

# About Us

## Sight for All

### Aid Organisations & Groups

#### **Our Story**

Fifteen years ago three South Australian ophthalmologists Drs. James Muecke, Henry Newland and Bob Casson, whilst volunteering on sight-saving projects in Asia, saw a gap in the provision of eye health services in our neighbouring developing countries.

This gap spawned the seed of an idea that the doctors could offer something unique to improve the sight of tens of thousands. By working with their foreign colleagues, areas of need were identified, and by providing sub-specialty education and equipping eye clinics, a sustainable sight-saving model was born. This model became the basis of Sight For All.

#### **Vision**

*Create a world where everyone can see*

#### **Mission**

*Sight For All empowers communities to deliver comprehensive, evidence-based, high quality eye health care through the provision of research, education and equipment.*

#### **Values**

**Collaboration** – Encouraging participation of all stakeholders.

**Sustainability** – Fostering self-reliance through comprehensive evidence-based projects.

**Respect** – Promoting human rights in all dealings.

#### **Our Sight Saving Work**

Sight For All raises funds to deliver eye health care projects free of charge to our partner countries and communities. The nature of our projects include:

## Collaborative Research

- Adult blindness studies
- Childhood blindness and refractive error studies
- Studies to investigate the genetics of blinding diseases
- Studies to explore the outcome of eye surgeries
- Studies to determine the impact of eye health awareness initiatives
- Equipment and facility upgrades at training and regional centres
- Establishment of subspecialty units, eg: glaucoma, ophthalmic plastic surgery, paediatric ophthalmology, and retina.
- Workshops and curriculum development for ophthalmologists in-training.
- Continued education, leadership and train the trainer workshops for graduate ophthalmologists.
- Extended hands-on subspecialty fellowships both in Australia and in partner countries (reverse fellowships)
- Workshops to train ophthalmologists in the fitting of contact lenses
- Cataract and diabetic eye disease awareness campaigns
- Vision screening to identify refractive errors in blinding diseases in schoolchildren

## Infrastructure Support

- Equipment and facility upgrades at training and regional centres
- Establishment of subspecialty units, eg: glaucoma, ophthalmic plastic surgery, paediatric ophthalmology, and retina.

## Sustainable Education

- Workshops and curriculum development for ophthalmologists in-training.
- Continued education, leadership and train the trainer workshops for graduate ophthalmologists.
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## Eye Health Awareness

- Cataract and diabetic eye disease awareness campaigns
- Vision screening to identify refractive errors in blinding diseases in schoolchildren