eye care professionals such as nurses and surgeons. Because we believe health education and community involvement are key to preventing blindness, we train primary health workers and community-based volunteers to distribute medication, work with blind or low vision people, deliver health care education to communities and treat basic eye problems.

If you don’t see, you don’t feel happy or important, and you are left behind… I am happy because I can change that for the patient.

Maria Sabado
Boost for training in Pakistan
Throughout the political turbulence and the flood that hit Pakistan during 2007, Sightsavers’ work continued, helping to establish training institutes in all four provinces.

After advocacy work by Sightsavers and the National Programme for Prevention of Blindness, the health department of Baluchistan – one of Pakistan’s poorest areas – approved a new training course for 50 local ophthalmic paramedics. Sightsavers also equipped a centre where the training will take place.

Satellite clinics for Cameroon
In the district of Yaounde, Sightsavers helped draw up the curriculum for the government’s new training programme for ophthalmic nurses, which is currently training 20 nurses in eye care.

Meanwhile in Bangem, Fontem Akwaya and Mundemba, new ‘satellite’ clinics opened as a result of the training of four ophthalmic nurses. Their outreach work at district hospitals made cataract surgery available and affordable to local people, directly resulting in 47 operations in 2007. Overall 303 surgeries were performed in the province.

Training refractionists worldwide
Refractionists prescribe the right lenses to improve people’s vision. With Sightsavers’ support, this year:

- In Mpumalanga, South Africa, eight ophthalmic nurses completed training and more than 80% of ophthalmic staff received refraction training.
- Optical technicians and trainee refractionists from Mali and Guinea attended a refractionists’ training course in Mali.
- In Guinea Conakry, ophthalmic nurses were equipped with refraction kits to test people’s sight.

WITH SIGHTSAVERS’ SUPPORT...

In 2007 working with partners we supported the training of 84,957 workers, ranging from community volunteers to specialist teachers, nurses and cataract surgeons.

- **Zambia** held its first Ophthalmic Clinical Officer and Nurse Training Course, for 15 practitioners. We helped provide equipment, course fees and teaching and learning materials.
- In **Liberia**, 47 clinic managers and 56 teachers were trained in primary health care resulting in an increase in cataract patients receiving surgery, and teachers identifying children with eye problems in class.
- In **Nigeria**, the Kwara State Eye Care Programme was accredited to serve as a Diploma in Ophthalmology practical training centre.
- The **St Lucia** Blind Welfare Association hosted the National Nurses Training Programme for ten ophthalmic nurses.
- Zimbabwe’s ophthalmic nurses training programme was launched, with input from the Malawi training programme.
- In **India**, partners trained village-level health workers in primary eye care, helping them draw up a register of villagers in need of support.
Call to ‘keep our promises’

Amadou Bagayoko is a Sightsavers ambassador and one half of the celebrated blind Malian musical duo, Amadou and Mariam

“Much of the work Mariam and I do now includes advocating for the rights of disabled people across the world.

In May 2007, with Sightsavers and the Global Campaign for Education, we attended the ‘Keeping Our Promises on Education’ conference in Brussels – dedicated to tackling the crisis in education as the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of free universal primary education for all by 2015 reached its halfway point. One thing that surprised me was how invisible disability was in discussions about education.

I hate to get bogged down in statistics, but sometimes it’s necessary. In the world today, 24 million disabled children are unable to go to school.

The mainstream education system needs to meet the needs of all children. Much is being done to encourage this by the government, NGOs such as Sightsavers and community groups. But more teachers need to be trained, additional tuition made available, schools built, existing schools to become accessible and special needs equipment made available.”
LOBBYING FOR CHANGE

Promoting inclusion in education
Sightsavers was elected to the Executive Board of the Malawi Education Network. Our two-year membership will help us to promote our work on education for all – including all disabled people.

And following our advocacy work alongside the Malawi Union of the Blind and the Malawi Education Network, the Ministry of Education provided teaching and learning materials for special needs education, including assistive resources.

Zambia eye care in spotlight
After a two-year campaign by Sightsavers, a National Eye Coordinator was appointed by Zambia’s Ministry of Health, meaning that for the first time ever, eye care has been integrated into the ministry’s action plans and budgets.

Sightsavers became a household name in Zambia as our advocacy work raised eye health issues in ministries and in parliament, including the availability of eye care practitioners and community-based care services. In north-west Zambia, Sightsavers’ work to lobby for eye health resulted in our becoming part of the region’s eye care planning for 2008.

Successful roll-out of Dolphin pen
In partnership with the Kenyan Ministry of Education and the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID), Sightsavers piloted its Dolphin Pen – a lightweight pen drive with a screen magnifier and screen reader. This gives visually impaired people the same access to computers as sighted people. So far 150 blind and low-vision students in seven schools and colleges in Kenya have been trained to use the new software. The pen has been launched in eight other African and Asian countries.

WITH SIGHTSAVERS’ SUPPORT...

- As part of the MP secondment scheme, Hove and Portslade MP Celia Barlow visited our work in Pakistan to see the links between disability and poverty.
- Koulikoro Regional Eye Care programme in Mali received funding from the EU.
- In Kenya, the Ministry of Education’s spending on each disabled child rose from $15 to $77 as a result of successful advocacy work by Sightsavers and our partners.
- The process of developing National Low Vision Guidelines for Uganda ended. When finalised, the guidelines will help low vision health workers to ensure a uniform approach to providing eye care.
- We have been involved in writing and validating the forthcoming WHO/ILO/UNESCO guidelines on community-based rehabilitation.
On target

2007 was another great year for Sightsavers’ partnership with the emerging markets bank, Standard Chartered. On World Sight Day in October, Sightsavers and Standard Chartered announced that they had reached the latest target for the Seeing is Believing programme, raising enough funds to contribute to one million sight restorations – a tremendous achievement for everyone involved in the partnership.

At the same time Standard Chartered announced a new commitment to the blindness sector – by raising $10 million to contribute to improving the lives of 10 million people. Sightsavers’ projects in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nigeria and Ghana will benefit from $2.79 million of this funding between 2007 and 2010. The money is being raised through a variety of fundraising initiatives, including support from the 2006 Sunday Times Christmas Appeal. This generated over £1 million and has also increased awareness in the UK about avoidable blindness in developing countries.

In May 2007, Sightsavers took renowned Sunday Times columnist AA Gill to Ghana to witness the work supported by Seeing is Believing, and his feature appeared in the Sunday Times magazine.

Picture perfect

The Sightsavers Junior Painter of the Year Awards attracted over 9,000 entries from over 400 schools across the UK in 2007. The three national winners joined the Sightsavers team for an exciting awards day out in London on World Sight Day, including a special tour of Professor Maurice Cockrill’s studio inside the Royal Academy of Arts.

The three winners were Catherine Way (Upper Juniors), Simeon Scott (Lower Juniors) and Jamal Oreagba (Infants, pictured right with his teacher Lesley-Ann Brandon) and their paintings showed their own unique take on the theme of ‘My View’. The regional and national winners had their paintings exhibited at a London gallery, and many of the junior painters travelled with their families from all over the country to see their artwork on show.

Kicking out blindness

To mark the 20th anniversary of Mectizan® distribution to prevent river blindness, former England footballer and Sightsavers ambassador Graeme Le Saux visited Nigeria to see where it all began. There he met members of the communities that take the drug, as well as villagers responsible for the distribution process and raising awareness of the importance of treatment. The enthusiasm of the volunteers made a big impact on Graeme: “It struck me how dedicated these people are. They donate their time and effort and they don’t expect anything in return.”
## Income and expenditure

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### Trustees’ statement

We have extracted the figures provided on this page from the full, published financial statements, which have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors. The full financial statements, approved on 30 April 2008 and which received an unqualified audit report, are available from Sightsavers’ head office (see back cover for contact details) or can be downloaded at [www.sightsavers.org/downloads](http://www.sightsavers.org/downloads).

Michael Pitts, Honorary Treasurer

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\(^1\)Figures are rounded to the nearest thousand

\(^2\)Excludes gifts in kind
How to help

Make a donation
If you would like to make a donation to Sightsavers you can give online at www.sightsavers.org, call 0800 089 20 20 (24/7) with credit card or debit details, or send us a donation to Sightsavers International, FREEPPOST SEA4079, Haywards Heath, RH16 4BR.

Remember Sightsavers in your Will
Making a Will is a simple and important way to help protect the future of your loved ones. It’s the only way to be sure that your money and belongings go to the people and causes you care about. Legacies left to Sightsavers by people in their Will are one of our most important sources of income. Without Legacies, we would be unable to help one in five people.

When you are making or updating your Will, please consider leaving a Legacy to Sightsavers. However big or small your gift, you’ll know it will help to save sight and change lives.

To request a guide to making or changing your Will, including information about leaving a Legacy to Sightsavers, please call Estelle Fiske on 01444 446615 or e-mail generalinformation@sightsavers.org

Gift Aid
If you pay UK Income or Capital Gains Tax your donations can be worth at least 25% more to Sightsavers at no extra cost to you. You will need to make a Gift Aid declaration. We can send you the simple form to complete, or it can be done over the phone, please call on 01444 446710.

We can also reclaim the tax on all future donations and those made in the last six years, until you notify us otherwise. It doesn’t matter what rate of tax you pay, as long as the amount is at least equal to the tax we reclaim. This will not affect your tax status at the end of the year.

Furthermore, if you are a higher-rate tax payer, you can also personally re-claim from the Inland Revenue the difference between the basic and higher rate of tax. For the financial year 2008-2009, this is 20% (higher rate tax 40% and basic rate 20%). Please call us on 01444 446710 if you would like more information.

Donating shares
You can also donate shares to Sightsavers, and this can be offset against your tax at both the basic and higher rate. For example, a donation of shares worth £10,000 could save up to 40% on your income tax bill. Furthermore, Capital Gains Tax does not apply to charitable gifts of shares. Please call on 01444 446645 if we can help.
Thank you

Programme funding
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CBM
Comic Relief
Department for International Development
European Commission
Guernsey Overseas Aid Committee
Helen Keller International
Jersey Overseas Aid Committee
ICEH
Irish Aid
Mectizan Donation Programme
OPEC Fund for International Development
Optometry Giving Sight

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Deirdre Hussey
Romy Jardine
His Honour Judge Moloney QC
Dr and Mrs Mark and Jan Scott
Christine and David Walmsley
Lyn Wendon
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Asian Cricket Council
Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland
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Four Acre Trust
Hadley Trust
James Tudor Foundation
John Beckwith Charitable Trust
Kiawah Trust
Lennox and Wyfold Foundation
Peacock Charitable Trust
ShareGift
Windfall Trust

TANZANIA
Thirteen-year-old Frances (front), who is blind, plays football with his sighted friends at Makala Integrated Primary School in Iringa
Where our money is spent

Sightsavers works in 33 countries across the developing world

**THE CARIBBEAN**
Total expenditure £434,163

- Haiti
- Antigua
- Dominica
- St Lucia
- Trinidad
- Guyana

- Belize £109,675
- Jamaica
- Grenada

- Ghana £1,736,192
- Togo £52,865
- Mali £344,983
- Guinea Conakry £126,147
- Senegal £83,689
- The Gambia £418,031
- Guinea Bissau £196,610
- Sierra Leone £529,847
- Liberia £132,733
- Ghana £1,736,192

*Robert Perry/Scotland on Sunday*

Therisa Midbi takes her baby to an eye screening
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1 Health for Peace Regional Initiative

Total expenditure £177,737

A regional initiative, whereby The Gambia, Senegal, Guinea Conakry and Guinea Bissau collaborate on a number of health issues, including eye care

2 Includes spend on regional programmes
The E test is a useful way to test the vision of people who cannot read, or if you do not speak the same language as them. They simply point in the direction the ‘E’ is facing.