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inclusive, science-and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda
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Alternative Reporting Mechanisms for Civil Society

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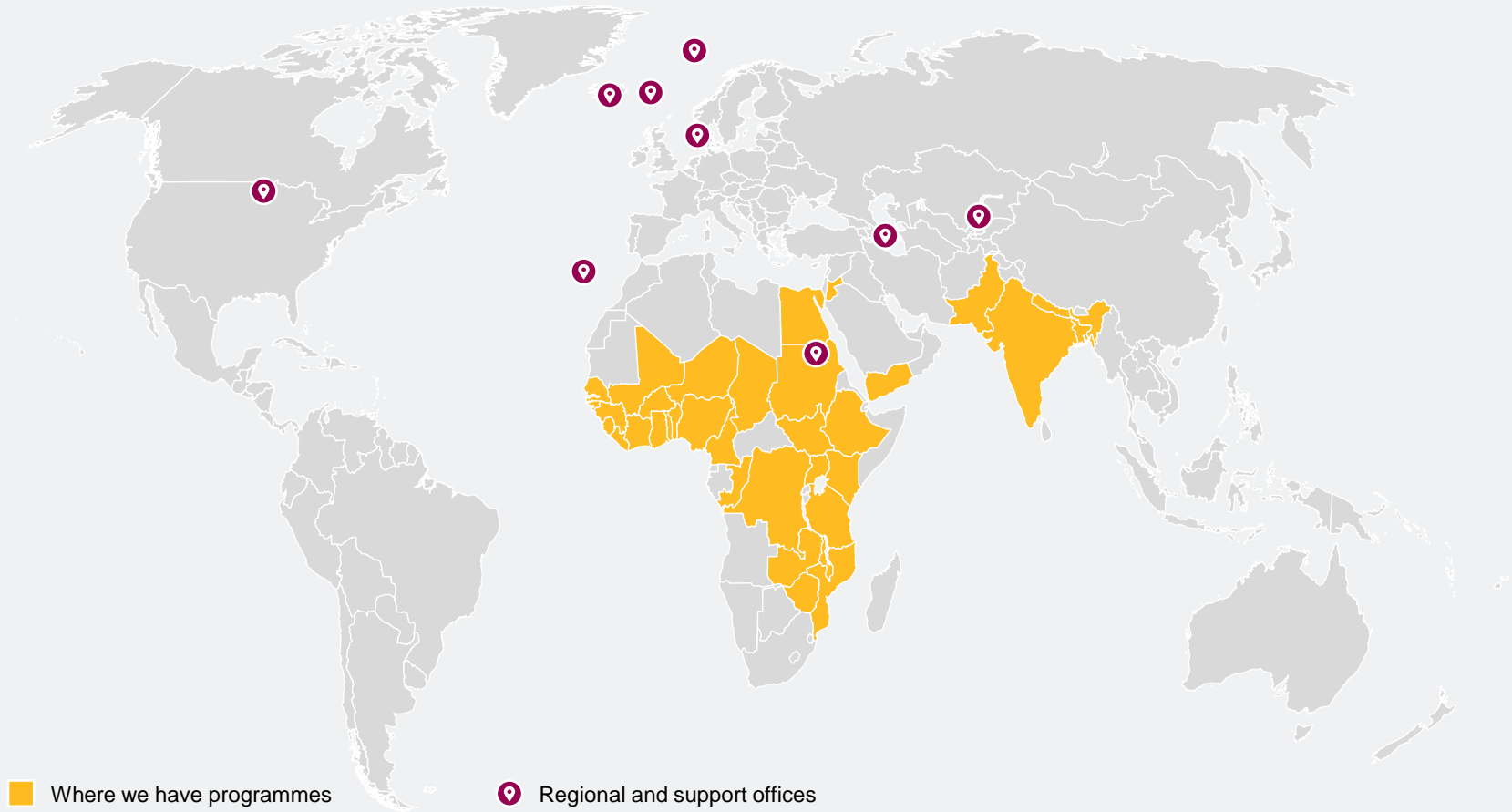
Coumba's experience...

No, no, no! We don't want to take care of her!

... These were the words that Coumba, from Senegal, heard repeatedly when she sought care to deliver her baby.

Four health centers refused her because disability would make the delivery “too complicated”.

Sightsavers Vision:a world where no one is blind from avoidable causes, and where people with disabilities can participate equally in society



Our impact



8.3 million

cataract operations
performed



1.5 billion

treatments
distributed to
prevent
debilitating
diseases



117,075

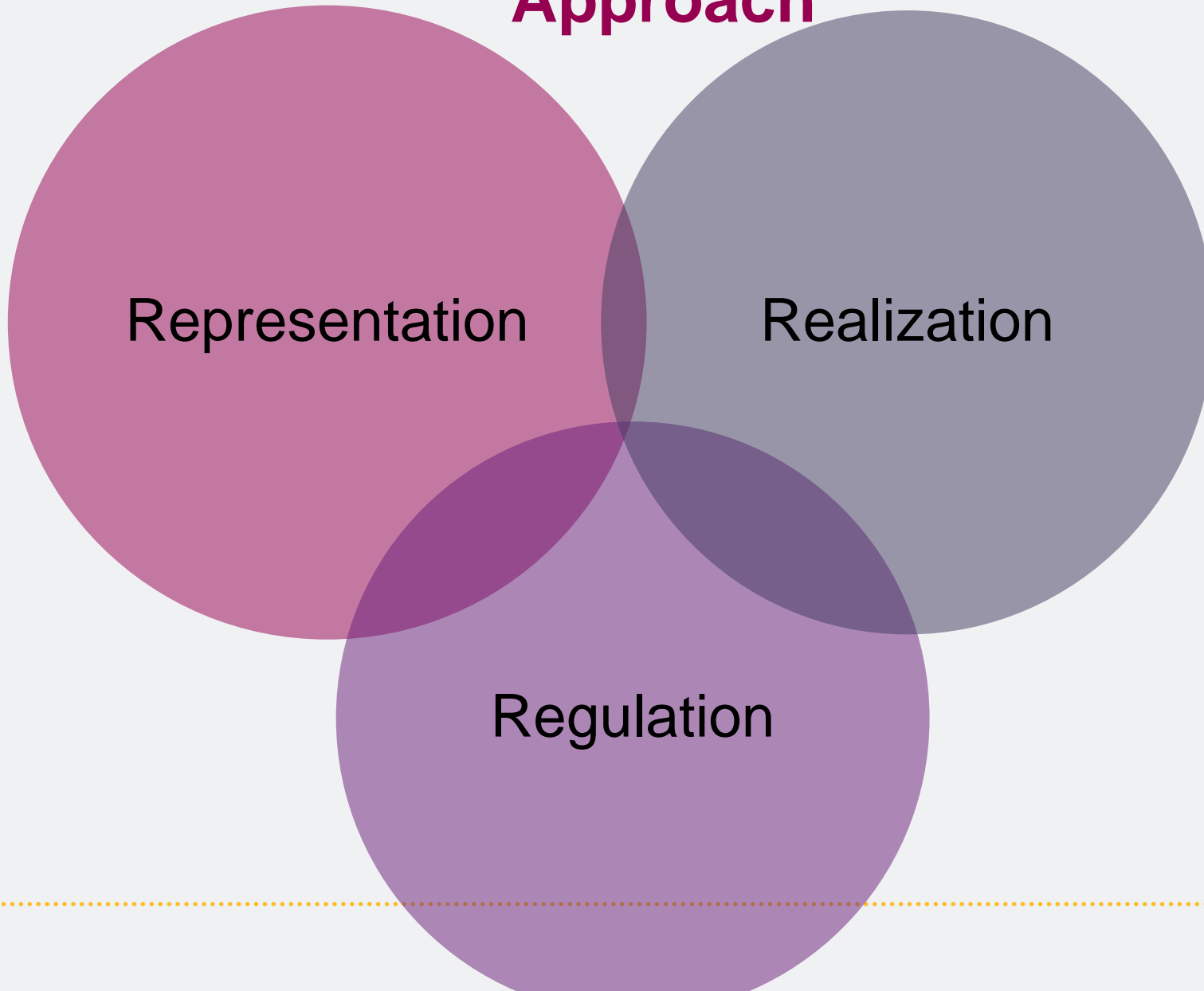
children with
disabilities supported

Sightsavers SDG Pathways

1. Eye Health & RE
2. Inclusive Education
3. Neglected Tropical Diseases
4. Economic Empowerment
5. Social inclusion
 - Civic & Political participation
 - Inclusive Health inc. SRHR
 - Gender
 - Financial inclusion
 - Climate



Sightsavers Voluntary Stakeholder Review Approach



Reflections

Participation is critical and it must be meaningful

Partnerships are both a means and an end and need to be measured

Investing in **strengthening regulations** at the global, regional, national and subnational level ensures development gains are sustained.

Mainstreaming inclusive data into institutional monitoring and evaluation systems is central to inclusivity.

Meaningful democratization of policy processes from design to review including for VNR processes ensures we LNOB

Contextual adaptation should not be a secondary consideration; It is fundamental to achieving sustainable change.

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