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Nicholas Kourgialis, Vice President for Eye Health, Helen Keller International (HKI), provides programmatic direction and oversight for HKI's eye health and neglected tropical disease programs worldwide. HKI's eye health programs seek to eliminate avoidable blindness and visual impairment due to cataract, refractive error and diabetic retinopathy. The HKI programs also support integrative education and rehabilitation efforts for visually impaired children.

HKI's neglected tropical disease (NTDs) programs assist Ministries of Health to adopt national, integrated strategies to combat, control and eliminate these diseases and the disability and disfigurement they cause. The diseases addressed by the HKI integrated program include onchocerciasis, trachoma, lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminths. HKI is actively supporting a number of NTD programs across fourteen countries in Africa which span mass drug administration for integrated NTD control, deworming of preschool children, and morbidity management and disability prevention. In addition, HKI supports deworming in school children in one country in Asia Pacific

Mr. Kourgialis joined HKI in December of 2003. He brings over thirteen years of related experience to his work at HKI, having spent his career specializing in public and global health interventions addressing the needs of disadvantaged children.