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885,000 persons enrolled in CBID services.

409,000 persons received medical services for ear conditions.

323,000 cataract operations were performed.

271,000 persons reached by humanitarian assistance.

122,000 persons received medical services related to physical conditions.

Good News in Challenging Times

At a time when the world faces countless challenges, CBM Christian Blind Mission remains true to its commitment to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities. For more than 110 years, we have worked to advance the rights and needs of persons with visual impairments and other disabilities, and to provide them with access to basic services and opportunities.

Thanks to our donors and supporters who share our vision, our project funding and the organisation are financially stable.

This good news shows that together we can change the lives of children and adults with visual, hearing, physical, and other disabilities for the better, even in challenging times. With this in mind, we encourage you to join us on our journey toward inclusion and equal opportunities for persons with disabilities. Together, we can create a world where every person, regardless of their disability, has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in CBM's work.



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An overview of CBM work in 2022

Eye health



- 7,029,571 persons received medical eye services.
- 494,821 eye operations were performed.
- 323,275 cataract operations were performed.
- 7,051 cataract operations on children performed.
- 489,303 spectacles and low vision devices were distributed.

Training and further education

- 16,443 number of participants that completed trainings in eye-care.



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Physical impairment

- 121,894 persons received medical services related to physical conditions.
- 24,225 surgical procedures related to physical impairment.
- 4,675 clubfeet operations were performed.

In addition to medical care, persons with physical disabilities also received:

- 177,556 physiotherapy or occupational therapy.
- 52,379 club foot manipulation therapy.
- 13,509 orthoses/prostheses.
- 18,066 wheelchairs, tricycles, mobility aids, crutches and walkers.



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Ear and Hearing Care



- 408,703 persons received medical services for ear conditions.
- Furthermore, donations facilitated
 - 3,962 speech and language therapy sessions conducted.
 - 49,439 audiograms and other hearing tests performed.
 - 8,133 ear operations were performed.
 - 2,444 hearing aids and amplification devices dispensed.



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Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)

- 48,674,438 persons treated for eye-related Neglected Tropical Diseases.
- 29,888 participants received trainings in hygiene for protection against NTDs.
- 16,487 surgeries performed for trachoma.



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Inclusive Humanitarian Action

- 271,215 persons reached by humanitarian assistance.
- 151,689 persons received inclusive health care services.
- 37,666 persons reached by inclusive Cash-and-Voucher-Assistance. That was mostly used to buy food items.
- 62,194 persons that received food items.
- 30,985 persons that received non-food items.
- 2,848 persons with disabilities were actively involved in the humanitarian aid project.



Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) (incl. livelihood security)

- 885,166 persons enrolled in CBID services.
- 48,411 persons received skills/business training.
- 58,035 persons obtained employment.
- 58,941 persons obtained financial services.

Always ready to help others in difficult times

Eye health providing access to education

The eyes are one of the most important sensory organs of the human body. Eye diseases, such as cataracts, can cause blindness from a very young age. As a result, children from the southern hemisphere are often denied access to an education. In 2022, CBM-sponsored projects helped 323,275 persons undergo cataract operations in specialist hospitals, among them 7,051 children. These children now have the opportunity to attend school. Altogether, 7,029,571 persons received medical eye services. There were 494,821 eye operations performed and 489,303 spectacles and low vision devices distributed. One major CBM-sponsored project involves the construction of a new eye clinic in Uganda which will aim to reach even more persons threatened by blindness.

Medication against blindness

More than 49 million persons in the Democratic Republic of the Congo alone are at risk of catching what are known as Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). Both river blindness and trachoma almost always lead to blindness when left untreated. CBM provides those persons at risk with comprehensive assistance – by administering medication, providing hygiene training and performing operations for trachoma. Volunteers are supported in their efforts to bring medication to the most remote of villages. Overall, 48,674,438 persons in our project countries were treated for eye-related Neglected Tropical Diseases. 29,888 participants received trainings in hygiene for protection against NTDs and there were 16,487 operations carried out in order to prevent trachoma-related blindness from occurring.

Humanitarian aid in the fight against hunger and thirst

Persons with disabilities are often overlooked when emergency relief is provided. For this reason, 271,215 persons with disabilities were reached by humanitarian assistance provided by CBM.

A life-changing operation

Keneth from Uganda only ever wanted one thing: to be able to walk again. His plight came to the attention of a CBM-sponsored social worker, who was able to organise an operation to straighten his legs at a CBM-supported CoRSU hospital near Kampala. In the past year, CBM supporters have made it possible for 4,675 persons with clubfeet just like Keneth to undergo an operation. Altogether, 121,894 persons received medical services related to physical conditions. 24,225 surgical procedures related to physical impairment were performed. CBM also supports persons with disabilities through physical or occupational therapy treatments and orthopaedic aids.

Inclusion – to finally belong

In many countries, persons with disabilities are excluded from their community and prevented from participating in social life. For decades, CBM supporters have been making sure that these persons return to their communities as equal and respected members. CBID (Community Based Inclusive Development) is one of the three main initiatives of CBM. In the past year, 885,166 persons have benefited from CBID projects. 48,411 persons received skills/business training, 58,035 persons obtained employment, that secured an income and 58,941 persons obtained financial services. CBM also ensures that the aid provided to hospitals and schools is inclusive, in other words equally accessible to everyone.

Learning to communicate

In many countries, it often goes unnoticed when a child is born deaf. There are still far too few doctors available. Thanks to the continuous support of our supporters, in 2022 408,703 persons received medical services for ear conditions and 49,439 audiograms and other hearing tests were performed. A CBM-supported project in Haiti provided deaf persons with the opportunity to learn sign language so that they could finally communicate with others.



Transparency ensures trust

Our supporters are aiming to have a positive impact on the lives of persons with disabilities when they make a donation. They trust us to ensure these donations reach the persons and places where they are most needed. This trust is our most valuable asset. For this reason, we are open and transparent about where every single euro is spent. At the same time, CBM regularly monitors the success of its projects, ensuring that as many persons as possible who are living with disabilities benefit from our work.

At CBM, no single person is responsible for deciding where the money goes. All budgets are adopted and assessed by the Supervisory Board. External auditors also monitor the proper use of funds. CBM experts and independent auditors monitor how the grants are used by our project partners. For projects that have been financed together with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the EU, CBM works with close supervision of these supporters.

Through a series of national and international initiatives, CBM has committed to ensuring transparent communication. In particular, we take our commitment to the Children and Adults-at-Risk Safeguarding Policy very seriously.

Monitoring the success of our projects

CBM uses standardised monitoring and evaluation processes for the systematic identification of project outcomes. The aim is to learn from the findings, to adapt the projects where necessary and to strengthen the strategic approach taken by the country portfolios.

Compulsory process descriptions, such as the half-yearly project reports, for example, may be adapted to the individual programme or project requirements in exceptional cases.



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