



Focus

The incredible impact of
your support in 2025

Your kindness changes lives...

You helped make 2025 another incredible year of positive, lasting change for millions of people. Thank you so much.

Imagine living with excruciating pain for years and finally finding relief. Imagine watching your child struggle to see the world around them, then seeing their face light up as they run and play with their friends. Imagine believing you've lost your sight forever, then seeing the faces of your loved ones once more.

Thanks to you, 2025 was full of life-changing moments like these, and we're thrilled to share some of them with you here.

You bring joy and hope to so many people's lives as you help save sight, eliminate devastating diseases, and open doors to opportunity and equality. We hope you enjoy reading about the huge difference you're making every single day.

Together, let's keep up the momentum and ensure that even more transformational moments, brighter futures and new opportunities lie ahead.



My warmest wishes,

Ciara Smullen

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CEO Sightsavers Ireland



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"I feel so good!"

Following cataract surgery, 10-year-old Melia is full of hope for the future.

202,492

volunteers
and community
members
trained



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22,235

people with disabilities
received training in their
rights, employment skills
and daily living tasks



After receiving her new glasses, Rukayya (pictured with her mother, Rabi) is thriving at school.



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63,609

professionals
supported on
eye health
courses



**9.80
million**

people received
an eye health
examination



...now see the difference you're making...

You helped provide 536,530 eye health operations for cataracts and other eye conditions...

Thanks to you, millions more adults and children received sight-saving surgery – including 10-year-old Melia from Malawi.

Born with cataracts, Melia had struggled to see all her life, and her mother, Veronica, spent years trying to get help. Then came the moment that changed everything.

Through a programme you support, Melia finally got the surgery she needed. Because of you, she's enjoying school and looking forward to the future – full of hopes of becoming an eye doctor one day and saving other people's sight.

"I am very happy. My daughter is now able to do what she could not manage before. Her education is now promising. I am very grateful for that."

Veronica

The incredible gift of sight

For every child like Melia, there are many more children still struggling with cataracts. A straightforward operation costing **€108** can transform their lives.



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"I can see well and my eye is no longer watery."

Namoite

You supported 97,011,407 treatments against trachoma and other neglected tropical diseases...



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Just €83 can treat a whole community like Namote's for trachoma.

Because of you, remote communities like Namote's are being reached and treated for trachoma.

Namote lives in Turkana, Kenya and her community moves from place to place to graze their cattle. Limited access to water and people's close proximity to livestock create the perfect conditions for flies to breed and transmit painful, blinding trachoma.

Your kindness delivers treatment directly to communities wherever they are, by supporting trained local volunteers who deliver antibiotics to treat the disease, and mobile health teams who perform sight-saving surgery for people with advanced trachoma.

Thanks to you, more than **6.4 million** treatments have already been delivered across Turkana, helping to protect entire communities and come closer to reaching elimination.



2025 saw two more huge trachoma wins as Senegal and Egypt both achieved elimination – another milestone victory thanks to your continued support.

You enabled 946,513 pairs of glasses to be dispensed...

Your generosity means that children like Rukayya can see clearly and seize the opportunities life has to offer.

Before receiving her glasses, 12-year-old Rukayya from Kaduna state, Nigeria suffered badly from headaches. At school, she couldn't see the board properly, affecting her studies and her self-esteem. You helped restore her sight and her confidence.

Your impact goes far beyond one child. By strengthening local eye health services, you're helping ensure more children get the early care they need, including training teachers to spot vision problems in the classroom.

Thanks to you, in Nigeria last year:

54,611 eye health examinations were carried out

1,164 cataract surgeries restored sight

2,760 pairs of glasses helped improve the sight of children like Rukayya

**"I am filled with joy.
I can see everything
the way I want to."**

Rukayya



"The child eye health programme in Kaduna State has made a tremendous difference to the schools and the performance of students."

Optometrist, Okoro Monday, pictured above with Rukayya while carrying out further eye tests.



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You're bringing sight, joy and hope...

And the stories you've read here are just a few examples of the incredible difference you make in people's lives.

Thanks to you, children like Melia and Rukayya can see, play and learn with confidence. Namoiite, her community and millions more people are now protected against trachoma and other neglected tropical diseases. And more people can finally access the quality eye health services they deserve.

The impact you helped create in 2025 was extraordinary. But there's still so much more to do, and we truly need you with us.

Please donate today and help ensure the vital work you care about continues for more children and their families. Together, we can make 2026 another year of positive, lasting change.

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



**"I see far
much better."**

Melia



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