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some of the staff

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The instability in the Anglophone regions and the North of Cameroon is still ongoing.

We celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the existence of Manna Eye Clinic (April 2003 to April 2023).

There has been a continued growth in our activities. As compared to 2022,
9.5 % increase in total patients
13.7% increase in cataract operations
6% increase in eye drop production
9.1% increase in glasses produced and reading glasses sold or given to patients.

Three of our co-workers graduated from the Ophthalmic Training School in The Gambia (2 ophthalmic nurses and 1 optometry technician).

In June 2023 one of our pioneer co-workers (Mr. Johnson C.) died due to a serious disease.

With the help of an NGO and other donors, we were able to sponsor the education of 157 internally displaced school children.

One nurse of the Cameroon Development Cooperation underwent a 3 months in-service training in our clinic.

Staff:

We are 68 co-workers of whom 25 are working in the permanent outstations in Bamenda and Douala.

Description	No. of persons		Description	No. of persons
Ophthalmologist	01		Opticians	05
Cataract Surgeon	02		Store keeper	01
Ophthalmic Nurses	05		Cashiers	06
State Registered Nurses	16	1	Technician	01
Assistant Nurses	03		Drivers	03
Auxiliaries	14	3	Security Guards	03
Administrator	01	4	Cleaners	06
Accountant	01			

Statistics:

Description	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total patients	64,666	73,870	80,042	88,409
Major eye operations	953	992	1,085	1,258
Other major eye operations as corneal suturing, conjunctival flap, amnion membrane covering			46	23
Minor eye operations	171	182	193	198
Yag and Argon laser treatment	13	104	73	72
Visual field, B-Scan, fundus photo	966	1,563	1,144	2,500
Eye drops produced	54,771	58,224	64,341	68,442
Glasses produced (single vision, bifocals and progressives)	8,012	10,384	11,888	13,188
Reading glasses given or sold	1,879	2,196	2,349	2,470
Outreach locations	15	14	17	17
Outreach consultation times	93	114	137	139

Problems:

Eye consultation in outreach stations in the anglophone regions of Cameroon are still limited due to the ongoing war in these areas.

Patients suffering from badly (native medicine) treated corneal ulcers and progressive glaucoma are still a big problem in our clinic.

There is a Government restriction to pay bills **abroad** with the local currency CFA. That is why we are forced to pay price-worthy/effective eye drops from India in EUROS which we lack.

As a result of the pandemic the prices of medicines, freight charges and custom duties in Cameroon have very much increased.

Further Plans:

1. Extension and renovation of our annex clinic in Douala-Bonamoussadi.
2. Continuous training of staff in The Gambia.
2. Ongoing education in the clinic and outreach stations about the dangers of glaucoma and the use of native medicines in the eye.
4. Intensify the in-service training of the staff.

Visits

We are grateful for the visits of:

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Dr. W. Njoh and family,
Mr. W. Lust and Team from the Baptist Mission of Germany,
Prof. G. Kagmeni,
Mr. U. Endress, Mr. D. Toudjip and Team from Switzerland

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