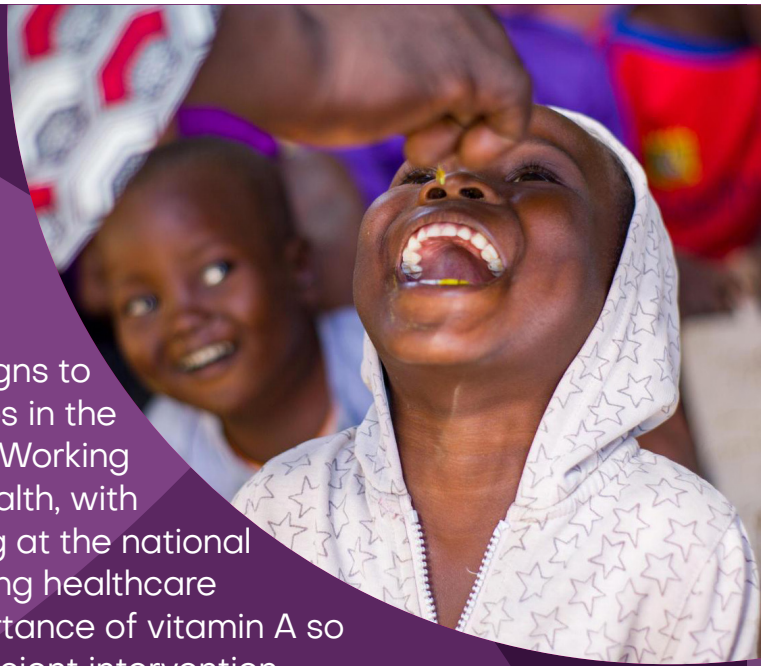


# Madagascar

Helen Keller Intl opened its Madagascar office in 2023 with a goal of tackling the country's high-rate of vitamin A deficiency, especially among children under five-years-old. When the country transitioned from door-to-door campaigns to routine treatment, there were considerable drops in the coverage, leaving out children in greatest need. Working closely with Madagascar's Ministry of Public Health, with generous funding from GiveWell, we are working at the national and regional levels to close these gaps by training healthcare workers and educating families about the importance of vitamin A so that every child can benefit from this simple, efficient intervention.



Number of staff: **9**  
People reached annually: **580,000**



Office opened: **2023**  
Operating budget: **\$1.62 million**

## Challenges



41% of children under the age of 5 suffer from vitamin A deficiency, negatively impacting their health and vision.



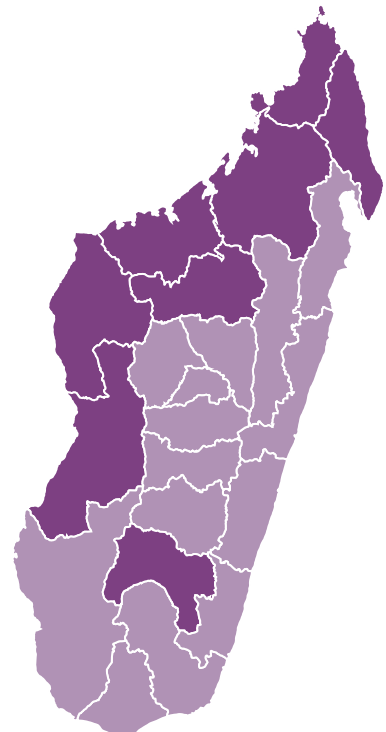
58% of health centers in Madagascar face vitamin A shortages and are unable to meet the healthcare needs of their communities.



Only 12% of health facility staff are trained to distribute and educate families about the importance of vitamin A.

## Where We Work

- Betsiboka
- Boeny
- Diana
- Ihorombe
- Melaky
- Menabe
- Sava
- Sofia



## Our Solutions



Partner with the Ministry of Public Health and UNICEF to coordinate vitamin A distribution to children across 4 regions.



Build health system capacity to increase vitamin A supply so that all children under the age of 5 will benefit.



Train health and community workers to distribute vitamin A through door-to-door campaigns and routine health center visits.



## Our Expected Impact

- ✓ Provided biannual doses of vitamin A supplements to more than 2.9 million children aged 6–59 months.
- ✓ 87.5% of regions supported by Helen Keller had sufficient stocks of vitamin A at for distribution for the semester.
- ✓ Educated and trained more than 22,500 community health heroes to support their communities.



Helen Keller Intl is proud to be supported by GiveWell and Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

## 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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