



Eye health is essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Good vision and eye health unlocks people's potential to:



Get an education



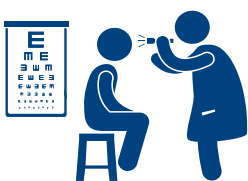
Earn a living




Maintain Well-being

1.1 billion people

are living with vision loss because they do not have access to basic eye care services



55%



of people with vision loss are women and girls

91 million children

have vision loss as they don't have access to eye care services

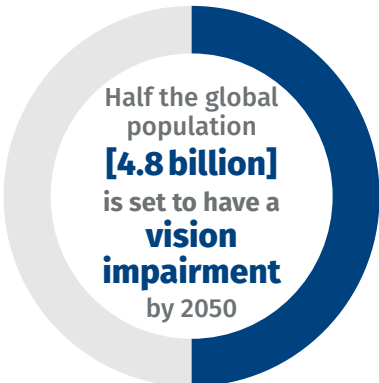


Vision loss costs the global economy

\$411 billion

per annum in productivity losses

Did you know?



Half the global population [4.8 billion] is set to have a vision impairment by 2050

Almost everyone will need access to eyecare services during their lifetime

90%

of all vision loss is preventable or treatable



Unless there is a significant investment, eye care services are unlikely to cope with future needs.

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1 NO POVERTY
Poverty is both a cause and a consequence of poor eye health

90% of vision loss is in low- and middle-income countries with the poor and extreme poor among the furthest left behind

2 ZERO HUNGER
Improved eye health can increase household income which in turn reduces hunger

Free high quality cataract surgery can increase household income: **46%** of household incomes moved up an income bracket

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
Eye health is key to ensuring good health, mental health and wellbeing.

Poor eye health increases the risk of mortality up to **2.6 times**

4 QUALITY EDUCATION
Eye health has positive impact on school enrolment, educational attainment and learning

Glasses can reduce the odds of failing a class by **44%**

Children with vision loss are **2-5 times less likely** to be in formal education in low- and middle-income countries

5 GENDER EQUALITY
Women and girls more likely to have vision loss and experience additional barriers to eye care services

Overall, women are **12% more likely** to have vision loss than men

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
Good eye health and vision promotes inclusive economic growth, employment and improved living standards

Providing glasses can increase workplace productivity by **22%**

Cataract surgery can increase household per capita expenditure by **88%**

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
Poor eye health is driven by inequality

Women, older people, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, refugees and internally displaced persons and migrants are among those most affected

73% of people with vision loss are over the age of 50

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
Eye health is critical to reducing road traffic deaths and injuries

Unoperated cataract can increase the chance of a motor vehicle accident by **2.5 times**