

# **Somali Eye Health Alliance (SEHA)**

## **Annual Report – 2025**

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## **1. Executive Summary**

The Somali Eye Health Alliance (SEHA) has continued its mission of improving access to quality, affordable eye care across Somalia. In 2025, SEHA expanded its outreach work, strengthened facility-based eye services, improved referral pathways, and enhanced monitoring systems. This annual report summarizes achievements, challenges, key data, lessons learned, and strategic priorities for 2026.

## **2. Key Achievements in 2025**

• Conducted large-scale district outreach campaigns providing basic eye screening and treatment. • Improved cataract surgical output and strengthened postoperative follow-up. • Introduced standardized monitoring tools across all active districts. • Strengthened coordination with local health authorities and partner organizations. • Launched community awareness activities targeting vulnerable populations.

3. Program Performance Data

Indicator	Result (2025)	Target
People screened for eye conditions	4,850	5,000
Cataract surgeries completed	590	600
% referral completion	67%	70%
Awareness sessions held	22	24
Post-op visual outcome $\geq 6/18$	84%	85%

## **4. Outreach & Community Engagement**

SEHA outreach teams conducted multiple screening missions in urban and rural areas. Services provided included basic visual assessment, diagnosis of common conditions, provision of eye drops, referral for cataract surgery, and community education. Local leaders played an important role in mobilization.

## **5. Surgical Services**

Cataract blindness remains one of the leading causes of avoidable visual impairment in Somalia. In 2025, surgical output increased due to improved equipment availability and stronger clinical teams. Challenges included irregular supply chains and difficulty tracking patients for follow-up.

## **6. Monitoring, Learning & Data Quality**

SEHA strengthened its M&E; system through: • New standardized registers for screenings and surgeries. • Monthly data review meetings. • Quarterly data quality checks. • A central digital database for results aggregation. These improvements led to more accurate reporting and better planning decisions.

## **7. Challenges Faced in 2025**

- Security and access constraints in some districts.
- Limited availability of specialized ophthalmic personnel.
- Difficulties in patient tracking after referral.
- High cost of consumables for surgeries.
- Transportation gaps for outreach teams.



## 8. Financial Overview (Simplified)

Category	Amount (USD)
Program Implementation	146,000
Outreach Missions	38,500
Surgical Services	72,000
Monitoring & Evaluation	28,000
Staffing & Operations	91,000

## **9. Strategic Priorities for 2026**

• Expand outreach programs to underserved regions. • Increase annual cataract surgical output. • Strengthen staff training on screening and M&E; tools. • Improve referral tracking, including phone follow-ups. • Continue strengthening partnerships with government and NGOs.

## **10. Conclusion**

SEHA's 2025 accomplishments demonstrate strong progress in addressing eye health needs in Somalia. With continued support, strengthened systems, and expanded activities, SEHA aims to reach even more communities in 2026 and further reduce avoidable blindness across the country.

Thank you for supporting Somali Eye Health Alliance (SEHA).