

# How Our Programs Align with Rotary's Causes



## Promote Peace

In 2015, all member states of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This agenda consists of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that provide a shared blueprint for a more peaceful, prosperous and sustainable future. At Operation Eyesight, we contribute to seven of the SDGs through our five programming areas: community eye health, hospital strengthening, disease control, integrated eye health, and research and advocacy.



## Fight Disease

Improved eye health leads to improved overall health and quality of life. We address the major causes of avoidable vision loss: uncorrected refractive error, cataract, trachoma, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, retinopathy of prematurity and other conditions. From eye screenings and prevention to treatment and follow-up care, our partners provide comprehensive eye health services.



## Provide Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

To prevent the spread of blinding trachoma, we provide communities with clean water and educate them on the importance of hygiene and sanitation. We rehabilitate boreholes like this one in Zambia, bringing fresh water to schools and communities. Now girls can spend more time in school and less time hauling water.



## Save Mothers and Children

Our trained community health workers go door to door in communities, screening every child, woman and man for vision problems and referring people for care as needed. They also provide health education on topics like prenatal health, immunizations and nutrition, linking women and children with primary health care services.



## Support Education

Did you know that up to 80 per cent of learning is visual? When children can see clearly, they can read, see the board and play with their friends. Restored sight opens up a world of possibilities. Through our school eye health programs, we screen students and ensure they receive eyeglasses or other treatment.



## Grow Local Economies

With their vision restored, women and men can return to work, provide for their families and participate in their communities. When Parmuat, from Kajiado County, Kenya, lost his vision to cataracts, he struggled to see his cows. He feared he'd have to sell his herd. Thanks to sight-restoring surgery, he can continue to earn an income and provide for his family.



## Protect the Environment

This vision centre in Netracona, Bangladesh is our first solar-powered vision centre. In partnership with the community, we're delivering eye health solutions that are not only self-sustaining but also good for the environment. The climate crisis is having a very real impact on public health, and eye health is no exception. Our work is focused on safeguarding eye health while minimizing the impact of our operations globally.



## Build Relationships

Our work would not be possible without the support of our global community of partners, donors, staff, volunteers and health workers. Partnerships and collaboration – at the global, national and community levels – are the keys to our success.

We are proud to partner with hundreds of Rotary Clubs around the world. Thank you!

