

SIGHT FOR ALL A SHARED VISION



Imagine not being able to read the newspaper, watch television or drive a car. Incredibly, throughout the world there are 270 million people who can't enjoy these simple pleasures as they have poor vision due to eye disease or a lack of glasses.

There are a further 45 million people who are blind—most have severely limited opportunities for education and employment. None can see the faces of their families or friends...

The impact of blindness on the individual, the family and the community is far reaching but the socio-economic impact on a developing country can be immense. Alleviating blindness will go a long way toward eliminating poverty in many countries and is a cause worth fighting for.

Sight For All is a charitable organisation based at the South Australian Institute of Ophthalmology in Adelaide, Australia. Our voluntary team of eye care professionals is dedicated to fighting avoidable blindness both in our own community and in developing countries where 90% of the world's blind live.

Sight For All's team comprises over 100 ophthalmologists, optometrists, orthoptists, ophthalmic nurses, and scientists from all over Australia and New Zealand.



Our Purpose

Sight for all

Our Vision

Sight For All's team of eye care professionals aims to eliminate avoidable blindness in collaboration with partner communities.

Our Mission

- To determine the magnitude and causes of blindness in partner communities in order to prioritise eye health projects.
- To ensure eye care professionals have the necessary knowledge, skills and equipment and their communities have the necessary awareness, so that sustainable solutions to blindness can be addressed.

Our Values

Collaboration

Encouraging participation of all stakeholders.

Sustainability

Fostering self-reliance through comprehensive evidence-based projects.

Respect

Promoting human rights in all dealings.

Eye care professionals lead Sight For All and coordinate all projects. With the depth of knowledge and voluntary service they provide, the outcome is a comprehensive, sustainable and evidence-based approach.

Sight For All's team responds directly to requests from colleagues in partner countries and communities in need. The friendly and collaborative relationship means that Sight For All can efficiently and comprehensively address the issues at hand.

Sight For All's major focus is the developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region, home to nearly half the world's blind. Sight For All is presently providing support to eye care professionals in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Lao, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam.



Sight For All's key strategies in the fight against blindness

Sight For All's projects are provided free of charge to our partner countries and communities and are based on four key strategies—

Collaborative Research

- Adult blindness studies
- Childhood blindness and refractive error studies
- Studies to investigate the genetics of blinding diseases
- Studies to explore the outcome of eye surgeries
- Studies to determine the impact of eye health awareness initiatives

Infrastructure Support

- Equipment and facility upgrades at training and regional eye centres
- Establishment of subspecialty units, eg. glaucoma, ophthalmic plastic surgery, paediatric ophthalmology, retina.

Sustainable Education

- Workshops and curriculum development for ophthalmologists in-training.
- Continued education, leadership and train the trainer workshops for graduate ophthalmologists.
- Extended hands-on subspecialty fellowships both in Australia and in partner countries (reverse fellowships).
- Workshops to train optometrists in the fitting of contact lenses.

Eye Health Awareness

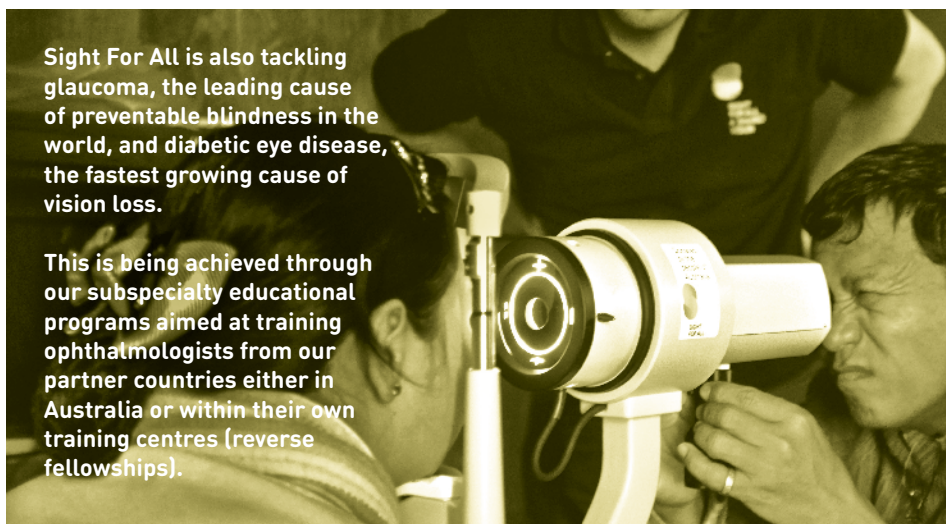
- Cataract and diabetic eye disease awareness campaigns
- Vision screening to identify refractive errors and blinding diseases in schoolchildren.

Sight For All's Adult Avoidable Blindness Initiative

With more than a million people newly blind every year, cataract blindness is the world's leading cause of avoidable blindness, and so many of Sight For All's activities are directed toward enhancing the cataract surgery rate in our partner countries. Our largest project is in Myanmar, where we have been supporting the local ophthalmologists for nearly two decades. To date we have upgraded over 30 regional centres across the country so that the local ophthalmologists can work at the maximum rate and with the best equipment to tackle the enormous burden of cataract blindness.

Sight For All is also tackling glaucoma, the leading cause of preventable blindness in the world, and diabetic eye disease, the fastest growing cause of vision loss.

This is being achieved through our subspecialty educational programs aimed at training ophthalmologists from our partner countries either in Australia or within their own training centres (reverse fellowships).



Sight For All's Childhood Blindness Initiative

The impact of childhood blindness is similar to that of cataract blindness, as children must live for many more years with their disability. Sight For All has spearheaded the establishment of paediatric ophthalmology services in Asia.

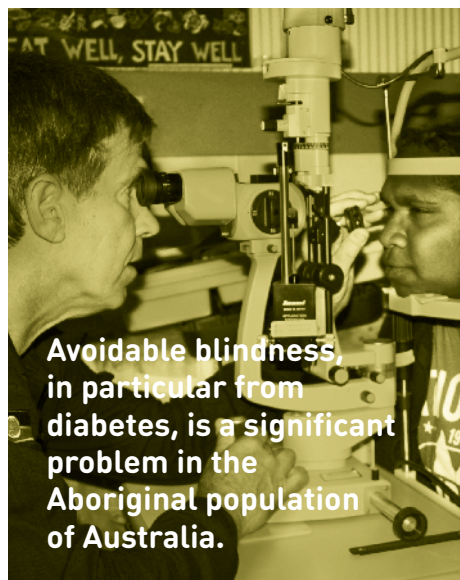
Sight For All trained Myanmar's first paediatric ophthalmologist, Dr Than Htun Aung, through a 12-month fellowship at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide and in 2010 established the country's first paediatric ophthalmology unit. In the first two years following Dr Aung's return, there was a 10 times increase in children's eye surgery. Dr Aung recently commenced training his own fellow, Dr Tin Mg Thant, using the knowledge and skills he acquired in Australia. Dr Thant will return to Mandalay Eye Hospital in 2015 where Sight For All will establish Myanmar's second paediatric ophthalmology unit.

Sight For All established a paediatric ophthalmology unit at the Sirimavo Bandaranayake Children's Hospital in Kandy, Sri Lanka in 2011. The unit is headed by paediatric ophthalmologist Dr Tavisha Udipuhille, who was trained by Sight For All at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide.



In 2012 Sight For All upgraded the paediatric ophthalmology unit at the Vietnam National Institute of Ophthalmology in Hanoi and trained three paediatric ophthalmologists through an innovative reverse fellowship program that utilized the expertise of visiting specialists from Australia and New Zealand.

Throughout 2013 and 2014 this team has been training the first paediatric ophthalmologists in Cambodia and Lao and have established paediatric ophthalmology units to enhance both the training of the fellows and the eye care of children in these two countries. The team will continue on to Bangladesh and Myanmar in 2015 and 2016.



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Sight For All's Aboriginal Blindness Initiative

Avoidable blindness, in particular from diabetes, is a significant problem in the Aboriginal population of Australia. Sight For All is working together with the Aboriginal Health Council in the delivery of blindness prevention campaigns for these communities.

Sight For All has recently launched a number of culturally appropriate video campaigns across rural and remote Aboriginal communities. By empowering whole communities with an understanding of their health, Sight For All hopes to increase Government-funded health service utilisation and reduce the rate of avoidable blindness.

Fundraising

Sight For All has been the recipient of numerous fellowship and development grants from DFAT in Australia.

Sight For All also raises funds for its projects through foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, private donations and engaging cultural events.

For further information

Please visit our website at www.sightforall.org or contact our team on 8222 4937.

A shared vision to achieve Sight For All.

Sight For All saves sight, saves lives and alleviates poverty.

Sight For All will volunteer more than 10,000 medical hours this year alone.

My Eye Health Program

Sight For All is a partner with the Royal Society for the Blind, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists and the Freemason's Foundation.

The aim of the My Eye Health Program is to raise awareness in the broader community of blinding yet avoidable eye diseases and services available for the vision impaired.

Governance

- Sight For All is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors.
- Sight For All is a member of the World Health Organisation's Vision 2020 Right to Sight initiative.
- Sight For All is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID).
- Sight For All is registered with the Australian Tax Office's Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme (OAGDS).
- Sight For All is undergoing accreditation with the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

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Leaving a bequest to Sight For All will make a difference to the lives of many for years to come. ☐ I would like to find out more about making a bequest to Sight For All. Please send me some information.

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