

“The programme targeted a medically underserved rural community”

### Aims...

- Training
- Research
- Capacity building

Sub Saharan Africa

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### Message from CEO and Founder...

Abalon’s vision for vision remains a reality and is steadily making progress. Since our formation in 2016, Abalon continues to advocate for eye health care improvement in underserved communities. Our Trustees and honorary members have passionately and diligently driven the vision. As a CEO I’m incredibly proud of the team and grateful to our partners who continue to believe and support us. The financial support from our partners and friends help us to deliver, day in and day out for the communities we serve.

This year is set to be busier and more challenging but also more exciting...which seems to be the way of not for profit organisations. I look forward to working with you all and hope we can jointly achieve our aims. I have every confidence we can, because I know what you are all capable of and what we can do together!

Adam Mapani

### NEWS...

#### Masawara Outreach Programme 2018

The programme targeted a medically underserved rural community in Manicaland Province, Zimbabwe. The outreach was held at Guta Clinic in Mutasa District November 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Abalon trust organised the eye care team and procured reading glasses and eye drops for distribution as

needed. Free eye screening was provided including vision and eye health checks. Free reading glasses were distributed as needed and eye drops dispensed where required.

A big thank you to the core hosts of the outreach programme for considering Abalon trust.



Child having an eye examination in Masawara Outreach



Team Abalon at Outreach

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## Abalon and World Sight Foundation



Sister Musarurwa training in Durban, South Africa

CEOs for both foundations were introduced through a mutual friend and connected immediately on common goals such as education and training. In June 2018 both CEOs met with Abalon Team National Chair and Programme Director, Dr Ron Mhizha and Lynett Masiwa. The Abalon vision became much clearer to the World Sight Foundation CEO, Mr Tony Chignell with both agreeing to partner in championing education and training for non-

medical staff. Abalon identified a senior ophthalmic nurse, Sister Musarurwa, who then attended an annual week long educational meeting in Durban, South Africa hosted by The World Sight Foundation. After gaining additional skills and confidence from the course, Sister Musarurwa has since been deployed to the Abalon Eye clinic in Manicaland to support community eye health and training other nurses.

## Tertiary Student Exchange Programme

Abalon facilitated the electives of two medical students from Newcastle University (UK). Both were welcomed to Zimbabwe on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018. One student had a four-week placement and enrolled for a psychiatry elective. The other student stayed for eight weeks with split electives; psychiatry and paediatrics. Both successfully completed their rotations with positive feedback from the facilitating departments without incident and travelled back to the UK safely.

Abalon Trust has pre-existing MOUs with University of Zimbabwe, College of Health Sciences which made the process for placing students effortless.

Students in Harare, Zimbabwe



## Upcoming Proposal

### Buhera Clinic

A clinic to host routine and primary eye care in Buhera, in collaboration with the University of Zimbabwe school of Ophthalmology. Abalon will source for funding and equipment to be used at the clinic, whilst the university provides the specialist HR needed for excursions. Abalon will facilitate the training of village health care workers to continuously screen for eye conditions and teach the community about good eye care practices.

Topical medication and reading glasses will be supplied on demand. Those needing further care will be assessed and treated via telemedicine or transported to Murambinda district hospital (30km away) to eye camps on predetermined dates for further management such as surgery

Estimated delivery: Quarter one 2020.

## The Vision Bill of Rights for the Diabetes Community

Adam Mapani, CEO of Abalon contributed towards The Vision Bill of Rights for the Diabetes community. The global campaign, brain child of The Angiogenesis Foundation has multiple aims all pitched towards raising awareness about the importance of diabetes eye care. Mr Mapani with more than 15 years’ experience in public health and diabetes eye screening shared his expertise including innovation such as The Diabetic Eye Passport. Abalon, at the invitation of the Vice President of The Angiogenesis Foundation, highlighted the importance of diabetic eye awareness programmes, health education and lifestyle interventions. The final document has now been turned into a global bill of rights campaign. Abalon has been listed as a partner along with other organisations passionate about improving diabetes eye care. For additional information please visit <http://visionbillofrights.org/>

## Meet the Team

**Mr Adam Mapani** - CEO and Co-Founder  
(Consultant Retina Practitioner & Clinical Teaching Fellow UCL)



**Mr Brian Mangwiro** - Chairman and Co-Founder (Fund Manager)

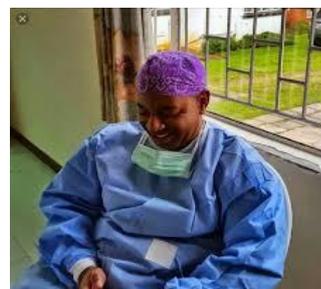


**Mr Ranjan Ranjendram** - Tele-Ophthalmology and Retinal Screening Medical Advisor



**Mr Charles Pierce** - Medical Director  
(Consultant Ophthalmologist)

**Ms Lynett Masiwa** – Programme Director  
(Senior Optometrist & Director of Optometry University of Zimbabwe)



**Mr Ronald Mhizha** – Chair (Consultant Ophthalmologist)

**Ms Yetunde Obadeyi** - Chief Operating Officer  
(Principal Optometrist)

**Ms Tendai Gwenhure** - Director for Education and Training (Clinical Educator)

**Mr Darlington Mutize** – Director of external engagements and partnerships

**Mr Tarek Kashab** - Director for Fundraising  
(Consultant Ophthalmologist)

**Mr Jamil Choglay** - Project Manager and Business Development Manager

Top (Left to right): Adam Mapani, Tendai Gwenhure, Charles Pierce. Middle: Darlington Mutize, Ranjan Ranjendram, Brian Mangwiro. Bottom: Lynett Masiwa, Tarek Kashab, Ronald Mhizha.

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