

# How Operation Eyesight Universal contributes to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for a peaceful and prosperous world

Eye health care improves quality of life as vision loss is linked to a host of other development issues including poverty, poor health and well-being, lack of education, gender inequality, lack of access to clean water and sanitation, and more.

The United Nations (UN) has set out 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to achieve by 2030 as a blueprint to a world of peace and prosperity. Operation Eyesight focuses on the six goals most closely related to our mission:



**GOAL #1** No poverty: With restored sight, people can return to work. With access to water, people can raise and sell vegetables and livestock. With nearby water, girls can spend more time in school. Read about a Kenyan cattle herder who held onto his livelihood after cataract surgery.



**GOAL #3** Good health and well-being: Community outreach and education leads to improved eye health and overall health. Eye health can be integrated with primary health care. See a video about bringing eye care to remote communities in India.



**GOAL #4** Quality education: Children can see to read, learn and play with friends. Quality education leads to future employment. Scan to read about how a school screening impacted two siblings with cataract.



**GOAL #5** Gender equality: 55 per cent of those with vision loss are women and girls. By addressing barriers, debunking myths and misconceptions, and conducting door-to-door screenings, all family members are reached. Work is also done to enable girls to go to school rather than take care of family members. Scan to read about gender inequalities in vision loss.



**GOAL #6** Clean water and sanitation: Creating access to clean water and providing WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) education helps prevent the spread of blinding eye disease. The ripple effects of access to clean water include more time spent in school (and less time spent hauling water), the ability to plant gardens and raise livestock and overall improved health. Scan to view a video on the ripple effects of clean water.



**GOAL #17** Partnerships for the goals: Building local and global partners with international non-governmental organizations, hospitals, alliances, corporations and foundations leads to more comprehensive care and institutional grants, etc. Scan to view a video on the power of partnerships in transforming vastly more lives.

