



# CATARACT

### PROGRAMME

**IMPACT REPORT 2021** 





An estimated 5 million people are blinded by cataract each year. Blindness affects more than 4% of the population in parts of sub-Saharan Africa. With your support, we are declaring a fight against cataract in sub-Saharan Africa.

#### Scan and Donate



# What is Muntada Aid Doing?

Our missions are uncomplicated, but their impact on individuals, families and communities is life transforming.



Each successful cataract operation means independence, freedom of movement, working and seeing the faces of the family again.

In 2021-22, we are performing thousands of surgeries in Niger and Chad. We are organising these missions in partnership with IHH, Istanbul and Alliance of International Doctors, Istanbul.

The camps will be held in towns like Niamey, Maradi, Tahoua and in Ndjamena. Apart from the cataract operation, we will be providing patients with eye drops, pain killers, anaesthesia for children and other medication that they may need to overcome this crippling condition.

### NAIF'S BLOG

Niger is your perfect postcard destination. Its wild untamed beauty, diverse wildlife, and endless dessert would make you fall in love with the country. However, that is only half of the story.

It is one of the poorest countries in the world. The United Nations Human Development Index ranked Niger at the lowest- 189th of 189 countries observed. Most of the country's 22 million population live in clusters in the south and west. Climate change, desertification, and inadequate public services, particularly those related to health, have left hundreds of thousands of elderly people with

#### limited or zero access to eye care.



An estimated 20 million people across Africa are blind or visually impaired, more than 75% of which is completely avoidable. This is an urgent problem that needs an immediate solution.

Muntada Aid has been in Niger delivering long-term humanitarian assistance and water solutions to communities for over three decades now.

Over the years, we realised a greater need for a programme that is able to tackle this crisis and help the local ageing population.

Muntada Aid started commissioning medical missions to Niger in 2020, but unfortunately, due to the COVID-19, we had to postpone several of our deployments. However, with the rollout of a successful global vaccination programme and a more conducive atmosphere for travel, our team organised cataract removal missions in Niamey and Mirya in July 2021.

During these missions, I saw the life-transforming impact these procedures have on people. Among the patients were teachers, grandparents and older adults who had lost all hope of ever getting their sight back.

I consider myself blessed that I was able to witness the happiness on the faces of these elderly people as they could see the world and their beloved ones again for the first time in years.

We will continue our mission of eradicating cataracts from sub-Saharan Africa, but we need your support. A simple intervention funded by you has the power to transform lives.

I must use this opportunity to thank you for your donations. Without these vital funds, these missions won't take place.





### Naif Sheikh MUNTADA AID



### PHASE-1 IMPACT

Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some of missions in these countries had to be rescheduled, but earlier this year, our team was able to travel to Niger, where we were able to operate on 1100 people.

### 1,200 OPERATIONS







### NOW I CAN TEACH AGAIN

### ● 55 YEARS ● TO JARWA



### NOW I CAN SEE MY GRAND CHILDREN

#### MARIAMA AJILLA © 80 YEARS © GOURÉ



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### ASSAN SALEY 60 YEARS ♥ TO KERKIRÉ

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### **IS RESPONSIBLE FOR**

### 51% OF WORLD BLINDNESS

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