



# Vision

2.2 billion people+ globally live with visual impairment<sup>1</sup>

## DELIVERING A BRIGHTER FUTURE TO PARAGUAY



Opened in 2018, Lions Club of Coronel Bogado Ophthalmology Clinic (LCCBOC), in rural Itapúa Department, had hosted countless screening events, an ophthalmologist periodically travelling to the facility with his own

equipment to provide basic eye exams to nearby residents, among Paraguay's poorest.

Though LCCBOC has been a beacon of hope and health for many who might otherwise lack access to affordable – or any – eye care, Lions knew an upgraded clinic could better serve their community. With a grant of more than US\$60,000 from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions helped transform the clinic with permanently installed modern equipment and technology to address refractive error and more efficiently provide referrals for patients with cataract, diabetic retinopathy, pediatric eye diseases, macular degeneration, and glaucoma. New equipment is helping increase the clinic's patient capacity 30 percent annually over five years, to more than 3,400 consultations each year.

"We've made comprehensive eye care more convenient and affordable."

"We've made access to comprehensive eye care more convenient and more affordable," said Grant Administrator Lion Daniel Dominguez. "Lions and LCIF have given our neighbors a precious gift."



# 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:



Ranking among countries with highest incidence of visual impairment

**Mexico = 19**  
**Brazil = 11<sup>2</sup>**



**13%**

of Peruvian adults aged 50+ have moderate to severe vision impairment<sup>3</sup>

In Ecuador, **7%** of blindness is caused by diabetic retinopathy<sup>4</sup>

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

**1 billion** people live with vision impairment that could have been prevented or can be corrected<sup>5</sup>

**US\$14.3 billion** is needed to treat existing cases of refractive error and cataracts worldwide<sup>6</sup>

Unaddressed distance vision impairment in many low- and middle-income regions is **4 times higher** than in high-income regions<sup>7</sup>

## LCIF AND LIONS

### 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 [lcf.org/vision](https://lcf.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: <sup>1,5,6,7</sup>World Health Organization; <sup>2,3</sup>International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness; <sup>4</sup>American Academy of Ophthalmology



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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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