



The Simien Mountains Eye-Care Project, Ethiopia

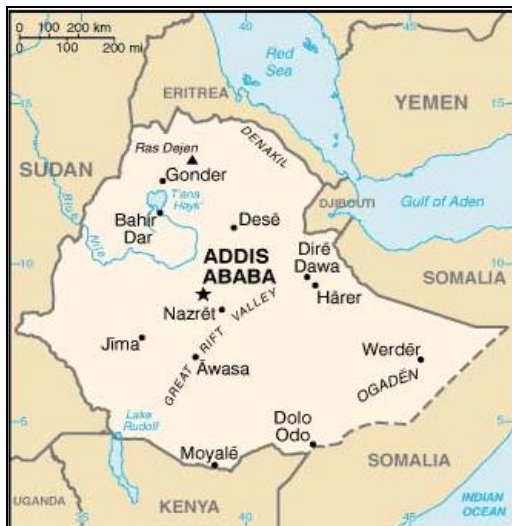
BLINDNESS IN ETHIOPIA

- 1.2 million people are blind.
- **Cataract** accounts for **50%** of preventable blindness.
- **Trachoma** accounts for **11%**, largely affecting women and children.

When left untreated, blindness and visual impairment can result in lost education and employment opportunities, as well as an impaired quality of life. Blindness prevents parents from providing for their dependents and very often children are called upon to act as carers, taking them out of school, and depriving them of an education.

WHERE WE WORK

The Fred Hollows Foundation is focusing its work in the Gonder province in the Amhara region of northern Ethiopia. The region has a population of 20 million and a higher than national average rate of blindness. It also has the worst rate of trachoma in Ethiopia.



WHAT WE DO

We work closely with local partners and eye care institutions such as the Debarq Hospital, with the aim to help build their capability to deliver high quality services that are both accessible and efficient. We achieve this through the provision of equipment, technology and training for local doctors and health care professionals.

THE DIFFERENCE WE MAKE

By treating those suffering from cataract and trachoma in Ethiopia, The Foundation and its partners will help to create an opportunity for patients to regain their independence. We will also be empowering the carers of the patients to once again have the chance to lead a full life without the responsibility of caring for their family member.

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