



Sightsavers

Helping children like Liakat...

Liakat, aged 10, has glasses for the first time. He is now able to attend school and looks forward to a brighter future.



© Andy Weekes/Sightsavers

www.sightsavers.ie

protecting over 23 million people from river blindness...

Many poor communities rely on local rivers for washing, bathing and collecting water. Very often these rivers are a breeding ground for black fly, the larvae of which can cause river blindness. Sightsavers train local community volunteers to raise awareness of the disease and to distribute Mectizan® tablets that protect against river blindness, allowing villagers like these in Cameroon to use their local river in safety.



© Vincent Starr/Sightsavers

© Andy Weekes/Sightsavers



supporting over 6,000 blind children in schools...

Devilal Projapat was born blind to a poor family in Rajasthan, India. When Sightsavers heard about Devilal's plight, we enrolled him into an Inclusive Education project. Devilal is now being trained in mobility and sensory techniques such as Braille. He has started at the local school where he is proving to be a popular and talented student.

For the latest news, updates and developments visit www.sightsavers.ie

funding over 270,000 cataract operations...

© Riccardo Gangale/Sightsavers



Muanamadane Antique from Mozambique is 68 years old. When bilateral cataract left her completely blind, she could no longer work on the family's small subsistence farm and became completely dependent on her daughter. Muanamadane visited a Sightsavers outreach clinic in 2010 and has since undergone successful cataract operations on both eyes. She has now recovered her full vision. Her Granddaughter Fatima told us, "Thanks to the surgery our lives have greatly improved."

Antonio Elias, aged 18, lost the vision in his right eye as a result of an infection. Losing his sight meant Antonio was forced to leave school. He feared he had lost his dream of getting a good education and finding work that would improve the lives of all his family.

Three months later Antonio visited a Sightsavers outreach camp in Nacala, Mozambique. Investigation revealed that the initial infection had resulted in a cataract. Antonio was admitted overnight for an operation. His mother slept outside the hospital all night with her two month old daughter, Julia, praying for his full recovery.

Antonio left the hospital with full vision in his right eye. Standing next to his beaming mother and baby sister he told us, "I am very happy. I will travel back home to Monapo today so that I won't miss too much school."



© Riccardo Gangale/Sightsavers

For the latest news, updates and developments visit www.sightsavers.ie

are all part of the bigger picture.

Because of your continued generosity, in 2010 Sightsavers helped millions of people worldwide. Working with our partner organisations, we have provided eye care, prescribed glasses, trained volunteers and specialists, given blind children an education, delivered treatments and carried out sight-restoring operations for individuals who would otherwise have been left untreated, and very often, completely blind.

With your support we can continue to deliver cost-effective treatments, to provide more support and care, and to reach even more of the world's poorest people.

Thank you for your support.

1 Life changing operations, Guinea Bissau

Fatoumata Gomes is a farmer in her early 50s. For five years she battled with failing eyesight and in 2010 she was screened by one of our eye care teams and found to have trichiasis in both eyes. She was successfully operated on and is now able to resume her work and care for her family. "I would like everyone in my community to receive these life changing services," she tells us.



© Baila Musa Joof/Sightsavers

270,294 cataract operations performed
349,549 glasses dispensed

2 Helping children in school, Nigeria

Safiya is 12 years old and became blind when she was three. She was identified by a Sightsavers' partner and began attending school. Before this she had very little exposure to society and was very shy. Since being enrolled in Inclusive Education she can read Braille and hopes to be a teacher and get married.



© Nikki Bayliss/Sightsavers

3 Eye care training, Mozambique

Sightsavers trained over 152,000 eye care workers globally in 2010. Anselmo Vilanculos, head ophthalmologist at Nampula Central Hospital, and his team, provide most of the eye care for Nampula province's four million population. We supply vital equipment to enable Anselmo and his team to carry out eye operations. Anselmo tells us "I have seen people dancing the day after their surgery."



© Riccardo Gangale/Sightsavers

4 Pakistan

In 2010, Sightsavers and its partners helped treat more than four million people in Pakistan for sight-related problems, and also carried out 77,103 cataract operations. We were so grateful for the support we received following the deluge of floods that swept across two-thirds of Pakistan last year. Thank you. Niaz Ullah Khan - Country Director Pakistan



© Sightsavers



23 million people treated for river blindness
2.5 million people screened

6 Free eye clinics in Bangladesh

Sightsavers runs outreach camps in Bangladesh. The camps provide screening and eye health for underprivileged communities, helping to cure avoidable blindness and address eye care needs. Ophthalmologists check for sight problems, prescribe free glasses and refer people like two month old Ishaq Begum for cataract surgery.



© Zul Mukhida/Sightsavers

5 Rehabilitation in India

Five years ago Gaffur Mohd lost his sight in a mining accident. Since then he has been enrolled in a Community Based Rehabilitation programme and now makes and sells rope to support himself. He also works counseling others who are blind.



© Laura Crow/Sightsavers

6,300 children received specialist support
700 ophthalmologists trained

We were able to do all this because of you

Sightsavers

70 Upper Georges Street

Dún Laoghaire

Co. Dublin

Telephone Donations: **1850 50 20 20**

Telephone Enquiries: (01) 663 7666

Website: **www.sightsavers.ie**

Registered Charity No: CHY 15437

Sightsavers has signed the code of conduct on images and messages

(www.sightsavers.ie/code) please send your feedback to code@sightsavers.ie



Sightsavers