



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

#### CREATING HEALTHIER OUTCOMES IN NEPAL



Where there's a need, there's a Lion. There's a need in Nepal, where poverty is rampant and too many of the country's urban population suffer diabetes-related eye challenges.

Centrally situated in Nepal, Chitwan District's Bharatpur Eye Hospital is conveniently located for 4.5 million people from surrounding districts. With US\$215,000 in grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) added to funds

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raised locally, Lions undertook a multi-faceted project to upgrade the hospital's existing equipment and capacity to treat numerous eye challenges; add new equipment to address diabetic retinopathy, often sight-robbing and on the rise, like diabetes; educate medical students and practicing professionals; and screen 70,000 students and an additional 43,000 people through outreach camps.

"LCIF and Lions have made comprehensive eye care easily accessible and provided important screening, outreach, and awareness events to children, families, and communities that need our help," said Past District Governor Ghana Shyam Bhattarai, grant administrator of the project. "Thank you, LCIF, for helping us make a difference for our neighbors."

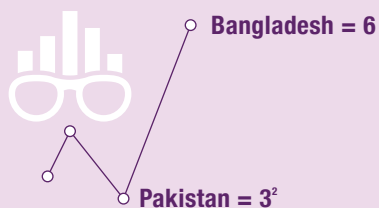
Vision



# 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



**~363M**

people have near-vision loss<sup>3</sup>

Bangladesh bears **45%** of the world's diabetic retinopathy burden along with India, China, and Indonesia<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 [lci.org/vision](https://lci.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>2,3,4</sup>International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness



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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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