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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

Dear stakeholders and readers,

Welcome once again to our Bi-annual newsletter from Rwanda International Institute of Ophthalmology (RIIO) which highlights what RIIO has accomplished in recent months with the contribution of partners at multi-levels. 2022, is a particularly special year for RIIO as it marks our 10th anniversary.

We appreciate the confidence that all of our stakeholders and readers have placed in us and in our work. We are constantly striving to develop sustainable, structured, and strategic partnerships with local, national, and international organizations, as well as private enterprises. Since its inception, RIIO has been involved with different partners. We are grateful to organizations that have supported our program so far and we are open to more partnerships in the future as there is always more work to be done. Regardless of our achievements to date.

Find out more about our work at www.riio.org. As always, contact us on our social media platforms on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#); if you have any questions and/or comments.

Sincerely,

RIIO Directors





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WHO WE ARE

The Rwanda International Institute of Ophthalmology (RIIO) was established in 2011 by two ophthalmologists living in Kigali. After many years in public service, Dr. John Nkurikiye and Prof. Wanjiku 'Ciku' Mathenge, created RIIO in response to gaps in the provision of eye services in Rwanda.

Their vision for eye care in Rwanda? To see a country where homegrown quality eye health solutions for care delivery, education, and advocacy further inspire the government and other partners to transform how eye health is understood, how good vision is valued and preserved, and the way that local eye health problems are solved.

To this end, RIIO's mission is to engage with local governments, partners, and patients as an organization committed to influencing eye care delivery for the better through projects that are able to integrate education, innovation, research, and enterprise for the long-term benefit of Rwanda and the Region.

Learn more [here](#).





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RIIO 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND GRADUATION EVENT

Rwanda International Institute of Ophthalmology (RIIO) Celebrated the biggest milestone of 10 years of existence and The Graduation of the First group of “Made in Rwanda” eye specialists trained to the highest standards at RIIO under the College of Ophthalmology of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa (COECSA). The Celebrations took place on 14th October 2022 at Gorillas Hotel Nyarutarama

RIIO appreciates all partners and the Ministry of Health for the support that has made this possible

As We believe that our success would not have been possible without the belief and support of all, our partners.





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RIIO-KIBAGABAGA COMMUNITY EYE CLINIC PERFORMANCE

During the reported period, clinical activities have continued at RIIO@KIBAGABAGA Clinic. Patients were seen and get treated those who received surgical interventions restored their sight. Over 3500 patients received treatment.

CATARACT OUTREACH PROGRAM

In order to contribute towards ending avoidable blindness in Rwanda by serving the community RIIO Directors accompanied by Residents have conducted cataract outreach campaigns in remote areas where there are no Ophthalmologists. Over 100 surgeries were performed at 5 different hospitals.



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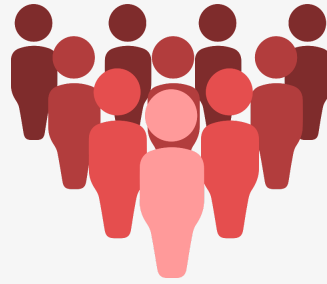
ROLL OUT OF DR SCREENING AT RWANDA DIABETES ASSOCIATION CLINIC USING AI

Rwanda International Institute of Ophthalmology (RIIO) in partnership with Orbis International has provided skills and primary resources in order to allow Rwanda Diabetic Association, to integrate diabetic retinopathy (DR) Screening on a regular basis at the clinic and therefore meet the demand of the Diabetic patients. This continuous activity will build on the positive impact noted in the RAIDERS study conducted by RIIO. RDA Staff who will use the machine and screen patients have been trained by Professor Ciku on how to screen and use the AI machine, RIIO staff who will coordinate and supervise the implementation of this activity participated in the training.

RECOGNITION

In September 2022 , Our RIIO Directors were awarded a certificate of appreciation in recognition of RIIO Contribution towards ending avoidable blindness in Rwanda , the event was hosted by FHF Jointly with the MOH .





PARTNERS

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION FOR 2022 ACHIEVEMENTS .



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