Cameroon

For more than 30 years, Helen Keller Intl has worked to reduce barriers to health, vision, and nutrition so that all Cameroonians have the opportunity to discover their true potential. By partnering with the government, local organizations, and healthcare businesses, we're strengthening food and healthcare systems to help more families achieve good health and nutrition. With our partners, we're reducing infant and maternal mortality with vitamin A supplementation, supporting students' vision with school-based inclusive eye care services, improving health by preventing and treating neglected tropical diseases, and empowering young people by leading local health and nutrition programs.

Number of staff: **61** People reached annually: **13 million**



Office opened: **1992** Operating budget: **\$8.9 million**

Challenges



Thousands of children are living with vision impairment due to the high cost of and limited access to eye care.



Over 10 million people are at risk of contracting at least 1 neglected tropical disease, which can cause blindness, disability, economic hardship, and social stigma.



Millions of children are not getting enough vitamin A, impacting their ability to see clearly, fight off disease, and live a healthy life.

Where We Work



- Adamawa
- Centre
- East
- Far North
- Littoral

- North
- North-West
- South
- South-West
- West

Our Solutions



Partner with the government and schools to train teachers and nurses to conduct vision screenings and provide no-cost prescription glasses, if needed.



Provide training and resources to community health workers to distribute preventive medication to treat and eliminate neglected tropical diseases.



Ensure families have access to critical vitamins and nutrients needed to ensure good health and combat malnutrition.





Our Impact

- Screened the vision of more than 42,000 children and provided no-cost eyeglasses to children who needed them.
- Reached more than 8.1 million people with treatment for onchocerciasis and more than 176,000 people with treatment for trachoma.
- Provided nearly 5 million children under the age of 5 with twice annual vitamin A, protecting their vision and health.

Key Partners: Alcon, FHI360, Fonds Spécial d'Equipement et d'Intervention Intercommunale, GiveWell, Henry E. Niles Foundation, United Nations Children's Fund, USAID

About Helen Keller Intl

Helen Keller Intl partners with communities that are striving to overcome longstanding cycles of poverty. By delivering the essential building blocks of good health, sound nutrition, and clear vision, the organization helps millions of people create lasting change in their own lives. Working in 20 countries – across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United States – and together with a global community of supporters, Helen Keller helps to ensure every person has the opportunity – as Helen did – to reach their true potential.

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