

Integrated Eye Health



Your impact: a cataract blindness-free village

Imagine not being able to see the faces of your loved ones, work to support your family or move safely through your own home because of a condition that could be treated.

For hundreds of people in Miao-Khagam Block in Arunachal Pradesh, India, that reality has changed thanks to supporters like you.

Recently, the community was declared Cataract Blindness Backlog-Free, meaning every person identified with cataract blindness was treated. It is the first declaration of its kind in the state and the first-ever Cataract Blindness Backlog-Free declaration supported by Operation Eyesight.

Your Support Helped Make This Possible.

More than
26,000 people were screened
for eye conditions.

More than
5,600 households were reached
through door-to-door visits.

100s of individuals received
health education.

But this achievement is about more than restoring sight today.

Through Operation Eyesight's Community Eye Health model, local health workers go from home to home, identifying people at risk, connecting them with care and helping build stronger local health systems. This reflects our belief that lasting change happens when communities have the tools, training and services needed to prevent avoidable vision loss long into the future.

The Gift of Possibility

For one person, restored sight can mean seeing a grandchild's smile for the first time in years. For another, it means returning to work, caring for a family or regaining independence.

For an entire community, it means a future where fewer people are left behind because they could not access eye care.

This milestone was made possible through the combined efforts of local health workers, government partners and compassionate donors like you.

Thank you for helping restore sight, strengthen communities and create a future where avoidable vision loss no longer limits what is possible.

Disease Control



Cataract surgery does more than restore sight. It restores lives.

Cataracts are the world's leading cause of blindness, turning once-clear vision into a haze and making everyday tasks increasingly difficult. For millions of people, simple activities such as cooking, farming, moving safely around their homes and caring for loved ones becomes a challenge. Yet a simple surgery can restore sight and transform lives.

For Alfonsina Nyanchoka, 85, from Kenya, that transformation was life-changing.

Alfonsina grows tea and coffee on her small farm in Otamba Village, Kisii County, Kenya. The income from her harvest helps support both herself and her 19-year-old grandson, who lives with her and faces health challenges of his own. For years, Alfonsina worked hard to care for her family and maintain her independence.

But when cataracts clouded her vision, everything changed.

As her sight deteriorated, daily life became difficult and unsafe. She could no longer harvest her crops on her own, cook with confidence or move around easily. To manage

essential tasks, she sometimes had to rely on others for help, giving away a portion of her harvest in return. At times, people took advantage of her poor sight, leaving her worried about her future and her ability to provide for her grandson.

Through a community eye health project led by Operation Eyesight, Peek Vision and Kisii Eye Hospital, trained community health promoters screened Alfonsina and referred her for cataract surgery. After treatment restored sight in one eye, the haze lifted. She regained her independence and the ability to care for her home and family.

Today, Alfonsina is once again tending her farm, moving around confidently and looking to the future with hope.

Thank you

Alfonsina's story is a reminder that cataract surgery does more than restore sight. It restores independence, dignity and opportunity. Thanks to supporters like you, people can regain their vision and build brighter futures for themselves and others.

Love your eyes this World Sight Day!

This October, Operation Eyesight is inviting everyone in Canada to mark World Sight Day on October 8 by taking action for child eye health. Clear sight helps children read the board, follow lessons, participate with confidence and look ahead with hope. Yet millions of children live with vision problems that could be treated or prevented.

Through school eye health programs, children can be screened early, referred for care and receive

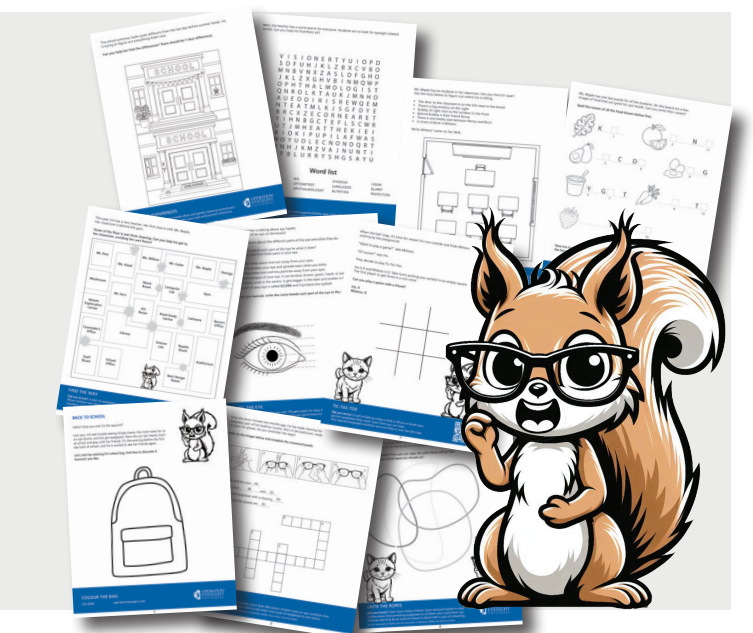
eyeglasses or surgery when needed. These simple interventions can change a child's experience at school and open the door to learning, independence and opportunity.

Three Ways to Love Your Eyes This World Sight Day: Get children's eyes checked, explore our free activity books and help give another child the life-changing gift of sight. Visit operationeyesight.com/ways-to-give

Celebrate World Sight Day with the young learners in your life.

Our [free kids' activity book](#) and [teacher's lesson plan](#) make it easy to explore the importance of healthy vision through fun, interactive learning. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, teacher or community leader, these resources can help spark conversations about eye health and the gift of sight.

Download your free copies today!
Visit operationeyesight.com/free-resources



Introducing our new President and CEO, Ivan Zenar

This spring, Ivan Zenar became President and CEO of Operation Eyesight, bringing a deep commitment to the organization's mission and a long-standing connection to its work. As a former board member, Ivan has witnessed firsthand the lasting impact that donor support has on individuals, families and communities around the world.

He succeeds Kashinath Bhoosnurmath, whose leadership helped transform millions of lives through access to eye health care. Ivan is honoured to build on that legacy and guide Operation Eyesight into its next chapter.

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Your monthly gift helps restore sight today and build lasting access to eye care for tomorrow.

When you become a monthly donor, you help make reliable, long-term eye care possible. Monthly giving gives Operation Eyesight the flexibility to respond where the need is greatest, support community outreach, train local health workers, provide eyeglasses and surgeries, and strengthen the systems that help communities keep seeing clearly long after one campaign is over.

A monthly gift of \$75 can help provide the gift of sight through sight-restoring cataract surgery. A monthly gift can also help children receive school eye screenings, eyeglasses or referrals for care, so they can stay engaged in class and look ahead with confidence.

Together, we help individuals, families and communities see clearly and live fully. Together, we are building systems that can eliminate avoidable vision loss now and for generations to come. Learn more at:

operationeyesight.com/donate-monthly



SightLines

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Helping children see, learn and thrive

In Nandi County, Kenya, Operation Eyesight is helping bring eye care closer to children and families through the Hospital Based Community Eye Health Program, implemented in collaboration with Nandi County health officials and supported through Johnson & Johnson funding. The project trains community health promoters to identify eye health needs early, provide health education and refer people for treatment, helping strengthen local systems so care continues beyond a single outreach event.

Across Kenya in 2025, our community eye health projects helped train 192 community health promoters, screen 577,168 people and provide treatment to 65,223 people with eye conditions. In Nandi, this work helped declare 29 villages in Kaptumo ward avoidable blindness-free after nearly all community members were screened, received eye health education and accessed treatment, including cataract care and eyeglasses. Families can continue seeking care at Kaptumo Eye Clinic, established by Operation Eyesight under the project.

The Gift of Clear Sight.

Clear vision helps children read, learn and participate with confidence. Yet millions of children live with eye conditions that could be treated or prevented, and according to research in the IAPB Vision Atlas, 90 per cent of children who go without care live in low and middle-income countries.

Through school eye health programs, children can be screened early, referred for treatment and given eyeglasses or surgery when needed. In Nandi County, our school eye health project aims to screen 70,020 children, provide eyeglasses to 2,866 and support surgery for 20.

Help all kids get back to school: This fall, your Back to School and World Sight Day support can help more children see the blackboard, stay engaged in class and look ahead with hope. give.operationeyesight.com/page/2026WSD