



Optometry Giving Sight Grants Over \$800,000 in Project Funding for 2021!

CALGARY, AB – December 14, 2021 - Optometry Giving Sight (OGS) is pleased to announce that for 2021 it has awarded over \$800,000 in grant funding for eye care projects around the world for communities in need.

In a joint statement from Juan Carlos Aragon OD, Chair of the U.S. board, and Susan Cooper OD, Chair of the Canadian board, “We are delighted that we were able to designate funds for 26 projects in over 21 different countries, including the United States and Canada, during our Spring and Fall funding cycles. We want to thank all our donors for their incredible support this year.”

Anne Marie Hand, Executive Director at Optometry Giving Sight, stated, “Our donors truly make a difference in the lives of thousands of people every year and we are so grateful for their support. All the projects we funded represent our dedication to the three pillars of OGS:

- Train community members to become eye care professionals
- Establish and support schools of optometry and vision centres
- Deliver eye care services to communities in need.”

Starting in 2022, and in subsequent years, OGS will move from two funding cycles per year to one, which will occur each summer. More information will be available early in 2022 on the OGS website at givingsight.org

The following table provides the names of all our implementing partners who received a grant this year.

Organization	Project Location
Asia Pacific Council of Optometry	Worldwide (virtual)
Brien Holden Foundation	Tanzania
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Ecole d’optométrie de l’université de montréal	Mali
Global Ophthalmic Institute	South Africa
India Vision Institute	India
Mzuzu University	Malawi
Ohio Optometric Foundation	United States
Operation Eyesight	India
Penonome Lions Club	Panama
Restoring Vision	Dominican Republic
Right to Sight	Ghana

Saving KidSight	United States
See Better. Learn Better	Jamaica
Seva Foundation	Nepal
Siloam Mission	Canada
Special Olympics	Kenya, United States & Virtual
Symbiosis International	Bangladesh
Ver Bien para Aprender Mejor	Mexico
Vision Aid Overseas	Sierra Leone
Vision for the Poor	Guatemala
Vision Institute of Canada	Canada
Vision Spring	Ghana & Vietnam
VOSH California	Nicaragua
VOSH International (2)	Worldwide

About Optometry Giving Sight

Optometry Giving Sight is a global fundraising initiative that specifically targets the prevention of blindness and impaired vision due to uncorrected refractive error – simply the need for an eye exam and a pair of glasses. More than 1.2 billion people around the world are blind or vision impaired because they do not have access to an eye exam and the glasses they need. Donations enable Optometry Giving Sight to fund the solution by supporting programs that train local eye care professionals, establish vision centres for sustainability, and deliver eye care and low-cost glasses. For more information, visit givingsight.org.