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Ex-Top Model Cindy Crawford Unveils Orbis's New Plane to Fight Blindness

Orbis the international eye care charity

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Hundreds of experts have combined their avionics, hospital engineering, technology and clinical expertise to make the new Flying Eye Hospital a reality. It features a modular design, 3D technology and live broadcast capabilities, enabling Orbis and its team of 400+ medical volunteers, to train more doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

There are 39 million blind people globally; with 90% living in developing countries with limited access to sight-saving treatments, yet 80% of blindness is preventable and treatable. For over 30 years, Orbis has helped countries build the skills and resources required to deliver quality eye care to those in need. In September 2014, Cindy Crawford, Omega Brand Ambassador, witnessed a sight-saving programme first hand with the previous Flying Eye Hospital, in Peru. Omega has supported Orbis since 2011.

The new plane is equipped with everything needed to provide hands-on training to local ophthalmic professionals. The 3D filming and broadcast capabilities will enable programme participants to experience and learn from live surgeries with a view similar to the surgeon's microscope lens.

The Flying Eye Hospital includes :

- a 46-seat classroom
- state-of-the-art AV/IT room
- patient care/laser treatment room
- operating room
- sterilization room
- pre and post-operative care room.

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