The A2Z Child Blindness Program
2005-2011

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Background: USAID Child Blindness Program

- Program originated through Congressional directive
- $20m to 25 NGOs implementing activities in 58 countries
- Child Blindness Program included under A2Z: The USAID Micronutrient and Child Blindness Project, managed by AED (now FHI Development 360).
A2Z’s Role

- Managing the Grants Process
- Results Reporting
  - Cumulative summary of quarterly activities
  - M&E
  - Financial status
- Documentation & Communication
  - Case studies
  - Website features – [www.a2zproject.org](http://www.a2zproject.org)
  - Regional Capacity Building Workshops – Program Design
  - Partners Meetings

- Six competitive grant cycles have been coordinated
- $6.9 million in total grant awards
- 4 Types of Grants:
  - **Organizational Development (OD)** – 1 year grant, from $25,000 – $50,000
  - **Service Delivery (SD)** – 2 year grant, from $100,000 - $500,000
  - **Refugee Service Delivery (RSD)** – 2 year grant, $200,000
  - **Operations Research (OR)** – 9 month grant, $50,000- $100,000
A2Z has awarded 41 grants to 24 organizations working in 29 countries throughout Latin America, Africa, and Asia.
Priorities

1) Expand delivery of high-impact direct services (screening, treatment, and rehabilitation)

2) Scale-up innovative approaches to service provision and project implementation

3) Contribute to global knowledge base on effective approaches to large-scale pediatric eye care projects
Overall Program Activities

Personnel trained to perform screenings and/or refract...

Himalayan Cataract Project - Nepal

HKI - Niger

28,810
Overall Program Activities

Individuals received vision screening

CSRA - Bolivia

VisionSpring - India

2,536,463
Overall Program Activities

Children referred by screening for additional services (refraction, medical or surgical treatment)

100,459

Fred Hollows Foundation - Vietnam

FUDEM – El Salvador
Overall Program Activities

Children have their refractive error corrected (received eyeglasses)

42,595
Overall Program Activities

Children received cataract surgery

6,712
Overall Program Activities

Children who are blind or with low vision have received therapies and/or low vision devices

Perkins - Philippines

Perkins - Guatemala

ICEE – South Africa

4,580
Overall Program Activities

Awareness raising and policy/advocacy...

Child Sight Foundation - Bangladesh

Fred Hollows Foundation - Vietnam
Investment in Equipment

Provision of essential equipment

- Perkins Braillers
- Ophthalmoscopes
- Retinoscopes
- Autorefractometers
- Tonometers
- Operating microscopes
- Slit lamps
- Also: Yag laser; pediatric anesthesia equipment; Diode laser; B-Scans
Programmatic Assessment

Preliminary Findings

- More specific RFPs
- Customize grants
- Capacity building focus
Recent Accomplishments

• 4th Case Study Approved, 5th is underway

• Conducted Regional Capacity Building Workshops in Program Design for Pediatric Eye Care Interventions (in partnership with IEF)
  – Africa – KCCO, Tanzania (April 7-8)
  – Asia – Aravind, India (April 29-30)
  – Latin America – IRO, Peru (July 13-14)

• Final Partners Meeting – July 25-26
A2Z is ending September 30, 2011

- Managing 12 remaining active grants (all end on July 31st)
- Closing out the 41 grants
- Evaluation and Final Reporting to USAID
- Providing programmatic assessment results, contact database and handoff notes to ensure a seamless transition
Thank you!