



# Strengthening the partnership for eye health

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# Early work in China

- Brought together members working in China including Helen Keller International, Orbis, Fred Hollows Foundation, He Eye Hospital, Brien Holden Vision Institute, Seva and others
- A full-time coordinator in China since 2012
- **NGO forum** established by members, encouraging dialogue with government since 2005
- Convened **VISION 2020 workshops**, in collaboration with the Ministry and provinces



# The China Committee

- **Improve eye health** through advocacy, knowledge and membership
- **Working together** has more impact than working alone
- Supporting **collaborative initiatives** for research, programming and policy development
- Started late 2014, supported by IAPB WPR
- 14 members including **NGOs, public hospitals, private hospitals**  
– growing interest
- Broad geographical reach across China
- Members provide expertise on many critical issues for eye health
- Combined, the Committee makes for a strong voice to promote eye health
- Current structure of 1 Chair and 3 Co-Chairs

# Our work

- This Council of Members meeting including China Day forum
- China Committee meetings – informal sharing is also critical
- Next year: **NGO Coordination Forum** to strengthen links with government
- Training workshops to promote Universal Eye Health – Deepen work on refractive error and other priorities
- Support the development of a new **Action Plan**
- **Community Eye Health Journal** Chinese edition



# Stronger Together Towards Universal Eye Health

Thank you!

