### Prevalence of vision loss

Population: **1,092 million**

#### Categories of vision loss

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#### Top five causes of blindness and moderate to severe vision loss

- **Uncorrected refractive error**: 9.9M
- **Cataract**: 6.7M
- **Glaucoma**: 0.9M
- **Age-related macular degeneration**: 0.6M
- **Diabetic retinopathy**: 0.2M

### Vision loss by age

- **Children and adolescents (0-19)**: 20.8 million
- **Adults (20-49)**: 28.8 million
- **Older adults (50 and over)**: 61.1 million

### Prevalence of vision loss compared to other GBD Super Regions

- Sub-Saharan Africa: 6.8%
- Global average: 14%

### The number of people with vision loss is growing

- **1990**: 51.2 million
- **2020**: 110.7 million
- **2050**: 265.6 million

### Eye care service indicators

- **Countries**: 46
- **Cataract surgeries**: 429,168 annually

### National eye health

- **No. countries reporting**: 39
- **Committees**: 19
- **Plans**: 24

### Data

- **No. countries reporting**: 11
  - Prevalence surveys: 29
  - Service assessments: 11

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