



## Eye health is essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

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



Get an education



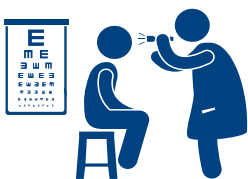
Earn a living



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

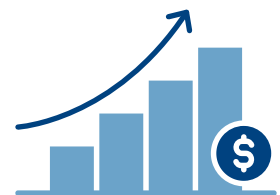
### Did you know?

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**