



## Operation Eyesight Universal's Approach to Community Eye Health

At Operation Eyesight Universal, we take an inclusive, integrated approach to eye health care centring on the needs of individuals, families and communities, regardless of their ability to pay. More and 1.1 billion people live with vision loss – 90 per cent is avoidable or treatable, often with a pair of prescription eyeglasses or a cataract surgery. Our community eye health model is sustainable, scalable and applied across our growing countries of work.

Goal: By the end of 2028, we aim to declare 2,900 villages/communities avoidable blindness-free (up from 1,372 at the end of 2023).

STEP  
**1**

### Planning an Eye Care Project

Choose location to reach 100k+ people

Identify needs (training, equipment) needed for quality eye health care

Look for partner hospitals with compatible visions, missions and values



Scan to see how we have been transforming lives for more than 60 years



STEP  
2

## Linking the Community to the Local Hospital

Establish local vision centres close to communities

Screen and treat people at vision centres and as needed, refer those in need of further treatment, such as surgery, to local hospitals

Recruit and train community health workers to create awareness, provide eye health care and general health education

Train community health workers to conduct door-to-door surveys and make referrals to vision centres



STEP

3

## Eliminating Avoidable Vision Loss and Transferring Eye Care to the Community

Monitor and evaluate the progress of the project

Resurvey the community to ensure all preventable vision loss cases have been treated

Declare the village or community avoidable blindness free (all avoidable vision loss has been treated and the community can address ongoing needs)



See how projects achieve sustainable avoidable blindness-free villages

