



# HOPE IN SIGHT

## KEY MESSAGES

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World Sight Day (WSD) is an international day of awareness, held annually on the second Thursday of October to focus attention on the global issue of eye health. This year World Sight Day falls on 8 October 2020.

This year's WSD call to action is:

**HOPE**  
**IN**  
**SIGHT**

The logo consists of the words 'HOPE', 'IN', and 'SIGHT' stacked vertically in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter 'O' in 'HOPE' is replaced by a white outline of a globe showing the continents of Africa and Europe.

## Globally in 2020:

- At least 2.2 billion people have a vision impairment that may or may not be addressed
- Of those, at least 1 billion people have a vision impairment that could have been prevented or has yet to be addressed
- In addition, 2.6 billion people have myopia, including 312 million children under 19 years of age
- Additionally, millions of people are living with eye conditions that increase their risk of sight loss:
  - **196 million** people living with age-related macular degeneration
  - **146 million** people living with diabetic retinopathy
  - **76 million** people living with glaucoma
  - **2.5 million** people living with trichomatous trichiasis
  - **277 million** people living with high myopia
- Vast inequities exist in the distribution of vision impairment; the prevalence in many low- and middle-income regions is estimated to be four times higher than in high-income regions
- The burden tends to be greater in rural areas and for older people, women, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities and indigenous populations

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<sup>1</sup>WRV - From i) the global magnitude of near vision impairment (Fricke et al. [2018] (8)) and; ii) the global magnitude and causes of bilateral distance vision impairment and blindness (the Vision Loss Expert Group;\* Bourne et al. [2017]) (15, 16)).



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