Equitable Access to Education for Blind and Visually Impaired Girls and Boys in rural areas of Burkina Faso, Mali, Liberia & Lesotho

This project is an Integral part of the global initiative Education For All. The mission of the World Braille Foundation is to promote Braille as a language equal to print to guarantee literacy to all blind persons throughout the world.

The project's goal is to include more than 200 blind girls and boys in rural Africa into mainstream education and provide the tools and skills for independent living. Such as braille readers, white canes and other specialized tools for everyday life.

With the generous financial support of our donors, we will raise $115,000, which will be matched by the Canadian Government with $3 for every $1 raised privately, totaling $500,000.

The project will hire and train 16 or more blind women and men to assist in the classroom and ultimately find regular employment through the departments of education...

... will also train more than 20 teachers in special needs education based upon a specially designed curriculum providing them with the equipment and braille skills to teach blind and visually impaired students.

"Six dots that changed the world" – Euclid Herie, Keynote address Paris, France, January 4, 2009

A sensitization program is in place to assist the community to embrace inclusive education (pictured left)