

Introduction

Welcome to the Website of the Ramon Martí i Bonet Against Blindness Foundation,

We invite you to know the **Ramon Martí i Bonet Against Blindness Foundation**, and we want to give you the chance to collaborate and join us in our mission to create a better and fairer world for everybody through the fight against blindness.

The Foundation was created in July 2008 and is registered with the number 2490 in the Government of Catalonia Foundations Registry.



We all know in our social environment people with vision problems and we realise that what extends their sight problems makes their lives more difficult. For those people that live in countries with no access to a health system, and no access to the social services and the education assistance that we are used to, their situation becomes even much more difficult and unfair.

It is worthy of note that people with sight problems may neither have a chance to study or to work, nor a chance of being independent, as they require assistance from other people. For many of these reasons, in most cases the family financial situation of these people becomes affected, as they are not financially productive for the family and most of them suffer from social discrimination. With our work we will try to solve vision problems from the beginning, because, to set an example, a boy or a girl that wears appropriate glasses on time, will be able to receive an education from the outset and have better opportunities in the future.

Our current objective is the collaboration in a common project with the Rural Development Trust (RDT) of Vicente Ferrer, who has been working for over fifty years in the area of Anantapur (in the Andhra Pradesh region, one of the most deprived regions of India). In the near future we expect to be able to expand our activity in other parts of the third world.

Our current project in the RDT has different purposes:

- To set up an ophthalmology pathology tracking programme in schools and health centres.
- To constitute an ophthalmology service in the Hospital of Kalyandurg (hospital belonging to the RDT), providing with the necessary surgery apparatus and materials for its proper working system.
- To train the local medical staff.
- To send committees of volunteers in order to offer a good assistance in the area.
- To give medical support and assistance to the ONCE Foundation project in tracking child blindness cases.

We invite you to collaborate as financial members or volunteers in our project. Do not hesitate to contact us in case you have any queries.

On behalf of all the members that are part of the **Ramon Martí i Bonet Against Blindness Foundation** we want to thank you all for your trust and support.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Ramon Martí i Bonet
President
Ramon Martí i Bonet Against Blindness Foundation

Fundació Ramon Martí Bonet contra la ceguera

Who Are We?

The **Ramon Martí i Bonet Against Blindness Foundation** is a non-profit private foundation, legally registered in the Registry of Foundations of the Catalan government with the number 2490, and has its headquarters in Barcelona, Spain.

The Catalan Retina Institute (ICR), which is composed by several ophthalmology centres, has been regularly collaborating for several years with other institutions (foundations, NGO's, and non-profit organisations) in different international cooperation projects in third world countries, in the health visual and ophthalmology care areas.

The Foundation Board of Directors is composed by the following members, which are also part of the Foundation Board of Trustees:

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