



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2018, REPORT

VOSH EYE CARE PROGRAMMES



PROVINCES WITH OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



In the past 7 years VOSH Southeast, had been contributing to the development of successful eye care programmes in the Dominican Republic.

Thanks to this program more than 55,000 people had received free eye care and more 30,000 free reading glasses and frames.

VOSH EYE CARE PROGRAMMES IN 2018 IN COLLABORATION WITH CENTRO OFTALMICO DIGAR / DR. EVELYN DIAZ

Province	Activities during 2018	Patients seeing	Reading Glasses Provided	Glasses prescribed
Santo Domingo	Weekly Outreaches	7,220	3567	456
Español	Weekly Outreaches from January Until August	9,117.00	5012	0
Español	Establishment of a permanent office	1,120	223	581
Montecristi	1 Outreach in March	350	103	51
Dajabon	3 Outreaches in December	786	306	217
Santiago	Monthly Outreaches since June	904	221	107
Hermanas Mirabal	Monthly Outreaches since January	1,233.00	176	89
Sanchez Ramirez (Cotui)	In collaboration With Daniel Hiraldo , monthly Outreaches since March	1,435.00	500	451
Valverde	1 Outreach in July	621	211	198
Duarte	1 Outreach in October	344	55	73
La Vega	1 Outreach in November	321	78	43
La Romana	1 Outreach in May	567	333	168
San Juan	1 Outreach in January	413	112	54
Total		24,431	10,897.00	2,488.00

In 2018, we were able to work with a Local Optometrist from Cotui, Daniel Hiraldo, a very committed person who has been working in eye care for 20 years, monthly outreaches were conducted to detect and treat the major causes of blindness and visual impairment.

Due to the large amount of patients, a permanent space was rent to provide services to the Espaillat Province, the space is an extension of Dr. evelyn's Diaz practice is only open now on Thursday, but the goal is to have permanent Optometrist service from Monday until Saturday. The challenge now is to find resources to properly equip the office, and to start teaching people to pay a small sum for permanent glasses, because we want to make the office sustainable.

Here are some pictures of the work, we have been able to do with the collaboration of a great team and with the great support of VOSH SOUTHEAST and his donors.



Examination of the Optic Nerve with a Panoptic, Dra. Evelyn Diaz.



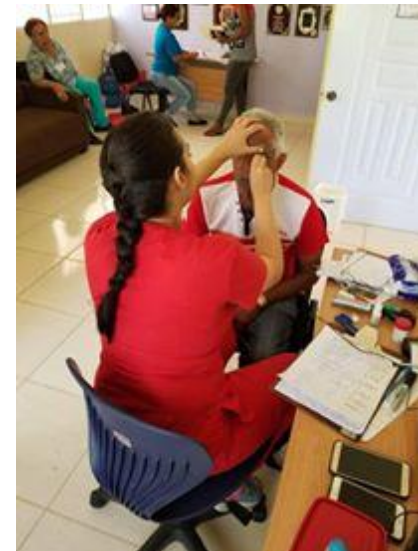
Patients choosing frames.



The Optometrist Daniel Hiraldo, Performing Autorefraction on a patient in Cotui



The Senator's of the Sanchez Ramirez Province



IOL calculations in Gaspar Hernandez



Patients waiting in the new office in Moca



Providing reading Glasses to patients in Santo Domingo

