“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

— Helen Keller
Helen Keller International, co-founded in 1915 by our namesake, is committed to saving and improving the sight and lives of the world’s vulnerable by combating the causes and consequences of blindness, poor health, and malnutrition.

We envision a world where no one suffers from preventable or treatable blindness, low vision, disease, or malnutrition.

Helen Keller International is well known and respected in the global health and development sectors for our expertise in translating science and research into innovative, effective programs.

Our programs empower millions of people to achieve their potential through the delivery of preventative and curative solutions in eye health, nutrition, and neglected tropical diseases.

Headquartered in New York City, Helen Keller International works in 19 countries across Africa and Asia, as well as in the United States.
Dear Friends,

An annual report is an important opportunity to reflect on where we started, what we have achieved over the past year, and where we want to go in the future. Our story began, of course, with Helen Keller. When she co-founded our organization in 1915 to assist soldiers blinded during their service in World War I, she knew that the world was full of obstacles and suffering. But she also knew that optimism could triumph over suffering. Since then, our work has evolved. Our programs prioritize preventing and treating vision loss and blindness—as well as addressing major global health problems such as malnutrition and neglected diseases that threaten sight, productivity, and well-being. As we look ahead to new opportunities and challenges related to our mission, one thing remains constant – Helen’s fierce optimism and belief in human potential are at the heart of everything we do.

Guided by her vision, we believe it is possible to eliminate preventable blindness, malnutrition, and neglected tropical diseases and improve the health and well-being of millions of children and vulnerable families. Thanks to the steadfast support of our donors—and the inspiring commitment of our global team, our partners, and the communities with whom we work—we are proud to share tangible examples of how we improved health and lives in 2018.

Starting closest to home, in 2018 our US vision program expanded to two more states in the Midwest: Minnesota and Wisconsin. Recognizing the vast, unmet needs for vision care in low-income urban communities, we also expanded our services to benefit not only school children, but also underserved veterans, homeless youth, immigrants, refugees, and low-income seniors. Our goal is to eliminate the two primary barriers to vision care: access and expense.

We recently passed a remarkable milestone in our US vision program. Since launching the program in 1994, we have screened more than 2 million children and distributed more than 300,000 properly prescribed eyeglasses. That said, we have faced challenges in Milwaukee, where the needs are great. We have addressed the challenges, however, with creativity and resolve. We are also learning how best to provide vision screenings at homeless shelters and community centers, and how to ensure that those in need return to pick up their new eyeglasses. Children attend school day after day, where we can reach them easily when their glasses are ready. A homeless mother, however, may be harder to contact if she is moving from a shelter to interim housing. Our US vision program teams are persistent and tenacious. They will not give up until prescription eyeglasses reach those who need them most.

Globally, our work is also meeting urgent needs and making an impact. In 2018, 5.3 million children under the age of five worldwide died: malnutrition contributed to nearly half of those deaths. An estimated 2.2 billion people worldwide are living with blindness or impaired vision, even though 80 percent of blindness is preventable. These are solvable problems. And we are committed to overcoming them. Our science-based, practical programs reached an estimated 300 million people in 2018 with effective interventions in eye health, nutrition, and neglected tropical diseases.
We remain more determined than ever to remove barriers to health for the most vulnerable among us. In the spirit of our co-founder Helen Keller, we believe that even in the face of daunting obstacles, optimism changes everything.

We partner robustly with governments, private-sector actors, and civic and community organizations to make health systems stronger. We ensure that staple foods like milled flour and cooking oil are fortified with essential micronutrients, similar to the manner in which milk is fortified with vitamin D and salt is iodized here in the United States. And we empower families, with a particular focus on women, to cultivate small farms to grow nutritious foods. We also provide agricultural training to enable family farmers to increase their harvests so they can sell surplus crops at the market to generate revenue. Best of all, we know from rigorous evaluation that our efforts across nutrition, eye health, and neglected diseases improve lives, and that when we collaborate with communities to strengthen local knowledge and capacity, we achieve transformative changes that last for the long term.

Although our focus in this report is celebrating important achievements, we must also acknowledge the major challenges we face: climate change, natural disasters, funding shortfalls, and the sheer scale of the health problems we aim to address. We remain more determined than ever to remove barriers to health for the most vulnerable among us, and to provide vision services to underserved communities in the United States to help them see and succeed.

In the spirit of our co-founder Helen Keller, we believe that even in the face of daunting obstacles, optimism changes everything.

Thanks to the remarkable partnership and support of the Helen Keller International community, we proudly carry on the legacy of Helen Keller and the values she exemplified, from compassion and integrity to determination and grit. Today, we have an opportunity to help ensure a healthier and more equitable future for all of us.

On behalf of our Board and staff, and all those we serve and with whom we partner, thank you for your role in allowing Helen Keller International to improve the health and potential of vulnerable families. We are deeply grateful for your extraordinary support.

Kathy Spahn, President and CEO
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Our Impact in 2018
107 PROJECTS IN 20 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD
USA, Africa, Asia

Eye Health
18 projects, 7 countries
(includes 7 vision care projects in the USA and 3 Inclusive Education projects in Indonesia)

Nutrition
67 projects, 19 countries

Neglected Tropical Diseases:
20 projects, 9 countries
North America (USA)

7 Projects (in 7 US states)

Africa

64 Projects

Asia & The Pacific

36 Projects
Our Impact In 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

• Reached 3,859,200 children with vitamin A supplements
• In partnership with Ministries of Health, administered over 110 million drug treatments to people affected by neglected tropical diseases in six countries in Africa
• Screened nearly 1 million people for the world’s leading cause of preventable blindness, trichiasis (a blinding condition resulting from trachoma)
• Performed sight-saving surgery for more than 36,000 individuals affected by trichiasis (sometimes referred to as advanced trachoma)
• Including activities completed in 2018, since 1990, we have provided an estimated 1.7 million families with better access to nutritious foods through “farming for nutrition” programs across Africa and Asia
• Globally (in programs outside the United States), screened the vision of 500,000 students through teachers, healthcare workers, and eye health clinicians trained and supported by HKI
• In the United States, screened the vision of more than 66,000 students in underserved communities and provided free eyeglasses to approximately 15,000 children
• Performed more than 40,000 cataract surgeries in Myanmar
Key Partnerships & Initiatives

Improving Nutrition and Food Security in Bangladesh: SAPLING
This five-year, multisectoral project funded by USAID aims to improve food security and nutrition, empower women, and build resilience in some of the poorest, most remote areas of the Chittagong Hill Tracts region of Bangladesh. Led by Helen Keller International, the USAID SAPLING project completed its third year in 2018. It has built strong partnerships to increase income and food production—and improve health and nutrition—among 240,000 vulnerable people, including pregnant and/or nursing mothers, children under two years of age, all poor and extremely poor households, as well as adolescent girls, elderly persons, disabled persons, and female-headed households.

Good Nutrition during the 1,000 Day Window of Opportunity in Nepal: SUAAHARA II
Funded by USAID, SUAAHARA II is a five-year project dedicated to improving the health and nutrition of women and children in 42 of Nepal’s 77 districts. Led by Helen Keller International, SUAAHARA II prioritizes interventions to prevent undernutrition during the 1,000 days between a woman’s pregnancy and her child’s second birthday, the crucial timeframe during which inadequate nutrition can have irreversible damage on a child’s physical and cognitive development. Three years into SUAAHARA II, nearly 2 million households have been visited by SUAAHARA II frontline workers who lead household and community-level social and behavior change communication activities to improve essential nutrition.

Strengthening Policies to Promote Better Nutrition for Infants and Young Children: ARCH
Our Assessment & Research on Child Feeding (ARCH) project conducts and communicates research about promotion of foods that are consumed by young children to help policy makers safeguard infant and child health. The ARCH project also shares data to inform governments and policy makers and to promote breastfeeding as an essential component of nutrition and to improve the nutritional status of infants and young children. Currently, the project is active in Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal, and Senegal.

Eliminating Diseases of Poverty
Helen Keller International continues to lead global efforts to prevent and treat neglected tropical diseases that cause blindness, disability, and needless suffering among millions of people worldwide. Helen Keller led the Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention (MMDP) program, a five-year USAID-funded initiative to support national governments in their efforts to eliminate trachoma and lymphatic filariasis in three countries. The MMDP program not only successfully screened 2.1 million people for trichiasis (a potentially blinding condition caused by advanced trachoma), but also trained hundreds of local surgeons and improved the quality of health care services. The program concluded in September 2019.

In Mali and Niger, Helen Keller International leads a three-year program funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to eliminate trachoma. As of the printing of this report, thanks to sustained efforts and collaboration among the partners involved in this program, the Government of Mali is expected to achieve its goal of eliminating trachoma as a public health problem in 2020.

In mid-2018, Helen Keller International became a lead implementing partner for USAID’s Act to End NTDs | West program. Led by FHI 360, USAID’s Act to End NTDs | West aims to control or eliminate seven of the most prevalent neglected tropical diseases in 11 countries across West and Central Africa from 2018 to 2023. The consortium of partners includes Helen Keller International, Health Development International, Deloitte, World Vision, Americares, and the AIM Initiative.

Helping Underserved Communities See and Succeed: US Vision Care
Thanks to support in the past year from generous donors, Helen Keller International expanded our US vision care program to Minnesota and Wisconsin in the upper Midwest and increased our reach to include vulnerable groups such as underserved veterans, homeless youth, and refugees. Because of the huge gap in eye health services in low-income, urban communities, we aim to double the reach of our current US vision care program over the next five years to reach 140,000 people in total.
The support of our generous donors, partners, and friends in 2018 allowed us to save sight, prevent malnutrition among mothers and children, and improve the health of people in underserved places where the needs are great, but access to basic health care is scarce.

Here is a look back at some inspiring moments from our programs around the world. Each is living proof that, in the words of our co-founder, Helen Keller, “Alone we can do so little; together, we can do so much.”
NEPAL

When babies are born prematurely, they are at risk of a potentially blinding disease called retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) caused by abnormal growth of the blood vessels in the retina. The risk of blindness and vision loss is greater when premature babies get too high a concentration of oxygen in incubators.

In Nepal’s capital city of Kathmandu, Helen Keller International trained health workers in neonatal intensive care units to effectively prevent and treat this disease. We also provided hospitals with medical equipment and strengthened health systems in Nepal to better equip them to reduce the risk of ROP and preserve the sight of premature babies.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam, an estimated one in every four children under the age of five suffers from stunted physical growth and impaired brain development caused by chronic malnutrition. Stunting is irreversible.

In 2018, we helped the poorest families in Vietnam prevent malnutrition by growing healthy food on small homestead farms. We also trained community nutrition volunteers to educate families and caregivers about what to feed infants and young children to ensure they get the nutrients they need for healthy development.

In March 2018, grandmother Ha Thi Vong (pictured below) was among a group of caregivers in Son La Province who benefitted from a community cooking and nutrition demonstration led by our volunteers. As she watched her young granddaughter happily eating a nutritious snack prepared by the volunteers, Ha Thi said, “I want my grandchildren to be as healthy as other children.”
IVORY COAST

Vitamin A deficiency is a leading cause of preventable blindness in children worldwide and contributes to a high risk of disease and death. A twice-yearly vitamin A supplement given to children between the ages of six months to five years is one of the most effective, affordable ways to reduce preventable child blindness, disease, and death.

In April 2018, HKI worked in partnership with the Ministry of Health in Ivory Coast to provide children with vitamin A supplements twice a year as part of the country’s regular health campaigns. We helped government health workers go far and wide to reach as many communities as possible and administer the vitamin A drops to all eligible children, including this “cheeky” little baby.
NIGER

In four regions across Niger, our teams are working in partnership with the government to eliminate trachoma, a contagious eye infection that is the world’s leading cause of preventable blindness. Proven solutions to prevent and treat trachoma exist; it’s just a question of bringing the solutions to the people who need them.

Within the past 18 months, Helen Keller International and its partners performed more than 13,000 surgeries in Niger to prevent blindness and eye damage caused by repeated trachoma infections.

In June of 2018, a surgeon supported by Helen Keller International, Habou Bacar Mamane Nassirou, removed the post-surgery bandages from Fajimata Rahama (pictured above). Much to her joy, the procedure improved her vision and relieved her nearly constant pain. Fajimata is living proof that simple solutions can transform lives.
In Mozambique’s Tete Province, we are working with partners to prevent malnutrition among children under the age of five—and to improve the status of women in the poorest rural communities—through agriculture.

In the past year, our programs empowered women in villages in Tete to earn income and improve nutrition for their children through small-scale farming and raising livestock. We also educated mothers and pregnant women about the healthiest ways to store and cook food and helped them set up community savings groups as safety nets for emergencies.
UNITED STATES

For almost 25 years, we have been providing free eye exams and glasses to low-income schoolchildren in urban areas of the United States. In 2018, we expanded our program to serve homeless youth and families, underserved veterans, newly arrived immigrants and refugees, and low-income seniors.

Eight-year-old Ezekiel (pictured above) and his mother, Babee, live in a homeless shelter in New York City. They are among the families who benefitted from the expansion of our program.

Ezekiel was very excited to get his vision screening, eye exam, and new glasses just in time for the start of the new school year: “I’m looking forward to reading, doing my homework, and focusing. The glasses make me look cooler. And maybe I look smart.”
CAMEROON

Onchocerciasis, or river blindness, is a tropical disease transmitted by blackflies that live and breed near rivers and streams. It is the second leading cause of infectious blindness worldwide.

Our programs prevent and treat river blindness in Cameroon. In fact, our goal is to work with global and local partners to eliminate this neglected disease in Cameroon and other countries where it is a public health problem.

In 2018, we supported the government of Cameroon to deliver mass distributions of a drug called ivermectin to prevent and treat river blindness among at-risk populations. In September, we completed a mass drug distribution campaign in Cameroon’s Bafang District, benefitting the vulnerable children in this photograph as well as adults.
TANZANIA

More than a third of children under the age of five in Tanzania suffer from stunting caused by malnutrition, and nearly half of all women of childbearing age suffer from anemia due to iron deficiency.

In 2018, our program trained teams of community health workers to bring health services right to people’s doorsteps, on home visits that improve nutrition among vulnerable mothers and young children in the Mtwara region. On their home visits, the health workers screen children for signs of malnutrition and illness, educate families about healthy feeding practices for infants and kids, and share information about improving sanitation and hygiene.

Bringing basic health care directly to households ensures that we reach as many mothers and children in need as possible.
CAMBODIA

More than 65 percent of Cambodia’s population depends on subsistence farming, fisheries, and forestry for survival. Frequent weather shocks due to climate change make rural communities very vulnerable to malnutrition and extreme poverty.

In 2018, we empowered rural communities in Cambodia to improve nutrition and increase their income through polyculture fish farming. We train local fish farmers to raise several species of fish together in their ponds, which increases their profits and helps support the ecosystem. Our program also ensures that families have access to plentiful supplies of fish as a source of affordable, highly nutritious food.
BANGLADESH

In rural Bangladesh, one of the most flood-prone countries in the world, our innovative, holistic program helped extremely poor families in the Chittagong Hill Tracts Region to increase their income and access to nutritious food—and reduce the impact of climate shocks.

In 2018, we prioritized training groups of women farmers to increase harvests, improve profits and marketing, generate more revenue for their families, and set up savings groups. This empowered women not only with a source of income, but also with greater influence in their homes and communities.
HKI is deeply appreciative of our generous donors, all of whom share Helen Keller’s belief that “the welfare of each is bound up in the welfare of all.” The support of these dedicated contributors makes it possible for us to save and improve the sight and lives of vulnerable families around the world.

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World Food Programme (WFP)  
WorldFish
## Financial Statement

### OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE

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<tr>
<th>Support</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions – corporations, foundations, and individuals</td>
<td>$26,288,075</td>
<td>$25,866,268</td>
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<td>Contributions – medicines and other (in-kind)</td>
<td>$165,249,345</td>
<td>$147,781,911</td>
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<td>Legacies and trusts</td>
<td>$300,765</td>
<td>$330,794</td>
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<td>Grants – US Government agencies</td>
<td>$52,437,404</td>
<td>$47,262,350</td>
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<td>Grants – Non US Government agencies</td>
<td>$2,926,381</td>
<td>$3,091,133</td>
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<td>Net assets released from restrictions</td>
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<td><strong>Total Support</strong></td>
<td><strong>$247,201,970</strong></td>
<td><strong>$224,332,456</strong></td>
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<th>Revenue</th>
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<td>Program and other revenue</td>
<td>$870,951</td>
<td>$685,487</td>
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<td>Dividends and interest income</td>
<td>$55,732</td>
<td>$15,821</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
<td><strong>$926,683</strong></td>
<td><strong>$701,308</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Operating &amp; Support Revenue</strong></td>
<td><strong>$248,128,653</strong></td>
<td><strong>$225,033,764</strong></td>
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### EXPENSES

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<th>Program Services</th>
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<td>ChildSight®</td>
<td>$1,971,043</td>
<td>$1,749,107</td>
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<td>Nutrition, including Vitamin A</td>
<td>$44,889,134</td>
<td>$37,696,346</td>
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<td>International Eye Health</td>
<td>$1,539,430</td>
<td>$1,286,351</td>
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<td>Neglected Tropical Diseases</td>
<td>$22,746,642</td>
<td>$22,513,604</td>
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<td>Distribution of medicines and other (in-kind), primarily for blindness prevention</td>
<td>$165,249,345</td>
<td>$147,781,911</td>
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<td><strong>Total Program Services</strong></td>
<td><strong>$236,395,594</strong></td>
<td><strong>$211,027,319</strong></td>
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<th>Support Services</th>
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<td>Management and general</td>
<td>$10,398,832</td>
<td>$9,571,819</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>$2,151,452</td>
<td>$1,798,042</td>
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<td><strong>Total Support Services</strong></td>
<td><strong>$12,550,284</strong></td>
<td><strong>$11,369,861</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$248,945,878</strong></td>
<td><strong>$222,397,180</strong></td>
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<td>Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses</td>
<td>($817,225)</td>
<td>$2,636,584</td>
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### OTHER CHANGES

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<td>Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains on investments</td>
<td>$45,079</td>
<td>$58,840</td>
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<td>Change in perpetual and restricted trusts</td>
<td>$40,017</td>
<td>$70,013</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Change in net assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>($732,129)</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,765,437</strong></td>
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### NET ASSETS

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<td>Beginning of year</td>
<td>$32,998,896</td>
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<td>End of year</td>
<td>$32,266,767</td>
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### Statement of Activity

Pie charts represent the fiscal year that ended in June 30, 2018. Pie charts do not include gifts in kind. If included, gifts in kind would represent 67% of total revenue, and program expenses would be 95%. “Other” revenue includes program revenue, dividends, interest, and miscellaneous income.
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At the time of our 50th Anniversary (when we were the American Foundation for the Overseas Blind), a group of prominent people came together to form the Helen Keller World Crusade for the Blind National Committee. Chaired by Katherine Cornell, the Committee’s membership included many renowned and influential individuals.

In honor of our 100th Anniversary in 2015, we revived the tradition through the creation of the Helen Keller International Council. The Council consists of special friends of HKI, many of whom we have honored over the years.

Council members serve as informal ambassadors who help to spread the word about the impact of our efforts to save the sight and lives of the world’s vulnerable and disadvantaged.

We are delighted to acknowledge the contributions of Council members:

Tom Arnold
Christopher Burge
Dr. William Foege
Gordon and Llura Gund
Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis
Dr. Alfred Sommer
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