

Haiti Fact Sheet

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Country Overview

- » Located in the Caribbean
- » Haiti spans 10,714 square miles
- » Population: 11.58 million
- » 2023-2024 Human Development Index Ranking: 158 of 193¹

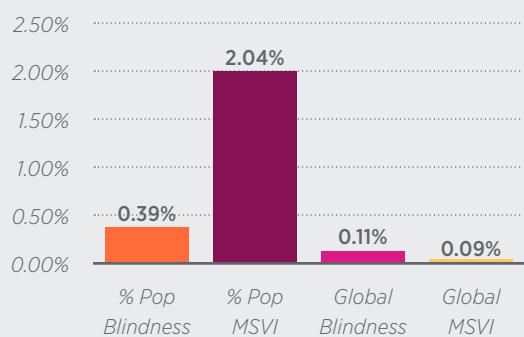
Scope of Eye Care Needs²

- » 0.39% of Haiti's population is blind, as compared to 0.19% in the United States
- » 2.04% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment or MSVI, as compared to 2.02% in the United States
- » 0.11% of global blindness
- » 0.09% of global MSVI

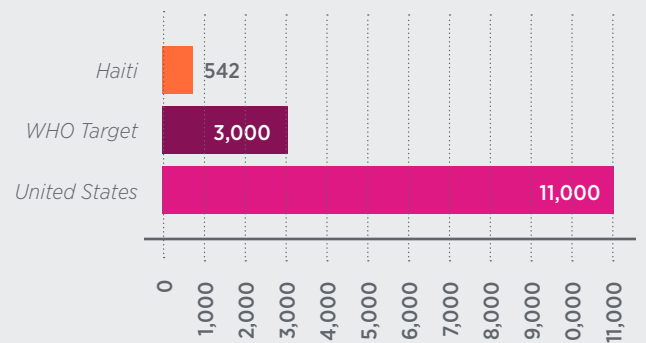
Nationwide Eye Care Response

- » Haiti's Cataract Surgical Rate (CSR) was 542 surgeries per million in 2013, as compared to the US CSR of 11,000
- » 5.4 ophthalmologists per million in 2015 (58 total)
- » 0.6 optometrists per million people in 2020 (7 total)
- » 10 allied ophthalmic personnel in 2013 (105 total)

EYE CARE NEEDS



CATARACT SURGICAL RATE PER MILLION PEOPLE



¹ UNDP (United Nations Development Programme). 2024. Human Development Report 2023-24: Breaking the gridlock: Reimagining cooperation in a polarized world. New York.

² Unless otherwise noted, all country sight statistics from IAPB Vision Atlas: <https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas/>

Seva's Approach in Haiti

Until 2023, Seva worked with a partner operating just outside the capital city of Port au Prince. Since 2013, we have supported the training of the clinic's ophthalmologists and hospital administrators, assisted with the design of their new clinic, installed and trained staff to use a hospital management system and supported outreach efforts to reach rural communities in need of eye care. However, given the increased insecurity in Haiti, particularly in Port au Prince and the surrounding areas, our partner clinic had to pause their activities. It was not safe enough for the staff to go to work and patients were too afraid to come to the clinic.

Seva continues to monitor the situation and is in touch with the clinic staff. When it is safe, Seva will support the team to reopen their clinic and resume eye care services.

