



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

### SEEING A BRIGHTER, HEALTHIER FUTURE



About three hours. That's how long it takes to fly from New Zealand to Fiji, where endless white beaches, crystal blue waters, and lush landscape welcome all. It's no wonder Kiwis flock to Fiji on holiday. What is less obvious is this:

For many Fijians, the beauty is lost, eye challenges like diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, refractive error, and cataract marring – or stealing entirely – the gift of sight.

Fortunately, Lions of New Zealand not only visit fabulous Fiji, they also have a history of helping their neighbors to the north enjoy better eye health. With a grant of more than US\$330,000 from Lions Clubs

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International Foundation (LCIF), New Zealand Lions played a critical role in adding and replacing aging diagnostic and surgical equipment at a local Fijian hospital, and establishing permanent diabetic retinopathy screening facilities at four additional facilities.

“As Lions, we're passionate about both service and vision,” explained Past District Governor Roger Robinson, an integral member of the project team. “We saw a need, and with grant funding from LCIF, we addressed it.”

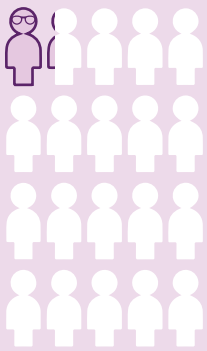


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# Seeing Things Clearly

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:



More than **1 in 20**  
New Zealanders  
aged 50+ has  
moderate to severe  
vision impairment<sup>2</sup>



**Diabetic retinopathy affects  
≤25% of New Zealanders  
with diabetes<sup>3</sup>**

**Economic impact of vision  
impairment in New Zealand  
= ~\$2.8B<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</sup>International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness; <sup>3</sup>The New Zealand Medical Journal; <sup>4</sup>New Zealand Government



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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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