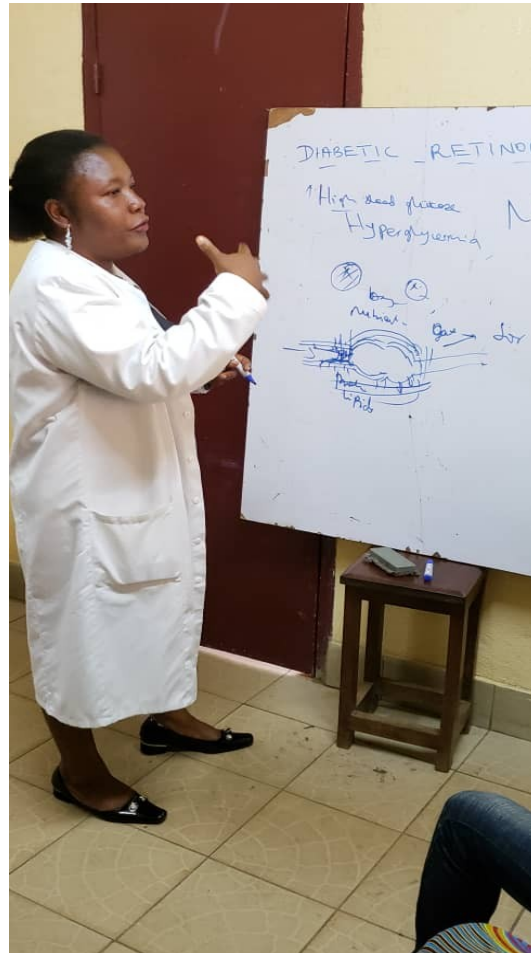


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Teaching of co-workers

2020 was a peaceful year in Central Cameroon while the war is going on in the anglophone regions.

All outreach eye consultations in these two regions were stopped since 2017.

As Nkongsamba is bordering the anglophone zones, many internally displaced people are seeking shelter in the town.

Thanks to donations we were again able to send 100 refugee children back to school (academic year 2020/2021) and sponsored three (3) others learning a trade.

We are grateful for the protection from Covid-19 infections so far.

Staff:

We are 51 co-workers of whom 14 are working in the permanent outstations in Bamenda and Douala.

1 Ophthalmologist		1 Accountant
1 Cataract Surgeon		5 Opticians
3 Ophthalmic Nurses		1 Store keeper
10 State Registered Nurses		4 Cashiers
3 Assistant Nurses	1	1 Technician
1 Nursing aid		2 Drivers
9 Auxiliaries	3	3 Security Guards
1 Administrator	4	5 Cleaners

Statistics:

Description	2018	2019	2020
Total Patients	54,376	63,608	64,666
Major eye operations	935	973	953
Minor eye operations	151	145	171
Yag and Argon laser treatment	60	33	46
Visual field, B-Scan, fundus photo	Eyes 405	749	966
Eye drops produced	47,357	44,528	54,771
Glasses produced (single vision, bifocals and progressives)	6,761	8,395	8,012
Reading glasses given or sold	2,435	1,963	1,879
Outreach locations	20	20	15
Outreach consultation times	181	145	93

Problems:

We are still unable to consult in the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon due to the ongoing war in this area. This is very regrettable especially for the patients suffering from chronic eye diseases.

There is a lack of retinal surgeons in Cameroon who are willing to operate at a reasonable price. As Manna Eye Clinic serves low income patients who cannot afford the requested high operation fees, the clinic pays the bills (from donations) especially if the only seeing eye is affected.

Two of our trained workers were dismissed due to stealing and criminal conduct.

One co-worker was trained as an ophthalmic nurse in Gambia.

Further Plans:

1. Training of a State Registered Nurse in Ophthalmic Nursing in Gambia
2. Training of a second cataract surgeon in Gambia
3. Continuous education in the clinic and outreach stations about the dangers of glaucoma and use of native medicines in the eye.
4. Intensify the in service training of our own staff and of outreach clinics.
5. Screening of school children.

Visits

We are grateful for the visits of:

Dr. Gatz and team,

Members of the German Baptist Mission Nkongsamba

Due to the Covid – 19 crises, other visitors were unable to come.

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