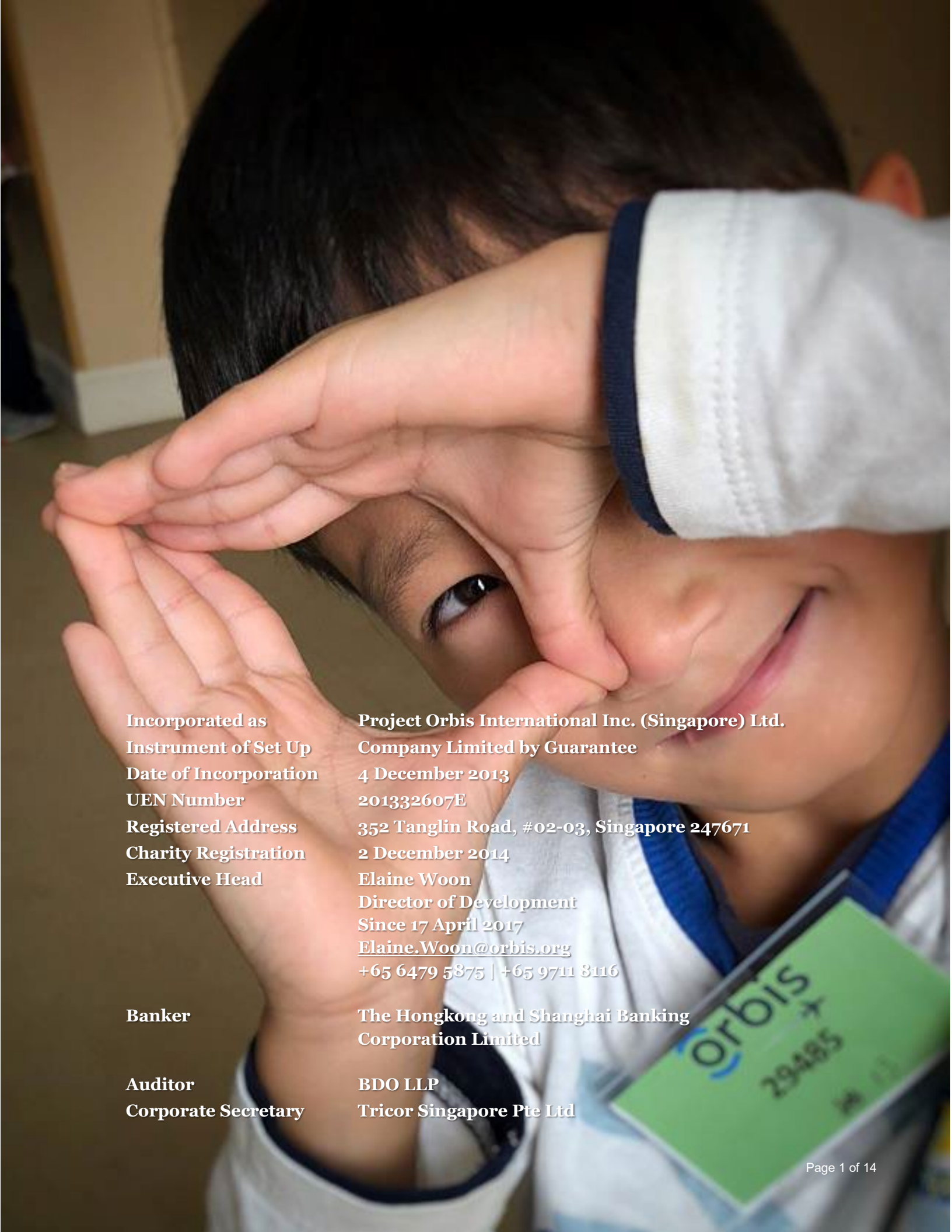




**Project Orbis International
Inc. (Singapore) Ltd.**

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Stuart Dean
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“The COVID-19 pandemic has definitely disrupted the entire healthcare system and our sight-saving work, but thanks to the foresight of our founders, Cybersight was already in place to train eye care professionals around the world to restore sight in countries that needed it most.

It was very encouraging to see the huge uptake of Cybersight training by Ophthalmologists in five ASEAN countries – Indonesia, The Philippines, Myanmar, Cambodia and Malaysia. In 2020, webinar attendance of Cybersight courses in the Philippines grew by 65 times to 3,150 – highest among these Southeast Asian countries – followed by Indonesia that grew by 37 times to 4,057.

We expect fundraising events to continue to be virtual or hybrid in 2021, but as countries reach their vaccination goals, when travel restrictions are lifted and new social distancing measures are in place, we hope to meet all of you in person soon. Meanwhile, keep well and stay safe!”



Board of Directors

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Senior Advisor, ASEAN Advisory
Since 1 July 2017

Directors

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Senior Consultant, Singapore National Eye Center
Associate Professor, Duke-NUS Medical School
Since 19 July 2019

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Since 19 August 2019

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Since 6 November 2019
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Since 1 July 2017 (until 17 August 2020)

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Since 23 Jun 2015

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Since 10 November 2017

All Board of Directors do not receive any benefit or remuneration from Orbis Singapore
The Charity held three board meetings in FY2020



ABOUT ORBIS INTERNATIONAL

Orbis is an international nonprofit that has been transforming lives through the prevention and treatment of avoidable blindness for nearly four decades. With our network of partners, we mentor, train and inspire entire local eye care teams from health workers in rural clinics to eye surgeons in urban centres so they can work together to save and restore vision in their communities, ensuring that no one has to face a life of avoidable blindness. Working in collaboration with local partners, including hospitals, universities, government agencies and ministries of health, Orbis provides hands on ophthalmology training, strengthens healthcare infrastructure and advocates for the prioritization of eye health on public health agendas.

Our Vision

To transform lives through the prevention and treatment of blindness.

Our Mission

With our network of partners, we mentor, train and inspire eye care professionals in places with the greatest need so they can save and restore vision in their communities.

WHAT WE DO

We bring people together in the fight against avoidable blindness. We help countries build the skills, knowledge and resources they need to prevent blindness and provide the highest quality eye care possible for all their people.

We train doctors, nurses and medical technicians so that they can save and restore sight; we train the entire eye care team from health care workers to eye surgeons so that they can work together in a cohesive unit. We strengthen and improve eye health systems by partnering with local hospitals, public health agencies and fellow NGOs; we help our partners find sustainable solutions to their nation's immediate needs and build capacity for the future. We advocate to make fighting blindness a priority, working at local, national and international levels to demonstrate the economic and social benefits of a strong, effective eye health system.

We are creating a permanent, united eye care community: through our telemedicine platform Cybersight, the Flying Eye Hospital, our Volunteer Faculty (expert medical volunteers) and our partners in local countries. We are eliminating geographical distances, bringing the world's ophthalmic professionals together to fight blindness and provide quality eye care for all.

HOW WE DO IT

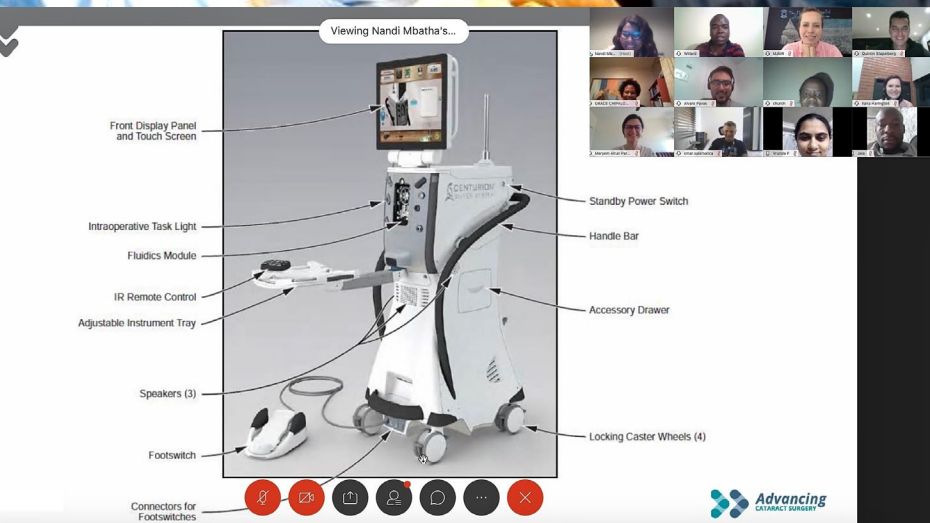
Orbis integrates our tools into our work around the world to develop country-specific programs to fight blindness locally.





Volunteer Faculty

Volunteer Faculty are Orbis's volunteer ophthalmologists, nurses, anaesthesiologists, and biomedical engineers who share their skills with local eye care teams to improve the level of eye care for generations to come. Orbis could not achieve our mission without our global force of more than 400 Volunteer Faculty from more than 30 countries who are united in their dedication to teach, train and inspire. Volunteer Faculty provide training to local eye care teams on board the Flying Eye Hospital, in partner hospitals around the world, and via Orbis's telemedicine platform, Cybersight.



Virtual Flying Eye Hospital Training

Thanks to our supporters and the hard work of our Flying Eye Hospital team, we were able to pivot our in-person training sessions and take our sight-saving work online throughout 2020. This meant our network of world-leading Volunteer Faculty were able to deliver top class training to the eye health communities that need it most - even in the middle of a pandemic. This work will also revolutionize how eye care teams build sight-saving skills long into the future.



In-Country Programs

Orbis works with local partners to build and strengthen sustainable eye care systems in communities worldwide. Orbis's programs range from vision centres that provide primary eye care for rural communities to screening programs for children to projects focused on the elimination of trachoma (the leading cause of infectious blindness).



Cybersight

Orbis's award winning telemedicine platform is a digital extension of our mission. Through Cybersight, Orbis's Volunteer Faculty teach and support eye care teams around the world using the latest advancements in internet and mobile technologies. It allows us to reach communities despite barriers such as geographic isolation, conflict, or social distancing amid the pandemic.

POLICIES: FUNDING SOURCES

The Charity is financially supported by private donations from individuals and companies. It did not employ a third-party fundraiser.

POLICIES: RESERVES

Orbis Singapore will ensure a reserve of approximately six months of operating expenses so that the organisation will have sufficient capital to meet any outstanding commitments.

STAFFING & VOLUNTEERS

The scope of work for the organisation requires the support of three full-time employed staff. Towards the end of 2020, it was restructured to have one Director of Development and one Senior Development Executive.



2020 IMPACT

29,111

TRAININGS

1,026,223

EYES SCREENINGS

31,255

EYES SURGERIES

101,974

GLASSES
PRESCRIBED

7,553,496

ZITHROMAX DOSES
DISTRIBUTED

17

VIRTUAL FLYING
EYE HOSPITAL
TRAINING COURSES

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Orbis launched the virtual Flying Eye Hospital to train eye care teams to fight avoidable blindness. The initiative will transform how sight-saving is delivered even when the pandemic is over. Watch this video to learn more: <https://bit.ly/3B3WKdG>



HIGHLIGHTS OF ORBIS SINGAPORE'S ACTIVITIES

ORBIS GALA – A WORLD FREE FROM BLINDNESS

On 12 February 2020, Orbis Singapore's Gala in conjunction with the Singapore Air Show, which was set to take place at the Shangri-la was cancelled due to COVID-19.

In view of the Singapore Government's raising of the Coronavirus DORSCON alert from Yellow to Orange, Orbis Singapore Board of Directors had deliberated and agreed that it would be prudent for the Gala to be postponed. Nearing the date of the event, it decided that it would be in the best interests of the stakeholders that it was cancelled instead of postponing it yet again.

The team had expended considerable time and resources to plan for the Gala, and our donors have also committed funds towards the event. We want to thank all our donors once again for allowing us to retain all their donations so that we can continue our operations in Singapore as well as support our eye care work across the world during these extraordinarily challenging times. We also thank all our vendors for the returned deposits and hope to re-engage them when we are able to resume in-person Galas in the new normal.

We hope to meet all again when the pandemic is more settled or when countries have reached their vaccination goals and opened their borders.

One of the items on the evening program at the planned Gala was supposed to be a performance by The Lighthouse School. The school recorded the video of the performance and we shared this with all our donors. Please [click here](#) to watch the video. Our Vietnam team also pre-recorded an interview of our child beneficiary, Le Dinh Thinh

who was born premature and had his eyes treated by Orbis-trained doctor, Duong Anh Quan. Please [click here](#) to watch the video.

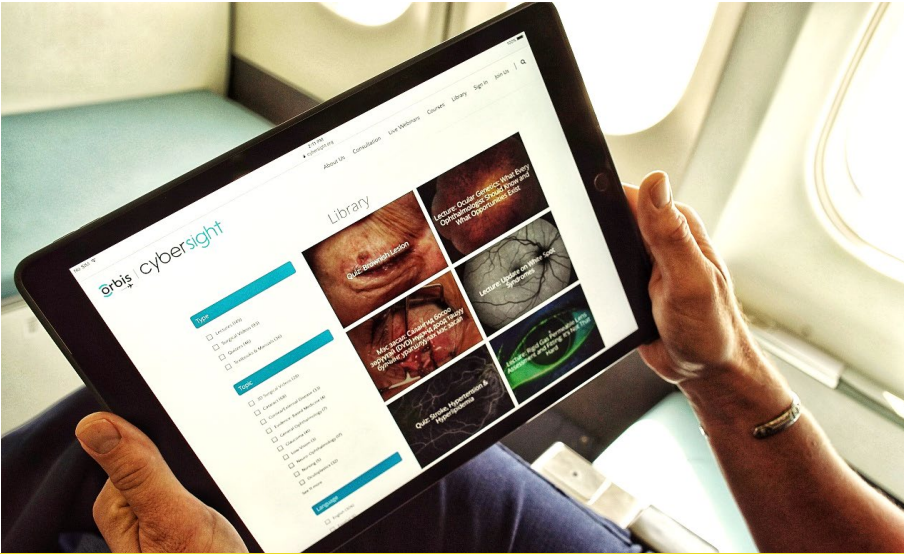
OTHER CAMPAIGNS

Notwithstanding the Covid-19 outbreak, Orbis continued to deliver eye care to beneficiaries who cannot wait for the pandemic to be over before they were treated of severe vision-threatening eye conditions. In Peru, Vietnam, Bangladesh and Mongolia, care for premature babies at risk of developing Retinopathy of Prematurity continued as treatment must be carried out within 32 hours of diagnosis to prevent permanent blindness.

To raise the much-needed funds to continue our sight-saving work, Orbis Singapore organised an online auction. It also organised an online campaign, Eye Seymour Hope (I See More Hope) with Orbis Mascot, Seymour the Bear to raise awareness of the importance of eye health during the pandemic. The online art competition that was aimed to lift up the spirits of people during the lockdown by spreading the message of hope and love was very well participated.

Orbis Singapore benefited from a fundraising event organised by Orbis Ireland called, Run 20/20 Exercise to Save Sight. Aercap's employees across the world, including Singapore ran to raise funds for our sight-saving work.

In celebration of World Sight Day in October, Orbis partnered with Creative Technology on Share Orbis Stories Campaign. We thank Creative Technology for sponsoring the prizes for this campaign and inspiring our new and existing supporters to share on social media about how lives around the world had been transformed by Orbis's sight-saving work.



A record-breaking number of eye care professionals have turned to Cybersight to stay connected and learn amid lockdowns. As of February 2021, the platform had more than 42,000 registered eye care professionals across over 200 countries and regions.

ORBIS CYBERSIGHT ONLINE ENROLMENT SOARED

From live webinars and full-length courses to resources on topics like safety protocols for reopening post-COVID lockdowns, Cybersight has kept the future of eye care in focus, even during these uncertain times.



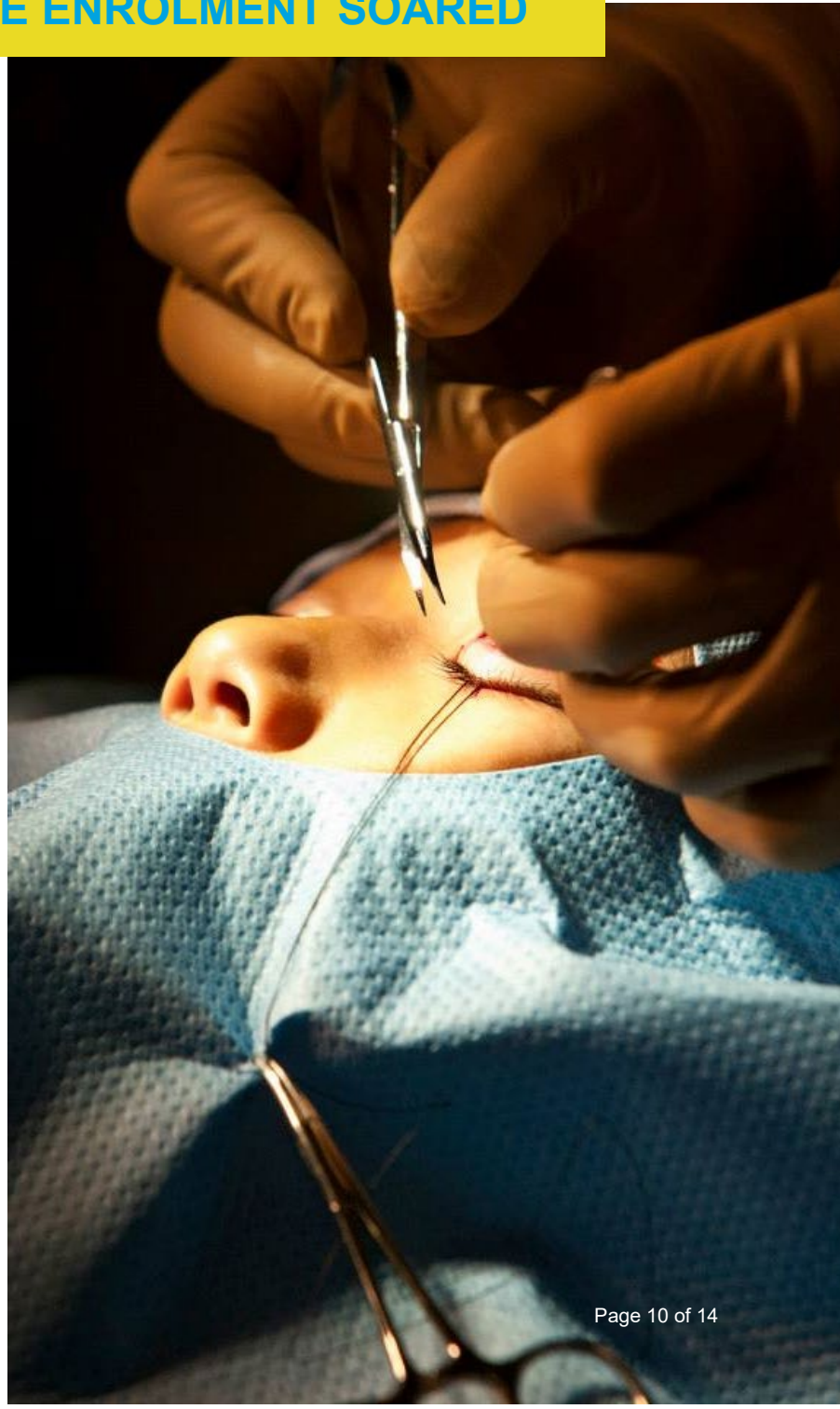
The number of registered eye care professionals on Cybersight more than doubled, going **from 16,479 to 37,964** across 200 countries and regions.



The Cybersight library received **more than 2.3 million video views** – which is seven times more views than in 2019. There were also 664 live consultations carried out in 2020.



Orbis **trained 26,036 eye health professionals in 192 countries and regions** through Cybersight – which is over three times more individuals and 9 more countries than in 2019.



RESTRICTED GRANTS

ENERGON-BWLEH-ORBIS REACH PROGRAM IN INDIA

The Energon-BWLEH-Orbis REACH Project that aims to reduce visual impairment due to uncorrected refractive errors among school-going children in India was disrupted by COVID-19.

In 2021, we plan to review the situation in India to determine when and which parts of India we can resume the eye care programs.



UPS FOUNDATION GRANT – A PROJECT TO IMPROVE AWARENESS OF EYE CARE FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS, VIETNAM

The objectives of the project are:

- To improve the awareness on eye care for patients with diabetes in Tien Giang and Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC)
- To Enhance the knowledge and compliance of diabetic patients who participate at the Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) Screening program
- To improve the knowledge of DR Management for medical staff and primary health care workers.

After months of social distancing towards the end of 2020 in various provinces of Vietnam including Tien Giang and Ho Chi Minh City, eye screening for diabetic patients could be organized together with outreach activities at the commune Health Centres of Tien Giang. Information on Diabetic Retinopathy and its prevention were broadcast at the district level and at commune level in Tien Giang. It was also shared over radio stations, television and local websites. A 30-minute short film about diabetes, messages related to eye check and compliance for diabetes patients were shown on Tien Giang television.

Event Highlight

Orbis organised a 2-day study tour at the project site of Tien Giang. This was attended by representatives of international non-governmental organisations specialized in eye care, provincial health departments and eye hospitals.

Participants were introduced to the approach and model of remote Diabetic Retinopathy screening that uses AI technology and imaging system integrated into the existing medical system piloted in Ho Chi Minh City and Tien Giang.





ORBIS SINGAPORE'S FINANCIALS

Orbis Singapore receives private restricted and unrestricted donations from companies and individuals through program sponsorships, online campaigns and events.

It periodically remits funds to Project Orbis International, Inc., its headquarters in New York to fund its sight-saving work around the world.

There was no new agreement signed to secure restricted funds for new eye care projects outside Singapore in 2020. It raised \$246,617, 44% of what was raised in 2019. Its fundraising efficiency ratio was well maintained at 8%.

It was difficult to organise in-person fundraising events in 2020 due to safe distancing measures in Singapore imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All fundraising events were held online.

One key personnel received remuneration as salary and allowances, and contribution to the Central Provident fund of between \$100,000-200,000 during the financial year, and the key personnel does not serve as a governing board member of the charity.

Orbis's Auditors, BDO LLP, conducted the audit in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Companies Act, Chapter 50, the Charities Act, Chapter 37 (the "Act"), other relevant regulations and Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore ("FRS").

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

TEAM

The Orbis Singapore team leverages the experience and network of the Singapore Board, as well as collaborating with specific talents and expertise of the global team – with resource support from regional offices – to form strategically aligned partnerships, develop and bring across quality eye care programs to Southeast Asia and beyond.

ACTIVITIES

Orbis Singapore plans to continue to expand its presence in Southeast Asia through regional events such as galas in conjunction with key health and aviation conferences, its industry's thought-leaders, blindfold lunches in schools, partnering companies' corporate social responsibility activities and social media reach.

It will raise the awareness on the importance of eye health by working with related partners and the Health Promotion Board to promote healthy lifestyle, encourage early eye screening to prevent diabetes and eye diseases that could result from diabetes.

With the appointment of its first Ambassador, Bernard Chew who is visually impaired, it aims to speak out more effectively for those with visual impairment and build a nation that is inclusive.



It engages young leaders of Project Orasight, a youth-led initiative, to reach a larger audience, especially other like-minded youths, to promote the importance of eye health across all digital platforms.



RESTARTING ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW NORMAL

During the pandemic, the entire health system had to prioritize fighting COVID-19, and many eye care facilities had to make the difficult decision to provide only emergency care.

In the new normal, Orbis hopes to be able to resume all our activities in countries affected by the pandemic. It plans to address the huge backlog of cases as well as new challenges for ensuring patient safety while still delivering essential sight saving care with increased social distancing, sanitization, and use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Virtual fundraising activities such as Race4Sight are expected to continue, while in-person Galas, school and Corporate Social Responsibility activities will be carried out in the new normal.



Flanked by Orasight's Vijayan S Athithyaa (far left) and NOX host and Orbis's Ambassador, Bernard Chew (centre), Orbis Director, Elaine Woon hosted an interview between them at the office.

Orbis Singapore serves as a development base to support our sight-saving work in Southeast Asia and beyond. Singapore is a highly regarded medical and commercial hub. We partner with our advanced eye care facilities, ophthalmologists and donors to bring quality eye care services across Southeast Asia. We engage companies and individuals in the region to raise awareness of the importance of eye health, organising blindfold lunches in schools, companies and the community.



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