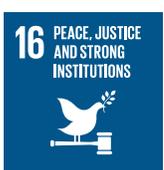


How Operation Eyesight's Programs Align With Rotary's Causes



Promote Peace

In 2015, all member states of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This agenda consists of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that provide a shared blueprint for a more peaceful, prosperous and sustainable future. At Operation Eyesight, we contribute to seven of the SDGs through our five programming areas: community eye health, hospital strengthening, disease control, integrated eye health, and research and advocacy.



Provide Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

To prevent the spread of blinding trachoma, we provide communities with clean water and educate them on the importance of hygiene and sanitation. We rehabilitate boreholes like this one in Zambia, bringing fresh water to schools and communities. Now girls can spend more time in school and less time hauling water.



Support Education

Did you know that up to 80 per cent of learning is visual? When children can see clearly, they can read, see the board and play with their friends. Restored sight opens up a world of possibilities. Through our school eye health programs, we screen students and ensure they receive eyeglasses or other treatment.



Protect the Environment

This vision centre in Netracona, Bangladesh is our first solar-powered vision centre. In partnership with the community, we're delivering eye health solutions that are not only self-sustaining but also good for the environment. The climate crisis is having a very real impact on public health, and eye health is no exception. Our work is focused on safeguarding eye health while minimizing the impact of our operations globally.



Fight Disease

Improved eye health leads to improved overall health and quality of life. We address the major causes of avoidable vision loss: uncorrected refractive error, cataract, trachoma, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, retinopathy of prematurity and other conditions. From eye screenings and prevention to treatment and follow-up care, our partners provide comprehensive eye health services.



Save Mothers and Children

Our trained community health workers go door to door in communities, screening every child, woman and man for vision problems and referring people for care as needed. They also provide health education on topics like prenatal health, immunizations and nutrition, linking women and children with primary health care services.



Grow Local Economies

With their vision restored, women and men can return to work, provide for their families and participate in their communities. When Parmuat, from Kajiado County, Kenya, lost his vision to cataracts, he struggled to see his cows. He feared he'd have to sell his herd. Thanks to sight-restoring surgery, he can continue to earn an income and provide for his family.



Build Relationships

Our work would not be possible without the support of our global community of partners, donors, staff, volunteers and health workers. Partnerships and collaboration – at the global, national and community levels – are the keys to our success.



We are proud to partner with hundreds of Rotary Clubs around the world. Thank you!

60+ Years of Restoring Sight and Transforming Lives Together

Operation Eyesight Universal is an international development organization working to prevent blindness and restore sight. We were founded in Calgary in 1963 by Art Jenkyns, a local businessman and proud Rotary member. Our work began in India, and today we have programs in 10 countries in South Asia and Africa.

Since our founding, more than 474 Rotary Clubs from around the world have contributed more than \$3.88M to our eye health care projects.

Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation have also directly funded our sight-saving projects. In 2005, Rotary International celebrated its 100th anniversary by launching the “Partners in Vision” project to fund 100,000 sight-restoring surgeries.

Thank you, Rotary, for your ongoing compassion and generosity – For All The World To See!

Interested in learning more about our programs and how your club can help?

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We'd be happy to make a presentation to your club – in person or virtually!

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(There are also Operation Eyesight charitable entities in Ghana, India, Kenya, the UK, the US and Zambia.)

Future projects that we will launch if we receive the necessary funding:

- A **\$74,126** investment will establish a fully equipped vision centre in Kathmandu, **Nepal** – to provide eye screenings, treatments and eyeglasses, reaching over 50,000 people. This five-year project will train local health workers and declare 20 villages Avoidable Blindness-Free.
- A **\$32,231** investment in Kajiado County, **Kenya** will implement a state-of-the-art Electronic Medical Records system at the local referral hospital's eye unit, enhancing quality and efficiency of eye care.
- Working towards a total **\$405,000** investment, supporting this initiative will help deliver over 5,400 cataract surgeries across nine countries: **Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nepal and Zambia.**
- A **\$27,876** investment will support a national one-year project in **Kenya** to develop WHO-aligned eye health training tools, train healthcare providers at 11 facilities and establish a national data system. This initiative will standardize primary eye care training and enhance services nationwide.
- A **\$46,985** investment will establish a fully equipped vision centre in Phulpur Upazila, **Bangladesh**, bringing eye screenings, treatments, eyeglasses and sight-restoring surgeries, reaching over 50,000 people, including school-aged children. This project will train local health workers and declare 20 villages Avoidable Blindness-Free.
- Through multi-year, comprehensive eye health projects in targeted regions in **India**, we will declare entire communities as Avoidable Blindness-Free. We are currently seeking funding for Bankura District, West Bengal (**\$45,576**), West Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya (**\$29,129**), Himachal Pradesh (**\$29,129**) and Bihar State (**\$26,123**). Together we can create sustainable eye health for entire regions.