

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

#### **CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE**



A lot can be done with nearly US\$800,000. Like renovate an eye clinic, establish one, create a new operating theatre, or expand eye care education. Or, such funding can transform *all* these lifechanging aspirations into reality.

Determined to help their neighbours, Lions of Australia, in partnership with Brien Holden Vision Institute, built on progress spurred five years ago in Papua New Guinea, home of alarmingly high rates of vision impairment – especially among those living below the poverty level and lacking access to basic services.

A portion of the grant helped expand vision services at Lions National Resource Center for Eye Health (NRC), near Port Moresby General Hospital's Eye Clinic. Education is integral to Lions' holistic approach to saving sight.

Funding also renovated the hospital's eye clinic, while adding a new operating room, and also helped establish a pediatric clinic. Said Past District Governor Gary Kenny, "It was time for Lions NRC to serve children and treat broader vision issues, and the Eye Clinic needed resources to address quality and hygiene challenges."

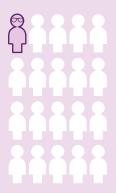
Funding also facilitated further education for nearly 20 ophthalmologists and rehab specialists. "Education is integral to Lions' long-term, holistic approach to saving sight," said Kenny. "LCIF helps make this possible worldwide."





# 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:



1 in 20 Australians aged 50+ has moderate to severe vision impairment<sup>2</sup>



≤35% of Australians with diabetes have diabetic retinopathy³

Vision disorders cost Australia ~\$9.85B⁴

## 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 **Icif.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; <sup>2</sup>International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness; <sup>4</sup>National Center for Biotechnology Information



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