

A smiling woman with short dark hair, wearing a patterned top, holds a laughing baby. The baby is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with a colorful floral pattern and a bright orange hat with white pom-poms. They are standing in front of a blue corrugated metal wall.

Focus

Key achievements in 2024,
thanks to your amazing support

Thank you for caring...

You helped make 2024 another incredible year for saving sight, tackling blinding diseases and upholding disability rights

Thanks to your generosity, we expanded vital eye health programmes last year – screening millions of people for cataracts and other eye conditions.

Together, we also reached a significant milestone in our journey to eliminate trachoma, river blindness and other neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) – with 100 million people in the countries where we work no longer at risk of at least one of these devastating conditions. In October, Pakistan became the latest country to eliminate trachoma. And other countries are edging closer to elimination, including Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Senegal and Sierra Leone.

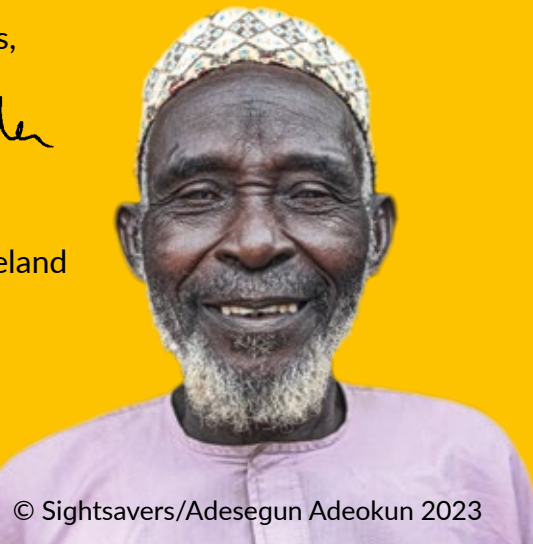
Behind every sight-saving surgery, every NTD treatment, and every pair of glasses is someone whose life has been transformed because you cared. So, thank you for your kindness and I hope you're proud of what you're achieving.



My warmest wishes,

Ciara Smullen

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CEO Sightsavers Ireland



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“Life is now better!”

Because of you, Ado in Nigeria, is now protected from river blindness

9.87 million

people received an eye health examination



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872,922



people received glasses following eye examinations, including Aasiya (above)

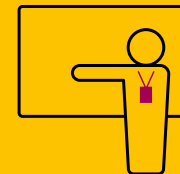
“I am feeling happy.”

With her sight restored thanks to you, Maria from Zimbabwe, can support her family again



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44,964



professionals supported on eye health short courses

134,239

volunteers and community members trained



...now see what you're achieving...

...you helped provide 515,443 eye operations for cataracts and other eye conditions...

Thanks to you, more people can now see again – giving them the chance to build a brighter future

Imagine watching helplessly as your child struggles to see, play, and move around because of cataracts. The constant worry and distress is something Rudia and millions of parents like her face every day. But you're giving them hope.

“When I saw her eyes following the light I thanked God. I was very happy”

Rudia from Tanzania, after Ebenezer's cataract operation

As soon as her bandages were removed, 11-month-old Ebenezer became more playful and adventurous. She even tried to walk for the first time!

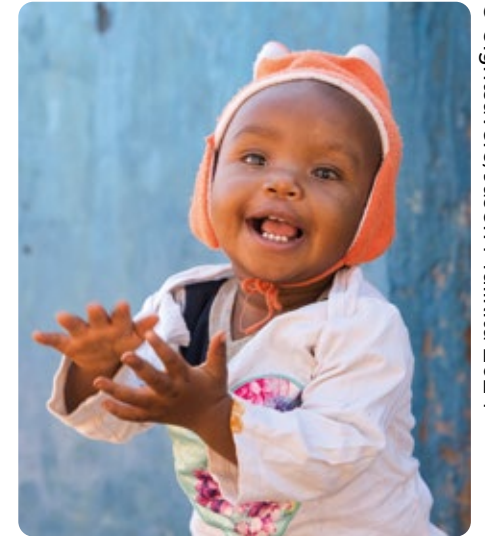


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Your support is building stronger eye care services. Thanks to you, adults and children can get their eyes checked and receive free treatment when they need it. **You're helping train eye surgeons, nurses, and community workers** to improve cataract care and reach more people. And through local health programmes, **you're spreading vital knowledge about protecting sight.** Thank you.

Transforming lives

Cataracts are the world's leading cause of blindness. But a straightforward operation costing **just €38** for an adult and **€108** for a child can give more families like Rudia's the miracle of regaining their sight.



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“Once you do a child's operation, the child is brighter than before, they develop so quickly, and it brings joy to them.”

Dr Mumbi in Zambia, one of the cataract surgeons saving sight with your support



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**“The pain
is gone”**

Health information you supported means that Jacqueline and her family know how to keep trachoma at bay, by washing hands and faces.

...you helped give 103.1 million treatments against trachoma, river blindness and other NTDs...

Through your kindness, you're freeing more families like Jacqueline's from painful, blinding trachoma

Because of you, Jacqueline and three members of her family in Guinea Bissau still have their sight, following urgent trachoma surgery you supported. Their pain is gone, their sight is saved, and they can live their lives again.

Ending the agony

After centuries of suffering, we're eliminating trachoma day by day, country by country. And every triumph is thanks to the governments, partners and local teams we work with, supported by brilliant sight-savers like you.

With your help, Benin, Ghana, The Gambia, Mali, Malawi and Pakistan have now eliminated trachoma. Meanwhile, more countries where we work are getting closer. **They can't do it without you.**

Just €83 can treat and protect a whole community against trachoma. Your kind gifts also enable us to train the community volunteers who distribute medicine, and the surgeons who save people's sight.



“When I do surgery on a patient and everything goes well and that person can see, I'm as happy as if someone had given me a million.”

Dr Braima, who performed sight-saving trichiasis surgery on Jacqueline and her loved ones

You've helped achieve so much...

You're making the world a better place for millions of adults and children. We can't thank you enough for your outstanding support.

We hope you're proud of the many ways you're helping to save sight, eliminate blinding diseases, and champion the rights of people with disabilities. In a world full of turbulence and uncertainty, your boundless compassion offers a beacon of positivity and hope.

Let's change more lives together

The stories here are just a brief overview of the wonderful things you've helped achieve through your kindness. **But we need to do more.**

Please donate today and help ensure the vital work you care about continues for more families like Rudia's and Jacqueline's.



To send your kind gift, just scan the QR code, visit **sightsavers.ie/focus** or call freephone **1800 20 20 20**. Thank you.

"When we returned home, Happy started playing with her friends immediately that day."

Happy's mother, Fosca from Uganda



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