

Kiribati



Population¹	126,745
Prevalence of Blindness (Projection)²	0.3%
Prevalence of Diabetes (Projection)³	24.1%
Most common causes of vision impairment⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cataract • Diabetic retinopathy • Corneal blindness • Refractive error
Health expenditure⁵	US \$262 per capita (15% of GDP)
Key stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health and Medical Services • Tungaru Central Hospital

¹ Pacific Community, Pacific Data Hub, Mid-Year Population Estimate, <https://pacificdata.org/>

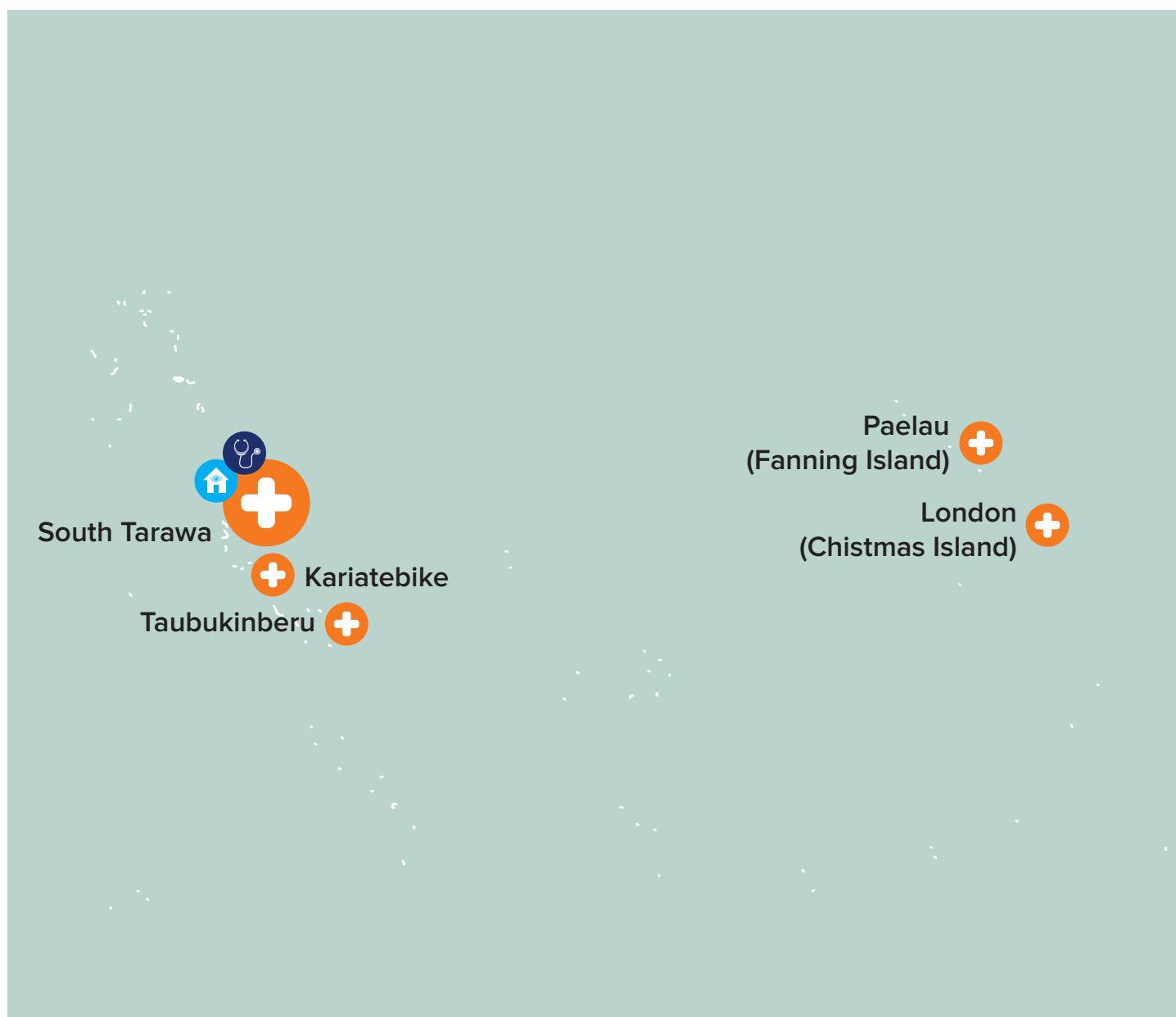
² IAPB World Vision Atlas, <https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas>

³ Diabetes Federation Atlas, <https://diabetesatlas.org/data/en/>

⁴ IAPB World Vision Atlas, <https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas>

⁵ WHO Global Health Expenditure Database, https://apps.who.int/nha/database/country_profile/Index/en

Eye care workforce



2 active eye doctors*

(both eye doctors are Foundation-sponsored graduates)

South Tarawa: 2



10 active eye nurses and eye care clinicians*

(all 10 eye nurses are Foundation-sponsored graduates)

Kariatebike: 1 / Taubukinberu: 1 / London (Christmas Island): 1 / Paelau (Fanning Island): 1 / South Tarawa: 6



Components of Kiribati's eye care programme supported by The Foundation

Tungaru Central Hospital Eye Department, South Tarawa

* This number can fluctuate annually and does include private practitioners.

Eye care training outcomes

In total

- 1 Foundation-sponsored eye doctor graduate⁶.
- 1 Foundation-sponsored trainee eye doctor graduate⁷.
- 15 Foundation-sponsored eye nurse and eye care clinician graduates⁸.

In 2023

8 eye care professionals participated in professional development workshops and training.

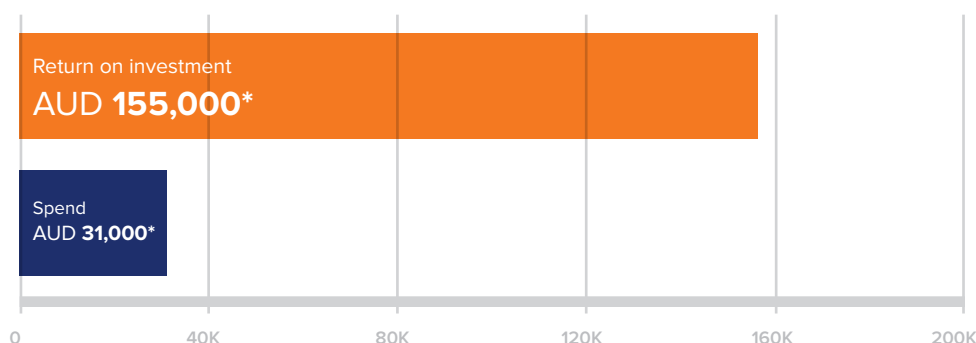
2023 Key Highlights

1,530 consultations provided.

106 sight-saving surgeries performed.

276 spectacles were dispensed.

Return on investment 2023



Programme funding in NZD was \$34,000* with a return on investment of \$171,000*.

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust funded a report by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)⁹ that measured the economic benefit of investing in vision. The study demonstrated that for every \$1 invested in tackling avoidable blindness in the Commonwealth, \$5 is returned in economic value.



⁶ Completed Masters of Medicine in Ophthalmology. First eye doctor trained in 2014.

⁷ Completed Post Graduate Diploma in Ophthalmology.

⁸ First eye nurse trained in 2009.

* These figures are approximate.

⁹ PriceWaterhouseCoopers 2018: Investing in vision making a difference across the Commonwealth, www.hollows.org.nz