



2.2 billion people+ globally live with visual impairment¹

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK



More than 80 rugged islands form the Republic of Vanuatu, a South Pacific nation stretching 1,300 kilometers. Lush tropical forests, endless shorelines, amazing coral reefs. All offer spectacular

views...to those with the gift of sight. Sadly, as much as 85 percent of bilateral blindness among Vanuatians can be attributed to cataracts², and as the estimated population of islanders with diabetes ticks beyond 20 percent, complications from diabetic retinopathy are on the rise³.

Partnering to help their neighbors to the north combat numerous eye health challenges were Lions from New Caledonia along with the Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand.

Together, and with a US\$330,000 grant+ from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), they undertook a project to expand and enhance screening and surgery services at Vila Central Hospital's National Eye Centre, originally provisioned in 2001 and in desperate need of renovation.

"It takes planning, hard work, funding, and heart," said project grant administrator Lion Philippe Accart. "This is what we can do together with LCIF. This is how we serve and make a difference."

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Seeing Things Clearly

Vision has been at the forefront of Lions service for more than a century. Though tremendous strides have been made, work must continue, as statistically, vision-related issues look like in this part of the world:



#4 Indonesia ranking among countries with highest incidence of visual impairment⁴



12%

of Papua New Guineans aged 50+ have moderate to severe vision impairment⁵

Indonesia bears **45%** of the world's diabetic retinopathy burden along with China, India, and Bangladesh⁶

**THAT'S HERE.
GLOBALLY, VISION CHALLENGES LOOK LIKE THIS:**

1 billion people live with vision impairment that could have been prevented or can be corrected⁷

US\$14.3 billion is needed to treat existing cases of refractive error and cataracts worldwide⁸

Unaddressed distance vision impairment in many low- and middle-income regions is **4 times higher** than in high-income regions⁹

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Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

More than US\$365 million in LCIF SightFirst grants have helped Lions show the world a brighter tomorrow. We will continue to be part of the solution, adding to this progress:

Visit lcif.org/vision to learn more and access information about LCIF's **SightFirst, Matching,** and **District and Club Community Impact grants.**

**9.3 MILLION
CATARACT SURGERIES
PERFORMED**

**2.3 MILLION
PROFESSIONAL EYE
CARE AND COMMUNITY
HEALTH WORKERS
TRAINED**

**493 MILLION
DOSES OF MEDICINE
PROVIDED FOR
TRACHOMA,
ONCHOCERCIASIS**

SOURCES: ^{1,2,7,8,9}World Health Organization; ⁵Newland, H.S., et al, Epidemiology of blindness and vision impairment in Vanuatu. Bulletin of the World Health Organization, 70(3), 1992, 369-372; ^{4,6}International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness



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LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

Vision is just one cause area supported by LCIF and *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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