



2.2 billion people+ globally live with visual impairment¹

TACKLING A SERIOUS ISSUE IN AHMEDABAD



Eye health is a serious issue. In Gujarat State, millions live below the poverty line, making access to eye care challenging for those with cataract, uncorrected refractive error, and glaucoma, among other conditions. With diabetes on the rise, sight-robbing

diabetic retinopathy will likely become a challenge as well.

Determined to deliver healthy eye outcomes, Lions used a US\$200,000+ Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant to screen more than 9,000 children at local schools and 33,000 others at outreach

camps. The project also updated nearby Lions Karnavati Shantaben Vishnubhai Patel Eye Hospital and 11 satellite care centres with more advanced medical equipment and renovated space, providing patients with more effective and efficient care. The recent grant adds to LCIF's ongoing SightFirst investment in India, which stands at more than US\$53 million.

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Said grant administrator Jitendra Jain, vice district governor, "Lions were able to raise some funds to provide more screenings, camps, surgeries, eyeglasses, and more efficient care, but it was the LCIF grant that enabled us to expand our impact even more."



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Seeing Things Clearly

Vision has been at the forefront of Lions service for more than a century. Though tremendous strides have been made, work must continue, as statistically, vision-related issues look like this in this part of the world:

India and China account for 45% of global visual impairment but only 37% of the population²



#2 India's ranking among countries with highest incidence of visual impairment³

India bears **45%** of the world's diabetic retinopathy burden⁴ along with China, Indonesia, and Bangladesh

THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, VISION CHALLENGES LOOK LIKE THIS:

1 billion people live with vision impairment that could have been prevented or can be corrected⁵

US\$14.3 billion is needed to treat existing cases of refractive error and cataracts worldwide⁶

Unaddressed distance vision impairment in many low- and middle-income regions is **4 times higher** than in high-income regions⁷

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Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

More than US\$365 million in LCIF SightFirst grants have helped Lions show the world a brighter tomorrow. We will continue to be part of the solution, adding to this progress:

Visit lcif.org/vision to learn more and access information about LCIF's **SightFirst, Matching, and District and Club Community Impact grants.**

9.3 MILLION CATARACT SURGERIES PERFORMED

2.3 MILLION PROFESSIONAL EYE CARE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED

493 MILLION DOSES OF MEDICINE PROVIDED FOR TRACHOMA, ONCHOCERCIASIS

SOURCES: ^{1,5,6,7}World Health Organization; ^{2,3,4}International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness



LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

Vision is just one cause area supported by LCIF and *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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