CBM Christian Blind Mission is a Christian international development organisation, committed to improving the quality of life of people with disabilities in the poorest communities of the world irrespective of race, gender or religious belief. They have worked in eye health for over 50 years and are currently working on over 300 projects in 50 countries to create inclusive, sustainable and locally owned eye health services.

Peek has been working with CBM since 2018 and we owe much of our growth in recent years to their support. Our partnership draws on the in-depth technical expertise of CBM in programme delivery and intervention and Peek’s unique technology and data insights.

By end of December 2021, CBM programmes powered by Peek have reached over 506,000 people, and connected over 108,100 patients to the care they need. At the time of writing, CBM-Peek programmes were in operation across Ethiopia, Pakistan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

“Our partnership with Peek has enabled us to bring eye care to thousands more people across many countries. Vitally, it helps us understand where people are getting lost in the health system and means we reach those who would otherwise miss out on the treatment they need.”

Dr Babar Qureshi, Director of Inclusive Eye Health and Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) at CBM and Vice President, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)
In Zimbabwe, specialists’ time in hospitals and other clinics is often spent dealing with simple eye health concerns that could be handled at the primary level. In a CBM programme in Mashonaland West, programme partners implemented changes in their referral practices in response to data from Peek. As a result, cataract cases have increased from 30% to 50% of the hospital case mix, a positive shift reflecting more appropriate use of specialists’ time.

Starting with just three sites in Chakwal, CBM’s programmes in Pakistan have grown to a network of 111 health facilities and 1567 primary and secondary schools, covering a region of 2.5 million people. At the end of 2021, programmes across Pakistan were screening around 28,000 people per month.