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Impact Report 2022

**How your gifts are transforming
lives around the world**


Welcome to your Impact Report

Thanks to friends like you, CBM UK remains in a strong position for 2023 despite the challenging financial climate. Crucially, we expect to maintain our level of spending on life-changing projects next year, despite a significant drop in government funding.

That work will include the continuation of some of the most inspiring and transformative projects that came out of the pandemic such as our sight-saving See the Way project in Rwanda, and our humanitarian response in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh and Turkana, Kenya.

I hope that when you read this impact report you will see and feel the extraordinary way your kindness is helping to tackle poverty, prevent blindness, improve health and change the lives of people living with disabilities around the world.

Thank you so much for your support,



Kirsty Smith
Chief Executive, CBM UK

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Pictured right, Kirsty Smith visiting an Inclusive Eye Health project in Kenya, East Africa.



Your gifts in action

In 2022, CBM UK spent over £4 million on life-changing programmes. This has been possible thanks to generous support from thousands of individuals like you across the UK as well as partnerships with other key funders and governments.



“I was worried but now I am free.”

Dani after his cataract surgery, Malawi, East Africa.

- Across the world, together we delivered **36 projects in 11 countries** across Africa and Asia.
- Expenditure on programmes and other charitable activities was £4.76m.
- In March 2022, we launched our Easter appeal, ***Light Up Lives***, to help restore sight and prevent blindness in the world’s poorest places. A group of generous funders pledged to match donations to the appeal, meaning that each gift would have twice the impact, up to a total of £125,000. This was the first time that CBM UK had run an appeal using pledges from committed supporters in this way. **The incredible response of supporters like you, meant that we were able to secure all of the pledged match funding.**
- We also took part in the ***Big Give Christmas Challenge campaign*** from 29 November–6 December and we were delighted when supporters donated £54,140 against a target of £49,500, unlocking match funding from generous individuals and The Together Fund.
- We received a fantastic response to our **Kenya Emergency Response appeal**, raising £206,784 to help people affected by the long-term drought in East Africa.

You are helping to Light Up Lives

Your kindness is helping to support **Light Up Lives**, an exciting three-year project that aims to significantly reduce the number of people living needlessly blind or with visual impairments in central Zimbabwe.

Since the project's launch at the beginning of 2023, **Light Up Lives** has managed to successfully conduct its first eye camp in a remote district that is 240 kilometers from the provincial eye unit in Gweru. The last eye camp here was held in 2015, and some patients had been on the waiting list since then.



Thanks to your support, **73 people were assessed and treated, with 30 receiving sight-saving surgery.**



With the support of kind people like you, Light Up Lives aims to **train and equip nearly 1500 health workers**, including ophthalmic nurses and primary care nurses.



As a result, **over 44,000 people with eye health problems will be able to access good quality treatment** – from a pair of glasses to successful sight-restoring surgery.



“I now have purpose to do anything, because I can see.”

Cyprien, Rwanda, East Africa

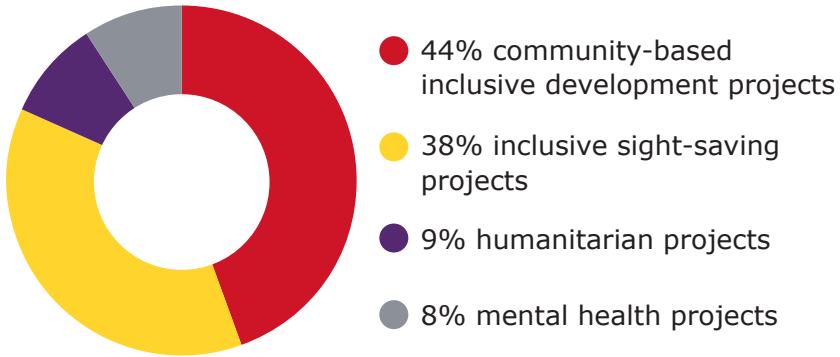
Bringing joy to Cyprien

Cataracts in both of his eyes gradually stopped 72-year-old Cyprien from being able to take part in most daily activities – including caring for the goats and hens that provide much of his income.

Increasingly reliant on his wife, and unable to afford the surgery he needed, Cyprien became fearful for his future.

Thanks to the kindness of people like you, Cyprien was able to attend a CBM eye surgery outreach project at a hospital 40 miles away. Over a couple of days, two successful surgeries were carried out on his cataracts. Cyprien returned to his village and his home surrounded by smiles – overjoyed to be able to see the bright future ahead of him once again.

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of supporters like you, in 2022, with our partners, CBM UK delivered 36 projects in 11 countries across Africa and Asia.



Looking to the future

Your generosity allows us to look to the future and develop new projects and programmes that are shaped and delivered by the people who will most benefit from them.

Actions for Change (A4C) is a pilot programme to test how more resources and decision-making power can be moved to local organisations, particularly those run by people with disabilities. In 2022, four partner organisations were selected in Kenya, Nepal, Bangladesh and Nigeria.

In Kenya, A4C will target 400 members of organisations to deliver training on disability rights and income generating activities. Out of that number, 50 champions will be fully trained in leadership, advocacy, financial literacy and fundraising. In a region with over 2,300 people with disabilities, we will also work with local communities and the County Government to improve disability inclusion at the county and national level.

Lives in Kenya saved thanks to your generosity

As you may know, several seasons of failed rains from 2020 have led to crop failures, the worst drought in 40 years and a major food crisis in Kenya. By August 2022, 3.5 million people were facing devastating hunger. People with disabilities have been among those hardest hit.

With support from generous people like you, we have partnered with the Kenya Red Cross to provide emergency relief to the most vulnerable families, especially those with disabilities, to help them survive this crisis.

Since April 2022, we have been working in Kenya to:



- Deliver urgent support to people with disabilities and their families, and other vulnerable households, to access food, water, medication and other essentials.



- Provide assistive devices such as wheelchairs, crutches, or hearing aids, to give people with disabilities greater mobility and independence.
- Work closely with local organisations of people with disabilities, supporting them to be actively involved in the response effort, as those with the best understanding of their local communities and their needs.



**THANK
YOU!**

A brighter future for Makoma

For six-year-old Makoma, life with bowlegs was hard, painful and lonely. Unable to help around the house or go to school, he was also teased and bullied by the other children, who wouldn't let him join in their games. With little prospect of help, the outlook for Makoma's future looked bleak.

But thanks to the kindness of people like you, Makoma's life has been transformed. Surgery to straighten his legs has given him the chance of a happy childhood, an education – and a brighter future.

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