

# Integrating leprosy patients into district VISION 2020 programmes

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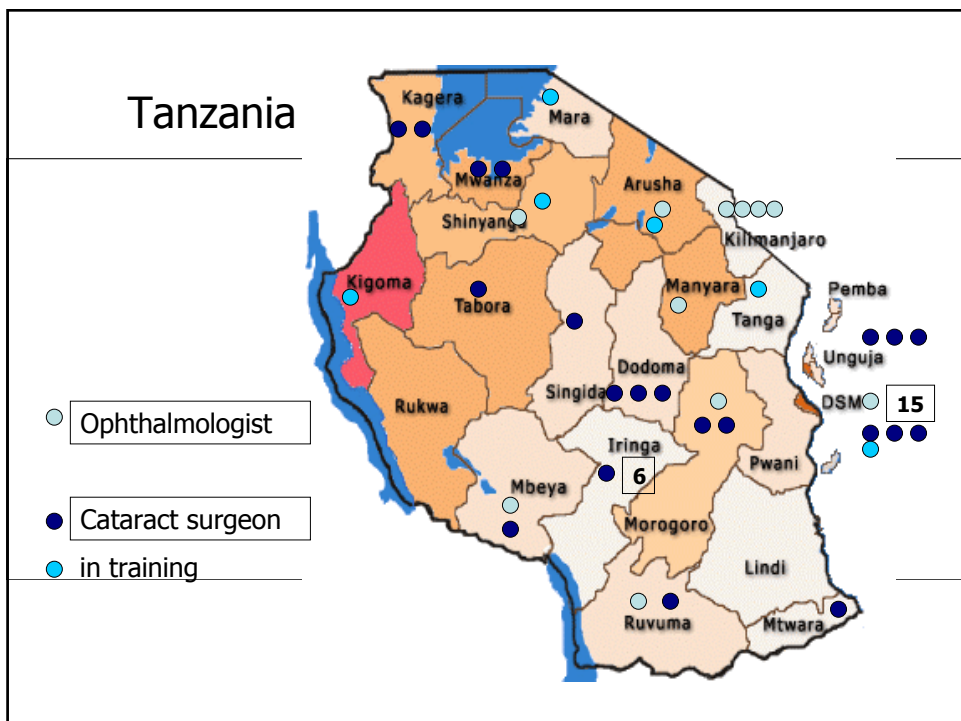
# Assessing needs & capacities

## Needs

- 9-11% of newly diagnosed patients will have potentially blinding pathology (90% preventable or curable)
- One-third of “settlement” patients will have PBP (75% preventable or curable)

## Capacities

- Eye care providers who can (potentially) provide surgical services
- Established referral network to [a] identify, [b] provide basic treatment/education, and [c] get patients to surgery



## Establishing collaboration

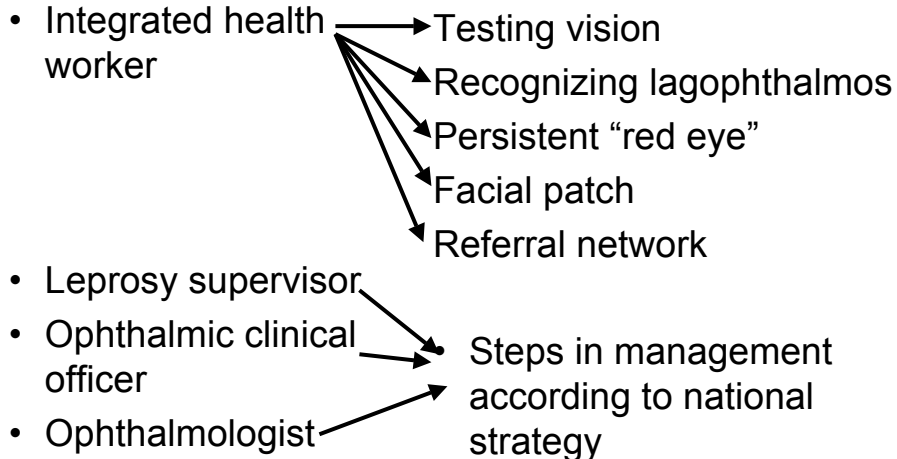
- National level: with national prevention of blindness committee
  - Develop national strategy & policy (e.g., who is to pay for cataract surgery?)
  - Establish training needs
- Regional/district level: with regional VISION 2020 task force
  - Implementing strategies
  - Coordination between leprosy control & prevention of blindness partners

## Training needs

### Cadre

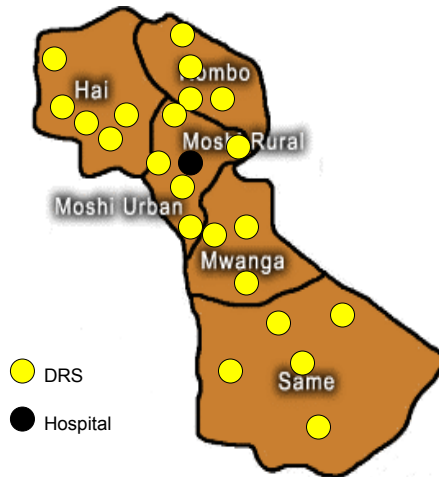
- Integrated health worker

### Skills needed

- Testing vision
  - Recognizing lagophthalmos
  - Persistent “red eye”
  - Facial patch
  - Referral network
  - Leprosy supervisor
  - Ophthalmic clinical officer
  - Ophthalmologist
  - Steps in management according to national strategy
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## Integration into VISION 2020 programme

- VISION 2020 programmes designed for 1-2 million population
- Team approach to service delivery (ophthalmologist or cataract surgeon, counselor, optometrist, programme manager, etc.)



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## Monitoring and evaluation

- Establish routine monitoring tool
  - Integrated health workers to report to supervisors **and** ophthalmic clinical officers or ophthalmologists
  - Consider: having regional leprosy control manager invited to regional VISION 2020 task force meeting
  - Annual plan (logframe) should include targets for persons affected by leprosy

**Bottom line:**

**Strategic planning at national  
level & implementation at  
regional/district level!**

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