

# MANNA EYE CLINIC, Nkongsamba

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Grateful operated patients

## Bericht:

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There is a continuous increase of refugees receiving free treatment in our clinic due to the still ongoing conflict in the anglophone regions of Cameroon. The number of consultations in our clinics raised to more than 80,000 (eighty thousand).

Three co-workers were sent to Gambia for further training. One was dismissed due to stealing.

One member of the Management Team of the Clinic was successfully operated in Germany.

The number of refugee children sent to school increased to 176.

2 workers from CDC (Cameroon Development Cooperation) received inservice training in our clinic for 3 months.

## Staff:

We are 61 co-workers of whom 21 are working in the permanent outstations in Bamenda and Douala.

Description	Quantity	Description	Quantity
Ophthalmologist	01	Accountant	01
Cataract Surgeon	02 1	Opticians	04
Ophthalmic Nurses	03	Store keeper	01
State Registered Nurses	16	Cashiers	06
Assistant Nurses	03 1	Technician	01
Nursing aid	01	Drivers	03
Auxiliaries	10 3	Security Guards	03
Administrator	01 4	Cleaners	05

### Statistics:

Description	2020	2021	2022
Total Patients	64,666	73,870	80,042
Cataract operations (IOLs)	953	992	1,085
Other major eye operations as corneal suturing, conjunctival flap, amnion membrane covering	--	--	46
Minor eye operations	171	182	193
Yag and Argon laser treatment	46	79	75
Visual field, BScan, fundus photo	966	1,563	1,144
Eye drops produced	54,771	58,224	64,341
Glasses produced (single vision, bifocals and progressives)	8,012	10,384	11,888
Reading glasses given or sold	1,879	2,196	2,349
Outreach locations	15	14	17
Outreach consultation times	93	114	137

### Problems:

Eye consultation in outreach stations in the anglophone regions of Cameroon are still limited due to the ongoing war in this area.

The patients suffering from corneal ulcers are still a big problem in our clinic.

There is a high Government restriction to pay bills abroad with CFA . We are forced to pay in EUROS which we do not have.

As a result of the Pandemie the prices of medicines, freight charges and custom duties in Cameroon have very much increased.

### Further Plans:

1. Continuation of training in Gambia.
2. Contineous education in the clinic and outreach stations about the dangers of glaucoma and native medicine for eyes.
3. Intensify the inservice training of the staff in Nkong-samba and in the outstation clinics.

### Visits

We are grateful for the visits of:

Dr. Gatz and team, Dr Schnell, Dr. Rüdiger Finger and the team from the Protestant Hospital Bangoua, Mr. Thomas Sutter and the team from Switzerland  
Due to the Covid – 19 crises, other visitors were unable to come.

### Schooling of refugee schoolchildren

Thanks to generous donations, we were able to send 176 children to primary and secondary school in 2022/2023.

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