

2022
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60 YEARS
OF GLOBAL
COMMUNITY

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO



2022 was indeed a year of success in our mission to prevent blindness and restore sight. Despite a challenging global climate, we exceeded our fundraising goals and were able to relaunch all community projects that had been halted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Together, we brought eye health screening and life-changing eye care to those who needed it most, strengthened health systems and empowered communities to take ownership of their eye health.

2023 marks six decades of global community for Operation Eyesight, and our work is more important than ever before.

Eye health does not happen in isolation. It is closely linked with other determinants of health. That is why we are increasingly focused on whole-person health, as well as the health of entire communities.

As we set our sights on the next 60 years, how do we make avoidable blindness a thing of the past? By continuing to learn

from local communities to address the root causes of vision loss. This means listening and responding to their unique needs, preferences and goals, as well as empowering people to create local solutions. As we expand our services into new countries and communities, our learning journey continues.

Whether you have been supporting our work since 1963 or recently joined our global community, I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU. Together, we are transforming lives – *For All The World To See!*

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kashinath". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kashinath "Kash" Bhoosnurmath
President & CEO
Operation Eyesight Universal

SETTING THE STANDARD IN GLOBAL EYE HEALTH



Our vision is global, but our sights are set on creating sustainable, local solutions that connect patients and families with quality eye health care and with their larger health system as well. Our approach:

1. Local partnerships

We train community health workers who provide eye screenings and health education within their own communities. We also establish local vision centres that provide comprehensive eye examinations, prescription eyeglasses and specialist referral.

2. Strengthening health systems

By training local staff and investing in equipment and infrastructure, we improve access to quality eye health care

within existing health systems. Through our partnerships with governments and hospitals, we help patients access eye care that is affordable or often free of charge.

3. Beyond eye health

Through school eye health programs, water and sanitation projects, and public health education, we address the root causes of avoidable blindness, such as poverty, poor sanitation and gender inequality.

On the cover: Dr. Palavi R., an ophthalmologist at our partner M. M. Joshi Eye Institute, checks in with 68-year-old Ashok who just received eye surgery.

YOUR IMPACT IN 2022

	ADULTS		CHILDREN		2022	2021
	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL	TOTAL
People screened for eye conditions through hospitals, vision centres and outreach camps	733,649	686,500	106,355	120,236	1.64M+	1.68M
Students and school staff screened through school eye health programs	849	758	93,290	88,906	183,803	77,140
Eye surgeries performed	84,186	76,450	590	588	161,814	168,776
Pairs of prescription eyeglasses dispensed	88,390	145,495	11,348	34,615	279,848	186,400
New vision centres, primary eye clinics or hospitals established or upgraded					25	31
Water boreholes rehabilitated					122	31
Community health workers/volunteers trained in primary eye care	122	14			136	1,127
Healthcare staff trained or provided refresher training in primary eye care					1,760	896
People screened through door-to-door surveys	387,319	332,359	109,448	103,675	932,801	781,190
People reached through public awareness programs	544,313	373,672	106,661	107,000	1,13M+	1.59M+
Villages/communities declared Avoidable Blindness-Free					51	29



With ongoing support from donors like you, we will scale our efforts to reach more people in our current countries of work and in new countries as well.



- Countries with existing programs
- Countries we are expanding to

** We also have plans to develop programs for medically underserved communities in Canada.*

SIX DECADES OF LIFE-CHANGING EYE HEALTH

2023 marks six decades of our sight-saving work. Together with our global community of supporters, we are transforming lives through the Gift of Sight. Here are some highlights from our journey so far:

1981

We adopt an international development model and begin funding prevention programs – including immunization, nutrition and health clinics – to address the root causes of blindness.



1963

Art Jenkyns attends a fundraising event in Calgary, where Dr. Ben Gullison and his wife Evlyn are seeking support for their mission work at Arogyavaram Eye Hospital, India. Art and others at Calgary's First Baptist Church pledge to donate monthly. Operation Eyesight is born.



1970

We expand our work beyond India, helping restore eye health in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), the Democratic Republic of Congo and Kenya.



1984

We begin working with Dr. Boateng Wiafe, who helps establish a 25-bed eye unit at Zambia's Mwami Adventist Hospital.

1990

On Nov. 6, 1990, Dr. Bahauddin Malik performs our one millionth sight-restoring operation on a patient named Mohammad.



2000

By the turn of the millennium, we are supporting 48 hospital programs in 11 countries, from South Asia to Africa and Central and South America.

2002

We partner with L V Prasad Eye Institute in Hyderabad, India, renowned for its focus on quality and sustainability.

1999

Dr. Wiafe partners with Christoffel Blinden Mission, the Lions Clubs of Bavaria and the Seventh Day Adventist Church to establish Lusaka Eye Hospital, the first stand-alone tertiary hospital in Zambia.

2002

We implement the World Health Organization-endorsed **SAFE** (Surgery, Antibiotics, Facial cleanliness and Environmental improvements including water wells) strategy to eliminate blinding trachoma in Zambia.

2007

We establish Watborg Eye Services in Ghana, providing quality eye care services for people throughout West Africa and training for hundreds of eye health care personnel from across the continent.



2009

We pilot our flagship Hospital-Based Community Eye Health Program model, which eliminates avoidable blindness on a sustainable basis, in southern India. The model is later endorsed by Vision 2020 India, and we scale it across India and into our other South Asian and African countries of work.

2015

After 40 years of support, our funding agreement with the Government of Canada comes to an end as the government shifts its focus areas. Support from institutional funders would continue through agreements with partners such as Standard Chartered Bank's Seeing is Believing program, The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, and later the United States Agency for International Development's Child Blindness Program and others.



2017

We receive a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Action award from Global Compact Network Canada for our commitment to embedding seven of the United Nations' SDGs into our work.



Of Global Community

2020

We respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by strengthening our focus on hygiene and disease prevention education in communities, and on infection prevention and control in our partner facilities.

We look forward to your continued support as we work to eliminate avoidable blindness –
For All The World To See!



2021

With a focus on child eye health, we launch our school eye health program in Kenya and our Retinopathy of Prematurity program in India.

We launch a unique partnership with the Government of India, establishing vision points within existing government facilities.

ETHIOPIA

Over our five years working in Ethiopia, we have built partnerships with ophthalmic departments at five hospitals across the country and have so far established vision centres at three of these hospitals. In 2022, these vision centres provided eye exams for more than 12,000 people and dispensed 435 pairs of eyeglasses.

Thanks to investments in supplies, healthcare staff training and infrastructure in 2022, the vision centres can now refer patients requiring advanced care such as cataract surgery to hospital.

In 2022, we trained 23 local health workers to conduct door-to-door eye health screenings in the community. We also provided advanced training to 12 ophthalmic personnel and primary eye care training to 13 health professionals. Additionally, we trained 14 teachers in eye health screening.

We worked with the **Bahir Dar University** College of Medicine and Health Sciences to

establish well-equipped examination rooms for training medical students. These students in turn screened school teachers in the community for eye health problems and also taught teachers to conduct eye health screenings for their students. As a result, nearly 5,000 students were screened, and those requiring treatment were referred to a vision centre.

Despite setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we expanded our work with **Partners in Education Ethiopia**, impacting more patients and families than ever before. With support from the **Peter Gilgan Foundation**, we implemented WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) projects, drilling boreholes in three communities and providing clean water to help prevent the spread of blinding trachoma. We also worked alongside five schools to provide resources and education materials supporting hand and face washing, personal hygiene and menstrual hygiene management.

	ADULTS		CHILDREN		2022	2021
	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL	TOTAL
People screened for eye conditions through hospitals, vision centres and outreach camps	4,276	6,678	639	825	12,418	5,459
Students and school staff screened through school eye health programs			2,449	2,470	4,919	4,339
People screened through door-to-door surveys	22,000	20,518	5,300	2,600	50,418	17,527
Life-changing eye surgeries/treatment provided	350	529	0	0	879	207

Yashwant Sinha, Director of International Programmes (in pink), meets with a group of community health workers in Amora Wonze village of Ayer Tena Kebele, Bahir Dar town. Photo: Zenegnaw Adimtew / Partners in Education Ethiopia.



Ali is beaming now that he can see again. He lived with vision loss for six years, until two health workers visited his home. They identified Ali's cataracts, explained the operation to him and made sure he got on the bus the day of his surgery. When our health workers check in on him and his family, they are greeted warmly as lifelong friends.

Saving sight, saving lives – Thanks to donors like you, young Blessing received life-saving eye surgery at Watborg Eye Services in Ghana. While doctors could not save her eye, they did save Blessing from a life-threatening infection and fitted her with a prosthetic eye. Today, she's a smiling and active little girl.



GHANA

We began partnering with communities in Ghana in 2007 and have since provided quality eye health care to nearly five million people. To date, we have partnered with communities across 37 districts to construct or renovate eye units, upgrade ophthalmic equipment and train health care staff in primary- and specialist-level eye care.

2022 marked a major milestone for eye health care in Ghana, as we declared the community of Asafora, in the district of Mfantseman, the country's first Avoidable Blindness-Free Village. This was the culmination of community outreach activities and partnership with the local hospital.

Building on this success, in 2022 we also launched a Hospital-Based Community Eye Health Program in the district of

Awutu Senya, where our team of local community health workers provided eye health screening for more than 22,000 people.

In partnership with the **Ghana Health Service**, we provided training for eye health staff and upgraded infrastructure and ophthalmic equipment at five partner hospitals.

We have also partnered with the **Ghana Education Service** and, thanks to support from the **United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Child Blindness Program**, we have so far implemented school eye health projects at 30 schools across the country.

	ADULTS		CHILDREN		2022	2021
	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL	TOTAL
People examined through hospitals, vision centres and outreach camps	5,828	4,367	2,177	1,339	13,711	16,470
Students and school staff screened through school eye health programs	849	758	32,242	30,842	64,691	1,833
People screened through door-to-door surveys	8,111	4,614	5,063	4,636	22,424	14,734
Eye surgeries provided	1,092	814	17	12	1,935	2,671
Pairs of prescription eyeglasses dispensed	693	467	701	352	2,213	1,176

STORY

SUSTAINABLE IMPACT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS-FREE VILLAGES TAKE OWNERSHIP OF EYE HEALTH

Asafora is like many other small villages in central Ghana; its several hundred residents are mostly farmers growing cassava and plantain, and many community members have faced barriers to accessing eye health care.

What sets this community apart? It is the first village in the country we declared Avoidable Blindness-Free.

The December 2022 declaration event was several years in the making and is the product of collaboration between the community, the local government and our partner, Saltpond Government Hospital.

“Avoidable Blindness-Free means that the village is free of untreated vision loss,” explains Emmanuel Kumah, our country director for Ghana. “It also means that people in the community know where to receive care. This is important in communities like Asafora, where there has historically been resistance to receiving eye care.”

Our partnership with Asafora began in 2017 with primary eye care training for 10 local community health nurses. This team

conducted door-to-door surveys to identify people with eye conditions, distributed vitamin A supplements and provided basic immunizations. Patients with cataract and other eye conditions were referred to the hospital for treatment.

We conducted a second door-to-door screening in 2021 to see how patients were doing and discovered several patients had refused care.

“We realized there was a lot of resistance to receiving eye care within the community, due to misconceptions about surgery,” Emmanuel explains. “We had to double down on our efforts to educate the community and inspire behavioural change.”

Community health nurses were deployed. They knocked on doors and attended churches, mosques, and child and newborn care sessions where they provided eye health education. Creating awareness and encouraging people to seek eye care helps ensure a village becomes, and stays, Avoidable Blindness-Free.

The declaration event was a landmark for public health in Ghana, and Asafora is the first of many rural villages to be declared Avoidable Blindness-Free in the country.

Engaging with local leaders – Through our unique approach, known as our Hospital-Based Community Eye Health Program model, we declared 51 communities or villages across sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia as Avoidable Blindness-Free in 2022. We work with community leaders and healthcare workers to ensure that the community supports and takes ownership of the process.



Connected with communities – "While re-surveying residents in Jorhat, Assam, I was surprised to see that our community health worker Ms. Rupoda was able to tell us the name of at least one person in each household," says Emmanuel Tanti, our project officer in India. "Residents of the village could also tell the name of our partner hospital, 50 km away."

INDIA

We are in our 60th year of preventing blindness and restoring sight in India, where we have partnered with communities in 90 districts across 17 states. Through our network of more than 31 partner hospitals and 114 vision centres, we are focused on:

- **Strengthening health systems** and ensuring facilities have the resources, training and expertise to provide quality, affordable eye health care.
- **Establishing vision centres** as local eye health hubs in the community.
- **Reaching people in the community** with eye health screenings, health education and referral for treatment if necessary.
- **Public education** around topics like nutrition, immunization, prenatal and postnatal care, and other health issues.
- **Supporting schools** with quality, cost-effective refractive services and eye health education.

- **Early detection and treatment of eye diseases** such as cataract, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and early childhood diseases like retinoblastoma and retinopathy of prematurity.

2022 began with a third wave of COVID-19 infections in India, which impacted our ability to provide care in the community and staffing levels at many of our partner hospitals. Despite this challenge, we were able to fast-track our work in spring 2022 and, through increased efforts by health workers in the community, we screened nearly 747,000 individuals for eye conditions through door-to-door surveys. This meant increased patient volumes at our vision centres and partner hospitals.

As a result, we were able to declare 30 villages Avoidable Blindness-Free in 2022 and ensure another 50 villages were well on their way to being declared the same.

	ADULTS		CHILDREN		2022	2021
	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL	TOTAL
People examined through hospitals, vision centres and outreach camps	480,055	470,532	46,826	58,663	1,056,076	1,299,117
Students screened through school eye health programs			15,734	17,837	33,571	22,500
Eye surgeries/treatments provided	62,880	56,930	97	72	119,979	149,783
Pairs of prescription eyeglasses dispensed	60,549	120,879	1,575	25,630	208,633	157,136

Healthy starts – In 2022, we helped create the Retinopathy of Prematurity Unit at the C.L. Gupta Eye Institute in Moradabad. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the expertise of our partners, we procured a screening vehicle, recruited staff and trained more than 200 health professionals in the screening, prevention and treatment of this major cause of blindness in children. So far, 244 babies have been screened and 25 have been treated.



Caring hands – Doibaki, a community health worker, conducts an eye health survey in a village in Assam. In addition to conducting vision screenings, our community health workers also educate people in their community about immunization and other public health issues, as well as connect patients with other health services in their area.

In 2022, community members living in north India provided feedback on posters and flash cards aimed at debunking myths around women's eye health. These teaching tools were then piloted by community health workers in Udhampur Block, a rural region of India's Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, where travel is difficult and vision problems often go ignored, especially for women and girls. The new posters and flash cards are teaching tools designed to ease fears of surgery and show how important eye health is for all members of a community. They are the product of community workshops we hosted in the area, and local participants took the lead in developing them.

These unique educational materials are made possible thanks to partnership with **NorQuest College** (based in Edmonton, AB) and the **Rotary Eye and ENT Hospital** (based in Udhampur) with support from the **Fund for Innovation and Transformation**, made possible through **Global Affairs Canada** and the **Inter-Council Network**.



STORY

MAKING EYE CARE PART OF HEALTH SYSTEMS

Today, we are one of the few non-governmental organizations partnering with the **Government of India** to open vision centres in existing government health facilities, bringing quality eye health care to underserved communities.

Together, we are establishing and equipping vision care facilities, training existing healthcare staff and developing a continuum of care for patients – from diagnoses at the community level, to referrals for specialized treatments at hospitals, to follow-up care.

The approach was initially launched in three districts in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, in partnership with **Jhpiego** (an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University) and the state Ministry of Health. Based on the project's

early success, with the support of **Optometry Giving Sight**, we are now replicating the model in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Meghalaya.

"It's not about re-inventing the wheel. Integrating basic eye care into the existing primary health care system helps ensure that patients can receive care in a way that is cost-effective, practical and, above all, sustainable," explains Dr. Troy Cunningham, our country director for India.

"This is how we reach the most disadvantaged populations, as patients who are able to pay most typically seek care at for-profit facilities, rather than attending government services."



Putting people first – Integrated People-centred Eye Care (IPEC) is the gold standard in global eye health and has been a key part of our approach for decades. Understanding the unique needs, preferences and values of individuals and communities allows us to strengthen health systems in villages like Hong, in Arunachal Pradesh. Here, the vision centre is part of the local wellness centre.

Rob and Connie Holland's 50 years of supporting Operation Eyesight is itself a milestone, showing the possibilities for the next generation of donors dedicated to giving the life-changing Gift of Sight.



FOUR GENERATIONS OF GIVING

The power of the Gift of Sight is something Rob and Connie both learned early in life. It is part of a legacy of giving that now spans four generations.

Connie's parents, Walter and Sara Derewianchuk, were active donors to Operation Eyesight, and they shared with their children the power of giving. Likewise, Rob's parents, Bill and Nora Holland, were also Operation Eyesight donors. For both families, early memories of Dr. Ben Gullison, the physician who inspired Art Jenkyns to found Operation Eyesight, left lasting impressions. Connie remembers him standing before the congregation at her family's church in Emerson, Manitoba, discussing Operation Eyesight's work.

"I was in the front pew as a child, listening to Dr. Gullison speak. While he spoke, my younger sister dropped a ball that rolled directly down to him," Connie recalls. "He simply picked it up and threw it back to my older sister, who was so embarrassed to have to catch the ball from Dr. Gullison. He was not phased by anything."

Rob, who began donating at just 17, recalled Dr. Gullison showing slides of cataract surgeries performed on patients. These slides soon became real for him, when he encountered a woman with cataracts while he was travelling in Morocco.

"I realized that for many, like the woman I encountered, there was no special support for an older woman experiencing cataracts,"

Dr. Ben &
Evlyn Gullison



he says. "Although I was in Canada where we have all kinds of support for people experiencing eyesight issues or blindness, I recognized there is something I can do for others through Operation Eyesight."

After they were married, Connie and Rob passed on the importance of the Gift of Sight to their children. Over their kitchen table, they would discuss philanthropy and what a donation could achieve. They say their goal was to instill in their children the idea and feeling of gratitude.

In a book Rob recently wrote for his children and grandchildren, he notes that donating to Operation Eyesight is his greatest pride. "With our donations to Operation Eyesight, you know that somebody who was blind last month – this month they can see," Rob says. "So, it is a concrete way of giving."

Rob's book has inspired his grandchildren to begin their own fundraising efforts for Operation Eyesight.

"By giving to Operation Eyesight, you know that your donation will help people. It is good to think about who you are giving to, where, and the practicality of your donation," Connie says.

Rob agrees.

"Whatever your motivation, I think giving should be part of everyone's life. My giving is an expression of gratitude. Probably until I die, I will give something to Operation Eyesight."

Thank you, Rob, Connie and family, for your generous support!

KENYA

We have been working to prevent blindness and restore sight in Kenya since 2007 and now have programs covering 148 villages across nine districts and counties. In 2022, we focused on community eye health – especially through school eye health programs and door-to-door screenings – as well as eye health infrastructure and facility improvements across the country. Trachoma remains one of the leading causes of vision loss in Kenya, and in 2022 we continued our work to eliminate the disease through clean water initiatives, mass distribution of antibiotics and community health education.

In July 2022, we launched the **Keroka Vision Centre**, to provide primary eye health care in Kisii County. We trained several community health volunteers, who screened more than 10,000 people for eye conditions through door-to-door surveys and referred over 600 people to the new vision centre for treatment.

In Elgeyo Marakwet County, we declared 20 villages Avoidable Blindness-Free, thanks in large part to our local community health volunteers who went door to door, screening

over 90 per cent of the target population. We also broke ground on the construction of the operating theatre at the eye unit of **Iten County Referral Hospital**, so we can provide more services in the county in the future.

Thanks to funding from the **United States Agency for International Development’s (USAID) Child Blindness Program**, our school eye health program in Uasin Gishu County exceeded targets, screening more than 111,000 children for eye conditions.

We also launched the Vision Impact Project in Kajiado County, in partnership with the county government and **CBM Christian Blind Mission**. We provided training for eye health personnel, including ophthalmology staff and community health assistants, and began construction of the eye unit at **Kajiado County Referral Hospital**.

In 2022, we also supported repairs and maintenance of eye care equipment at the eye units of eight partner hospitals across the country.

	ADULTS		CHILDREN		2022	2021
	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL	TOTAL
People examined through hospitals, vision centres and outreach camps	31,781	24,951	17,164	16,851	90,747	75,628
Students screened through school eye health programs			21,316	19,607	40,923	70,347
People screened through door-to-door surveys	30,008	22,382	11,742	10,978	75,110	4,477
Life-changing eye surgeries/treatment provided	2,588	2,265	427	470	5,750	5,038
Pairs of prescription eyeglasses dispensed	1,448	1,217	901	729	4,295	2,980

Setting students up for success – “Teaching is part of my identity,” says Christine, a teacher in Uasin Gishu County, Kenya. “It is a privilege to shape young minds and inspire the next generation.” Thanks to training she received to identify eye health problems in her students, made possible through funding from the United States Agency for International Development’s Child Blindness Program, Christine is now able to identify vision problems among her students so they can receive timely treatment. We also have similar school eye health programs in Ghana and Zambia.



THE SAFE WAY TO END TRACHOMA

Trachoma is a bacterial infection that causes the eyelashes to turn inwards, causing painful scarring of the cornea, leading to permanent blindness if left untreated. The World Health Organization estimates that 2 million people globally require immediate treatment to treat blinding trachoma.

We are implementing the World Health Organization's SAFE strategy to eliminate trachoma in Ethiopia, Kenya and Zambia.

Surgery to treat trichomatous trichiasis – In 2022, we broke ground on the construction of the operating theatre at the Iten Eye Unit in Kenya. The facility will provide the space and equipment needed to provide quality eye surgeries to treat a variety of eye conditions, including trachoma.



Antibiotics to clear infection – In 2022, as part of a historic cross-border collaboration between the governments of Tanzania and Kenya, we helped distribute antibiotics to more than 1.3 million people on both sides of the Kenya-Tanzania border. The mass drug administration is aimed at helping eliminate trachoma among the semi-nomadic people living in the region.

Facial cleanliness and hygiene education – In 2022, we rehabilitated 122 water boreholes like this one in Kapiri Mposhi District in Zambia, bringing clean water to communities across sub-Saharan Africa. We also established local Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) committees. These groups maintain the boreholes and educate communities about the importance of hygiene and sanitation in the prevention of trachoma and other diseases.

In Ethiopia, we worked with five schools to provide WASH training as well as resources and education around menstrual hygiene.



Environmental improvements such as wells and latrines –

From constructing pit latrines and wastewater channels to rehabilitating water boreholes like this one in Zambia's arid Sinazongwe District, the generosity of our donors in 2022 led to improved health and quality of life for communities across sub-Saharan Africa.

LIBERIA

We began working in Liberia in 2016. Located at the JFK Medical Centre in Monrovia, the Liberia Eye Centre is operated by our partner, the **L V Prasad Eye Institute**. To support the Liberia Eye Health Initiative, we empowered the facility to expand the capacity of its staff through on-the-job and residency training. This helped ensure the facility was able to provide comprehensive and advanced eye health care to patients

regardless of their ability to pay. Through a cost-recovery model, proceeds from patients who are able to pay for services help support the cost of providing care to patients who are unable to pay.

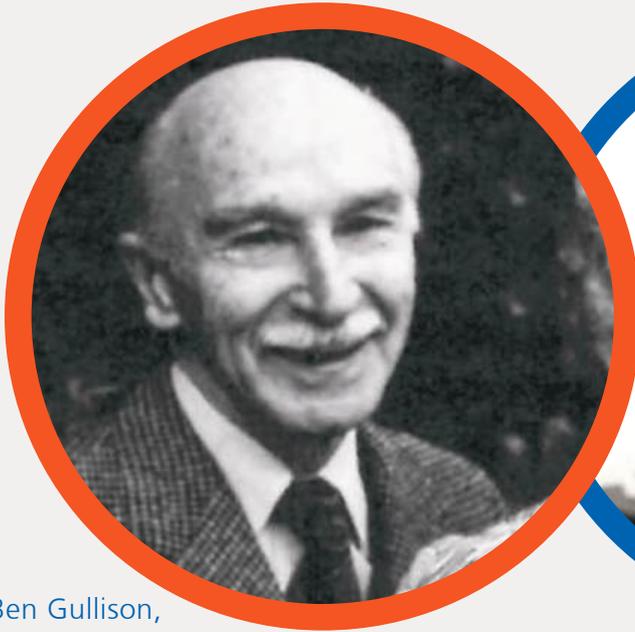
As part of the initiative, our ophthalmology residency training program trained seven ophthalmologists, including three new candidates in 2022.

	PAYING PATIENTS	NON-PAYING PATIENTS	TOTAL
Outpatient examinations	9,577	5,620	15,197
Cataract surgeries	513	383	896
Other surgeries	237	175	412



The joy of sight – In partnership with the L V Prasad Eye Institute, we are bringing the life-changing Gift of Sight to patients across the country, through the Liberia Eye Centre. It is the first modern comprehensive eye care facility in the country and was recognized in 2022 as an Outstanding Ophthalmic Institute by the West African Media Network. It is proof of what partnership, planning, staff training and investment in infrastructure can mean in the lives of patients and their families.

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP



Dr. Ben Gullison,
the inspiration



Art Jenkyns,
founder

Art Jenkyns and Dr. Ben Gullison's work started as a partnership between generous Canadian donors and compassionate Indian physicians. Today, partnership continues to make our work possible, through resources, knowledge and expertise:

Leading quality and innovation – Partnerships with eye institutes like the L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) help us drive training of eye health personnel as well as quality improvement work at other partner hospitals.

Local solutions – Partnering with ministries of health and education in our countries of work, as well as 70+ partner hospitals, allows us to integrate eye health care into local health systems and create systemic change.

Technical and financial partners – Through funding and implementation partnerships with groups like the United States Agency

for International Development's (USAID) Child Blindness Program, CBM Christian Blind Mission, Sightsavers and Optometry Giving Sight, as well as like-minded companies like Vision Group Canada, we are magnifying our impact.

A common purpose – International cohorts like the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), the Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (CanWaCH), Cooperation Canada and the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC), enable us to share learnings and contribute to a body of knowledge that is helping make avoidable vision loss a thing of the past.

To our many partners worldwide – thank you for being part of our global community!

NEPAL AND BANGLADESH

A third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2022 meant we had to delay some of our planned program launches and community outreach activities. It also prevented many patients from seeking care at our vision centres and partner hospitals. Our teams in Bangladesh and Nepal took necessary preventive steps in the community and worked with our partner hospitals to enhance their infection prevention and control activities.

Through these mitigation measures, by spring 2022, we were able to successfully conduct door-to-door screenings in communities in both countries again, as well as encourage patients requiring treatment for eye conditions to visit a vision centre or hospital.

	ADULTS		CHILDREN		2022	2021
	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL	TOTAL
People examined through hospitals, vision centres and outreach camps	202,538	174,329	36,646	39,897	453,410	165,727
Students screened through school eye health programs			13,102	12,108	25,210	0
People screened through door-to-door surveys	7,900	12,886	645	738	22,169	2,104
Eye surgeries/treatment provided	17,098	15,480	27	20	32,625	11,641
Pairs of prescription eyeglasses dispensed	24,299	22,430	7,955	7,831	62,515	23,720

“I’m very happy now. I can see everything clearly and do my regular work, and read and write,” says 22-year-old Tonnima from Bangladesh. Thanks to a vision centre in her community, she received prescription glasses and treatment and can now pursue an education and a career as a beautician. “I hope to live a happy and prosperous life,” she adds.



ZAMBIA

We have been working alongside communities in Zambia since 2001 and have been recognized by the **Ministry of Health** as a key partner in creating access to affordable eye health care across the country. In 2022, we launched the upgraded vision centre and operating theatre at **Maamba Hospital**, established in partnership with **Maamba Collieries Limited**. We also continued to support the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka with surgical kits, consumables and medications.

We joined the **Eye Health Partners Consortium** to forward our ongoing

advocacy for government support of eye health. The consortium aims to strengthen partnerships across the country and better leverage resources to deliver eye care.

Our borehole projects continue to be a key part of our work to prevent blinding trachoma in Zambia. In 2022, we rehabilitated 120 boreholes in Central Province, which means more than 120,000 people now have local access to clean water to wash their hands, faces and clothing, provide water for their livestock, grow nutritious produce and more.

	ADULTS		CHILDREN		2022	2021
	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL	TOTAL
People examined through hospitals, vision centres and outreach camps	9,171	5,643	2,903	2,661	20,378	8,088
Students screened through school eye health programs			8,447	6,042	14,489	621
People screened through door-to-door surveys	7,775	4,512	2,003	1,714	16,004	23,519
Eye surgeries/treatment provided	178	432	22	14	646	226
Pairs of prescription eyeglasses (including readers) dispensed	1,102	502	81	73	1,758	757
Area Pump Minders trained to maintain and repair boreholes	8	114			122	
Boreholes rehabilitated					120	31

In Zambia's arid Sinazongwe District, rehabilitated water boreholes are opening up a world of possibilities for communities. Along with improving sanitation and helping prevent the spread of diseases like blinding trachoma, convenient access to clean water allows girls to spend more time in school and less time hauling water.



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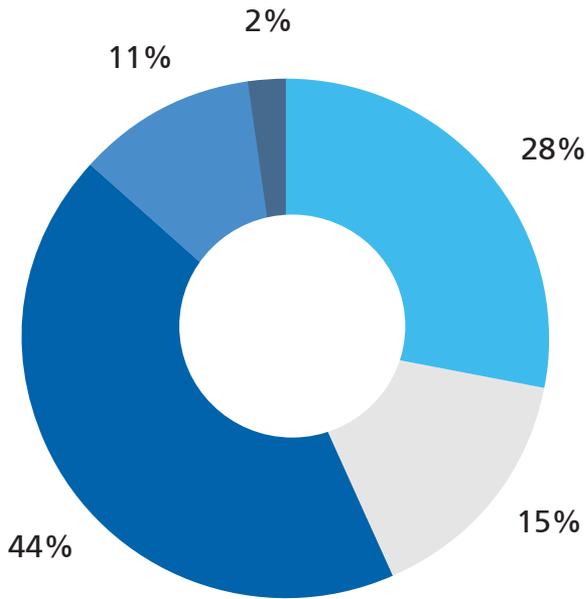
Despite a challenging economic environment both in Canada and globally, our total revenues increased by 35 per cent in 2022, as donations reached their highest level in the past decade. Thanks to the generosity and loyalty of our long-term donors, our increased revenues were bolstered by a rise in legacy gifts, which surpassed \$1 million – nearly three times the amount we received through bequests and life insurance premiums in 2021.

Grants represented nearly a third of revenues in 2022. The growth in grant-related funding we received in 2022 is helping diversify our funding and will bolster our financial stability.

2022 was a pivotal year for many international development organizations and Operation Eyesight was no exception. With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, we were able to relaunch international programs that had been halted by the pandemic. As a result, our overall expenditures increased by nearly 40 per cent in 2022. These represented mid- to longer-term investments in community programs and projects, and we expect this to translate into more lives impacted by the Gift of Sight in subsequent years. Thanks to increased revenues, our 2022 expenditures were proportionate to revenues for the year, and we generated a small surplus.

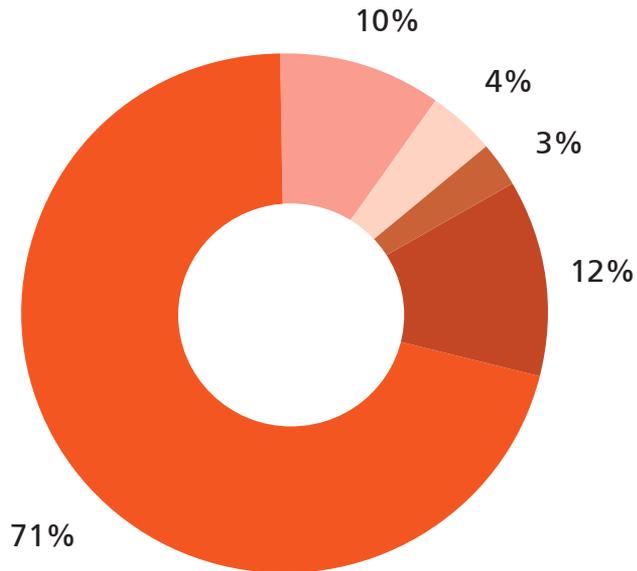
This has positioned us to continue expanding our programs in both existing and new countries of work, so we can bring quality, affordable eye health care to more people than ever before in 2023 and beyond.

Thank you for your generous support!



REVENUE

Annual Gifts	\$790,380
Legacy Gifts	\$1,055,148
Major Gifts	\$3,031,520
Grants & Institutional Partnerships	\$1,954,935
Investment & Other Income	\$150,218
TOTAL	\$6,982,201



EXPENDITURES

Governance & Administration	\$274,725
IT	\$184,306
Fund Development	\$804,839
Marketing & Communications	\$649,694
International Programs	\$4,694,516
TOTAL	\$6,608,080

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