

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

#### DELIVERING THE GIFT OF SIGHT



Visual impairment. It's a major health issue for an aging global population, including those aged 50+ in rural Northern Greece. With grant funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions have literally mobilized to

deliver the gift of eye care to seniors in remote villages, where access to diagnosis and treatment is challenging.

To achieve objective one – assessing residents' eye health – Lions allocated US\$125,000 in LCIF funding toward a van equipped with high-tech vision screening instruments. Trained on their use and joined by ophthalmic technicians and eye specialists from local hospitals, Lions began journeying north to change lives.

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"LCIF is making it possible for us to deliver screenings to 7,500 people in 50 locations," said Lion Tania Bekrodimitri. "Our van travels to the need. Each patient undergoes a basic exam, and those with a history of diabetes, or signs of glaucoma or macular degeneration, receive additional testing."

Vision screenings are just one aspect of the two-year project. Additional LCIF grant funding supports specialized training for local ophthalmologists, and patient education on eye disease and on avoiding visual impairment progression.

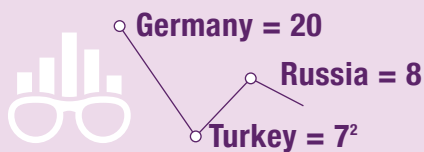
# Vision



# 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



Nearly **7%** of Norwegians aged 50+ have moderate to severe vision impairment<sup>3</sup>

Diabetic retinopathy affects **43%** of type 2 diabetes patients in the United Kingdom<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



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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