

Orbis International appoints Kathleen Sherwin as President & CEO

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NGO leader joins Orbis to meet the growing global need for eye care



Global eye care NGO Orbis International has announced the appointment of Kathleen Sherwin as President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Kathleen brings more than 25 years of experience advancing health equity, gender equality and sustainable development across the nonprofit and humanitarian sectors. Her career and values strongly align with Orbis's vision of a world where everyone can access the eye care they need to thrive.

Kathleen joins Orbis at a pivotal moment as the global health landscape evolves and the need for integrated, resilient health systems becomes increasingly urgent. She is focused on accelerating Orbis's work to prevent blindness and restore sight while elevating eye health as a global health priority.

Before joining Orbis, Kathleen most recently served as Chief Strategy & Engagement Officer at Plan International, a global organisation advancing children's rights and equality for girls. In that role, she led strategy, partnerships, fundraising, communications, and policy, strengthening the organization's global profile and long-term impact.

Her leadership has been consistently shaped by a commitment to advancing the health and rights of women and girls. She previously held senior roles at Women Deliver, including Interim President & CEO, and at Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Her strategic vision, global experience, and collaborative leadership will guide the organisation as it continues working toward a future where everyone, everywhere, has access to quality eye care and the opportunity to reach their full potential.