Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the foundation of „Vision for Puma (Tanzania) e.V.“, we have set ourselves ambitious goals: To prevent and heal blindness in Puma, one of the poorest regions located in the center of Tanzania.

The idea to establish a non-profit association was born right after Dr. Klaus Schiller and I came back from our two-week on-site assistance mission in Puma at the end of 2009. In this little booklet, you can read about some of our impressions.

There is a lot missing to fight the enormous shortcomings in healthcare services right at the spot: Puma is in need of further education for better prevention, medical equipment, qualified personnel, medications, computers, diagnostic equipment ... the list could go on and on.

However, help does not need to be expensive: For as little as 20 € a complete cataract surgery can be performed in Puma thanks to volunteerism.

This is unimaginable in the Western world. For a local patient, it offers the chance to a new life.

With founding our association in May 2010 we have taken the first step. To bring our visions to life we will now need your support, either as a member or as a donor.

How you can support “Vision for Puma e.V.” in the start-up and beyond:

■ Become a member of the association:

With an annual subscription of 60 € for single membership, equivalent to 5 € per month, you sponsor almost 3 complete cataract surgeries.

■ Become a corporate member:

With an annual fee of 250 € you set a long-term sign: medical equipment, technical instruments, devices and further equipment can be purchased for immediate use in Puma.

■ Donation:

Monetary and material donations are always welcome! All sums from small to big are more than appreciated!

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We will ensure that those who need it most will receive your contribution!

Dr. Frank Klemm
Chaiman „Vision for Puma (Tanzania) e.V.“

Prevention and Healing of Cataract and Blindness in Tanzania
The Beginning

Together with the eye specialist Klaus Schiller (MD), a retired ophthalmologist and former chief of the Ophthalmology Clinique Glauchau (Germany), Dr. Frank Klemm, Managing Director of Oculentis GmbH, travelled to Puma, Tanzania, for a two-week relief effort in late November 2009.

For Dr. Frank Klemm it was the first trip to Tanzania, for Dr. Klaus Schiller already the third one. Together with medical sister Siegild and supporters of the Eyes Clinique of the Catholic mission station „Mother of the Holy Cross”, the German team operated in Puma, a completely isolated place in Tanzania to treat patients suffering from cataract, glaucoma, severe eye malformations and tumors for free. In order to help the large crowd of locals seeking medical assistance the team spent at least 10 hrs a day in the ambulance and surgery room. Water and electricity failed occasionally but the work was only rarely interrupted - too many people were waiting for help.

The Founding

Just six months after their on-site assistance mission at the end of 2009 in Puma, Tanzania, Dr. Frank Klemm and Dr. Klaus Schiller have founded the non-profit association „Vision for Puma (Tanzania) e.V.”. In early May 2010 the statutes as well as the policy of the association were discussed and adopted at the inaugural meeting. The main objective of the association is to support prevention and healing of blindness by providing on-site assistance and financial aid. In particular, the association wants to promote medical facilities in the region of Puma and support other non-profit organizations pursuing the same objectives.

The association will be financed through membership fees and donations. „Vision for Puma e.V.” will act in a selfless manner and does not pursue any profit purposes. All members having official positions within the association will work solely on a voluntary basis. In this respect, your support is greatly wanted as it will be an important basis for providing sustained aid.

The Background

Almost 90% of the world’s approximately 37 million blind people live in areas of our planet which are regarded as being poor. The main reasons for blindness, such as cataracts, glaucoma, trachoma, river blindness, vitamin A deficiency, are in principle preventable or curable. But in poverty areas such as Puma in Tanzania destitution, the lack of education and medical equipment often forestall autonomous treatment. Therefore, external aid is essential.