North Africa and Middle East
GBD Super Region snapshot

53.8 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE WITH VISION LOSS

Prevalence of vision loss
Population: 621 million

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Top five causes of blindness and moderate to severe vision loss
- Uncorrected refractive error: 13.0M
- Cataract: 6.2M
- Glaucoma: 0.8M
- Age-related macular degeneration: 0.7M
- Diabetic retinopathy: 0.5M

The number of people with vision loss is growing

- 1990: 26.6 million
- 2020: 53.8 million
- 2050: 116.1 million

Eye care service indicators
- Countries: 21
- Cataract surgeries: 491,706 annually

For further information and definitions visit [https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas](https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas)

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