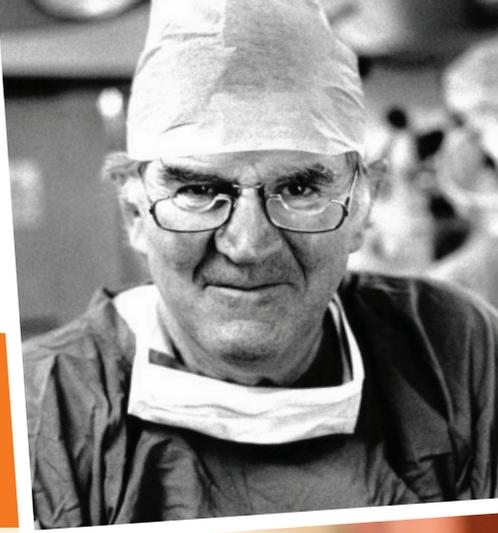




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**NEW HOPE  
FOR MAO-NI**

# PROGRAM UPDATE



## WORD FROM THE HEAD OF HONG KONG DR ANSON WONG

The Fred Hollows Foundation's Founder, Professor Fred Hollows, was determined to see a world where no one was needlessly blind. Now, 25 years after The Foundation began, we continue to carry on Fred's legacy globally.

Today, The Foundation focuses on supporting poor and marginalised people around the world to access safe and sustainable eye health services. Our work is strongly aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals endorsed by the UN General Assembly.

In China, where 20 per cent of the world's blind population live, we are actively working with local partners to provide culturally appropriate eye services. Recently, a doctor in Xinjiang, China, spoke to us of the importance of The Foundation's work training medical staff who share the culture and values of the local community.

In Inner Mongolia, we have seen the successful end of a three-year partnership with Standard Chartered Bank China, which benefited 77 per cent of the population in the area. In Xingtang, Hebei Province, we have launched a new project with support of China's Country Health and Family Planning Commission and The Goodman Foundation.

Late last year, we also witnessed the incredible impact of our work when a young girl's life was transformed by a doctor trained by The Foundation. Your support makes this work possible. Thank you. Together, we can build a future where every one can exercise their right to sight.

## BRINGING CATARACT SURGERY TO XINGTANG

In late 2016, The Foundation partnered directly with China's Country Health and Family Planning Commission to launch a new project in Xingtang County, Hebei Province. More than 120,000 people in Xingtang will be screened for preventable eye disease as part of the two-year project to reduce avoidable blindness and vision impairment.

Despite cataract being one of the leading eye health issues in Xingtang, a shortage of eye health workers has left the county unable to perform cataract surgery. To address this, The Foundation will train 35 local doctors in cataract surgical techniques and 660



community health workers in primary eye care to identify and refer patients.

The Foundation would like to express its heartfelt thanks to The Goodman Foundation for donating RMB\$1.17M to implement this project.



## RESTORING SIGHT IN INNER MONGOLIA

Over the past three years, more than 380,000 people in Inner Mongolia have benefited from The Fred Hollows Foundation's project in partnership with Standard Chartered Bank's "Seeing is Believing" initiative. As part of the project, The Foundation trained

more than 3000 medical staff in the remote region to treat cataract, diabetic retinopathy and refractive error. More than RMB\$7.4M was also provided to seven hospitals to conduct training, outreach screenings and education programs.

## OUR STRONGEST RESULTS EVER IN 2016

### Globally:



**1,004,875**  
eye operations and treatments performed



**78,450**  
surgeons, nurses and health workers trained



**120**  
medical facilities built, renovated or equipped



**HKD\$25M+**  
worth of equipment and infrastructure provided

### In China:



**271,011**  
eye operations and treatments performed



**4,045**  
surgeons, nurses and health workers trained



**14**  
medical facilities built, renovated or equipped



**HKD\$1.5M+**  
worth of equipment and infrastructure provided



## "THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF MY LIFE"

Mao-ni had forgotten what it felt like to be happy. With cataracts in both her eyes, the 26-year old from Anhui Province faced an uncertain future.

Two years ago, Mao-ni fainted suddenly while working for her sister in another province. She was diagnosed with diabetes and hepatitis B. A few months later her vision became clouded by cataracts.

Blind, and unable to work, Mao-ni was sent home to her family in Lixin County. There, she grew increasingly depressed. She was shunned by her friends and relatives who thought her cataracts were contagious.

"I didn't have friends," said Mao-ni. "I couldn't even inject insulin myself. I could not do anything. I wanted to die."

Mao-ni's blindness placed a great financial strain on her family. Her mother, Zhang Ying, had to quit her job carrying mud and cement at a construction site to care for Mao-ni.

The family grew crops in a small paddy field in front of their house to make a living, but earned just RMB\$10,000 a year.

Fortunately, when visiting Lixin People's Hospital for diabetes treatment, Dr Zhang, a surgeon trained by The Fred Hollows Foundation, noticed Mao-ni's cataracts. He

told her that he could restore her sight with a simple 20 minute operation.

Just one day after her surgery Mao-ni's patches were removed. Her face lit up when she realised she could see.

When she arrived home her nieces and nephews ran out to greet her. The whole family was overjoyed to see her transformation.

"Maybe I can find a job in a factory. I am brave now. I won't cry anymore," said Mao-ni. "These are the happiest days of my life!"

Scan the QR code to learn more about Mao-ni and Dr Zhang:



# LATEST NEWS

By working in collaboration with partner organisations and local communities, The Fred Hollows Foundation is reaching out to the Hong Kong public to gain their support to end avoidable blindness.



## THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS

The Foundation is continuing to raise awareness of avoidable blindness through the generous support of corporate partners. At an event last September, more than 100 staff from Macquarie Group Hong Kong experienced a sensory corner and discovered what it is like to be blind.

The Foundation was honoured to be the charity partner of The Australian Association of Hong Kong's 2016 Melbourne Cup party. The generous support of guests at the event will restore sight to hundreds of people. The Foundation also shared our work with guests at The 25th Australian Chinese Association of Hong Kong's Annual Ball.

The Foundation would also like to thank JP Morgan who hosted major events on thought leadership, philanthropy and tri-sector partnerships as well as the first anniversary of The Fred Hollows Foundation in Hong Kong.



## CELEBRITY SUPPORT

Almost two-thirds of the estimated 32.4 million people around the world who are blind are women and girls. For 2017 International Women's Day, The Fred Hollows Foundation featured celebrities Ms Lily Leung, Ms Mimi Lo, Ms Jacqueline Pang, Advisory Group member of The Foundation Ms Agnes Tai, Ms Kieh Christopherson Dunn and students from The Renaissance College in a special video. Thanks to their support, this video reached a wide audience and advocated for women in developing countries to be able to exercise their right to high-quality eye care.



## TREMENDOUS HELP FROM INTERNS

The Fred Hollows Foundation would like to thank those students from The Education University of Hong Kong, The Baptist University, Hang Seng Management College and The Renaissance College who undertook their 2016 internships with The Foundation.

The interns were actively engaged in supporting the work of The Foundation and played a key role in the successful organisation of many public activities. We look forward to welcoming 2017 interns this summer.

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