# ) HELEN KELLER INTL

# Guinea

Children and families in Guinea are at high risk of disease and malnutrition because of limited access to healthcare, poverty, and a lack of sanitation and hygiene infrastructure. Helen Keller Intl works closely with the Guinean Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene to improve health and nutrition for children and families across the country. Our community-based approach helps prevent and treat neglected tropical diseases through the mass distribution of preventive drugs and ensures children have access to vitamin A supplementation and deworming medication to protect their vision and overall health.

Number of staff: **27** People reached annually: **10 million** 



Office opened: **2000** Operating budget: **\$5.3 million** 

## Challenges



More than 8.2 million people are at risk of contracting at least one neglected tropical disease, which can cause disfigurement, cognitive issues, economic hardships, 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.



Essential healthcare is hard to reach with more than 60% of the population traveling 30 minutes or more to reach a health facility.

#### Where We Work



#### **Our Solutions**



Partner with communities and the government to identify, treat, and prevent neglected tropical diseases.



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



Strengthen cooperation among health system partners, including government agencies, civil society, and international organizations.





#### **Our Impact**

- Reached more than 5.9 million people with treatment for at least one neglected tropical disease and are on track to eliminate trachoma as a public health problem by 2025.
- Provided more than 2.3 million children under the age of 5 with 2 doses of vitamin A, protecting their vision and health.
- Expanded access to essential health services to support good nutrition and prevent and treat debilitating diseases.

Key Partners: FHI 360, GiveWell, 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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