

# Without urgent action, 115 million people could be blind by 2050.

## Will you help prevent this happening?

Worldwide, 1.1 billion people have an avoidable vision impairment. The overwhelming majority live in low and middle income countries, and a disproportionate number are groups such as women, people with disabilities, indigenous people, migrants and people living in rural communities.

#### What's the impact of this global eye health crisis?

- The annual global economic cost of vision impairment has been estimated as USD\$411 billion
- People with poor eye health and impaired vision are less likely to access education and employment opportunities than their peers
- Vision impairment reduces mobility and affects mental wellbeing. It increases the need for social care and ultimately leads to higher mortality rates

Solutions exist to address this crisis. They're some of the most cost-effective health interventions available and Sightsavers has the expertise and networks in place to implement them. But to reach our ambitious goals we need partners with vision who are willing to fund this transformative work.

Want to know more?

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#### Eye health equals opportunity

Through our work in more than 30 countries, we've seen how good eye health has a ripple effect, improving education, economic and health outcomes.

### In our 75-year history, we have:



Provided more than nine million sight-restoring cataract operations



Carried out 216 million eye examinations



Dispensed more than six million pairs of glasses

#### We get results.

But don't take our word for it. Ask any of the 1,000 cataract surgeons who have completed training thanks to Sightsavers-funded projects. Ask the thousands of health and education staff who have been supported to complete 1.2 million eye health courses, or the millions of people who can now access eye health services as a direct result of this training investment.

Together we can help drive progress towards eye health targets, making eye care integral to universal health coverage and contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 3 on good health and wellbeing.

Join us to build a healthier, fairer and more equitable society.

