2.2 billion people+ globally live with visual impairment¹

CREATING HEALTHIER OUTCOMES IN NEPAL

Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion. There’s a need in Nepal, where poverty is rampant and too many of the country’s urban population suffer diabetes-related eye challenges.

Centrally situated in Nepal, Chitwan District’s Bharatpur Eye Hospital is conveniently located for 4.5 million people from surrounding districts. With US$215,000 in grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) added to funds raised locally, Lions undertook a multi-faceted project to upgrade the hospital’s existing equipment and capacity to treat numerous eye challenges; add new equipment to address diabetic retinopathy, often sight-robbing and on the rise, like diabetes; educate medical students and practicing professionals; and screen 70,000 students and an additional 43,000 people through outreach camps.

“LCIF and Lions have made comprehensive eye care easily accessible and provided important screening, outreach, and awareness events to children, families, and communities that need our help,” said Past District Governor Ghana Shyam Bhattarai, grant administrator of the project. “Thank you, LCIF, for helping us make a difference for our neighbors.”
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 this in this part of the world:

Ranking among countries with highest incidence of visual impairment

- Bangladesh = 6
- Pakistan = 3

~363M people have near-vision loss

Bangladesh bears 45% of the world’s diabetic retinopathy burden along with India, China, and Indonesia

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

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

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

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

LCIF AND LIONS
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