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2012 Annual Report

1992-2012: 20 YEARS RESTORING SIGHT



**The Fred Hollows
Foundation**

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“Our vision is for a world where no one is needlessly blind” **Fred Hollows**

A message from Gabi Hollows



Photo: Michael Amendolia

Gabi Hollows reunites with Tran Van Giap at Truong Thpt School in Ho Chi Minh City.

It's hard to believe 2012 marked the twentieth anniversary of The Fred Hollows Foundation. What we have achieved over this time thanks to your generosity and support is remarkable.

In 80 per cent of cases blindness is avoidable. In 2012 we really raised the bar, implementing a new initiative to eliminate trachoma, which contributed to The Foundation and its partners conducting over 8 million eye operations, treatments and procedures. This couldn't have been done without your support. In 2012 alone, our team and partners made possible:

- **98,088** cataract surgeries
- **306,827** other sight restoring procedures and treatments
- **1,989,410** eye screenings
- **7.6 million** treatments for trachoma

We also trained:

- **174** surgeons
- **40,545** eye health workers

In addition, we ensured that:

- **98** facilities were built or upgraded
- **\$5.8 million** worth of equipment was supplied worldwide

Above all else, Fred was a humanitarian. He believed that it was the role of a doctor to serve and to help those in need. He was passionate about improving

the health of Indigenous Australians, restoring sight in the developing world and helping local communities do something about it. He would have been very proud that more than 118,000 Australians in 2012 provided financial support to The Foundation, and that we were recognised by The Global Journal as number 43 in their list of Top 100 NGOs in the world, a sector estimated to encompass close to 10 million organisations.

During the year I was thrilled to be reunited with Tran Van Giap, whom Fred and I met twenty years ago in Hanoi when he was just nine and became the focus of one of the most iconic images of Fred's work captured by Australian photographer, Michael Amendolia. Today Giap is a 28-year-old high school maths teacher studying for his Masters degree. It is stories like Giap's that remind me how extraordinary The Foundation's work truly is.

Thank you for your exceptional generosity over the last twenty years to make The Foundation as strong as it is and to keep Fred's legacy alive. Community involvement is incredibly important and I value every contribution. I cannot thank you enough because together we can make a difference to the world – a world in which avoidable blindness can be eradicated.

Gabi Hollows, **Founding Director**

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Who we are The Fred Hollows Foundation is an international development organisation, focusing on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health. We are independent, not-for-profit, politically unaligned and secular.

Our vision We see a world in which no person is needlessly blind and Indigenous Australians exercise their right to good health.

Our inspiration We are inspired by the life and work of Professor Fred Hollows (1929-1993), an internationally acclaimed eye surgeon and an activist for social justice who championed the right of all people to high quality and affordable eye care and good health.



Australian Government
AusAID



The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is the Australian Government agency responsible for managing Australia's overseas aid program. The fundamental purpose of Australian aid is to help people overcome poverty. In 2012, AusAID contributed funding towards The Fred Hollows Foundation's programs in Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Eritrea, Kenya, Lao PDR, Nepal, Pakistan and Vietnam.



The Fred Hollows Foundation is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and is a signatory to the ACFID Code

of Conduct, which is a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management. More information on the Code, including how to make a complaint, can be obtained from ACFID by visiting www.acfid.asn.au or emailing code@acfid.asn.au. The Foundation also has its own process for handling complaints which can be activated by phoning the CEO on 02 8741 1900 or emailing fhf@hollows.org.

This publication may contain images of persons that have passed away. The Fred Hollows Foundation would like to acknowledge these persons and pay our respects to them and their families.



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The Fred Hollows Foundation ranked 43rd in
The Global Journal Top 100 NGOs



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The Fred Hollows Foundation has been ranked within the top fifty best non-government organisations (NGOs) in the world in an annual list of the top 100 NGOs published by The Global Journal. The Swiss-based journal made the assessment based on criteria including innovation, impact and sustainability.

A mother and child wait to have eyes tested at an eye camp in the far west Bardiya region of Nepal.



Photo: Ray Martin

Spotlight on Vietnam

Hieu's story

Hieu, 10, is from a small village in south central Vietnam. He was born with cataracts in both eyes, leaving him almost completely blind. His mother couldn't afford surgery but we were able to assist Hieu in travelling to Binh Dinh Eye Hospital, where both cataracts were removed just in time to avoid irreversible damage.

Thanks to your support Hieu is now able to see clearly, play with his friends, and since returning to school has learnt to read the alphabet.



Prime Minister's message Julia Gillard



“ The resourcefulness and ambition that were hallmarks of his character continue to find expression in the work of the Foundation that bears his name. ”

Shortly before his passing 20 years ago, Fred Hollows planted a seed – a Foundation that would blossom and branch out to new endeavours, and continue his work to combat preventable blindness.

The resourcefulness and ambition that were hallmarks of his character continue to find expression in the work of the Foundation that bears his name. From Fred's early endeavours in outback Australia and Nepal, Vietnam and Eritrea, The Fred Hollows Foundation has expanded to over 19 countries and restored sight to more than 1 million people.

Importantly, The Foundation does not just restore the gift of sight, but empowers local communities with the skills and tools to do so themselves, in an affordable and sustainable way.

While the scourge of avoidable blindness remains, the Australian people stand ready to support Fred's legacy.

Since its founding in 1992, more than 220,000 Australians have donated to The Fred Hollows Foundation – a mark of the esteem in which the Foundation is held.

I congratulate The Fred Hollows Foundation and its supporters on another year of achievement, and commend to you the 2012 Annual Report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Gillard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. There is a horizontal line under the name "Gillard".

The Honourable Julia Gillard
Prime Minister of Australia

Message from Acting Chairman

Robert R. Dalziel



This past year marked The Foundation's twentieth anniversary – an important milestone not only for us but also in the life of Australia.

From small beginnings around Fred and Gabi's dining table, The Foundation now works in 19 countries, touching the lives of eight million people last year alone. We have become one of Australia's leading international development organisations – acknowledged as such by the Parliament of Australia where, on our anniversary, both the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition spoke to make note of that moment.

I am pleased to report The Foundation remains in a strong financial position. Income during 2012 was \$48.2 million up from \$44.9 million in 2011. The continued growth in revenue is largely because of the support of the Australian public. In 2012 there were 118,000 donors, up by 17,000 on the previous year. In addition, The Foundation receives generous support from the Australian Government, most notably through its overseas aid program, AusAID.

The Board remains focused on its continued responsibility to uphold the reputation and legacy of our founder, Professor Fred Hollows. Fred's continued profile and the respect he enjoys amongst the Australian public is testament to his important contribution to social justice in Australia and throughout the world. Gabi Hollows remains a member of the Board and a vital link to Fred and what he stood for.

During 2012, the Board held one of its meetings in the Northern Territory, taking the opportunity to see

first hand The Foundation's work with Indigenous Australians. At that meeting, we resolved to support efforts to see recognition of Indigenous Australians in our nation's Constitution and we will be campaigning on this subject over the next few years.

The Board is always focused on ensuring that the governance of The Foundation is as strong and effective as our program work. Recognising that the growth in our organisational reach and ambitions would bring new challenges, we commissioned an independent review of the Board's operations and structure. Guided by its findings and recommendations, we recruited four new Directors in 2012 to give the Board greater depth in key areas such as Indigenous health, strategic planning, governance, and legal and corporate affairs. Three took their seats in January 2013 and the fourth will do so in mid-2013.

I am confident that the Board is up to the task of steering The Foundation well as we embark on developing our next Strategic Plan for the post-2013 period.

My thanks to all members of the Board and its committees for their continued hard work and dedication to The Foundation. As volunteers, they play a vital role in ensuring The Foundation's continued success as we strive to end avoidable blindness and improve Indigenous health.

In particular, sincere thanks to our previous Chair, Les Fallick, who recently needed to step aside for personal reasons. Les has made a very significant contribution to the Foundation during his tenure as Chair. And he will continue to play a vibrant and influential role as a Director and source of counsel. Thanks Les.

The Foundation is well served by its staff in Australia and throughout the world. Often working in remote, difficult and sometimes dangerous places they give life to Fred's vision every day.

And of course thank you to all our supporters who, inspired by Fred, help make possible everything that The Foundation is able to achieve.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Robert R. Dalziel'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large loop at the end.

Robert R. Dalziel, **Acting Chairman**



Spotlight on Cambodia Lom Lun's story

Lom Lun, 74, had been blinded by cataract for three years and while his family worked in the rice fields, his grandson Yeang, eight, guided him everywhere. With cataracts the size of corn kernels, urgent surgery was needed. A day after the surgery, Lom Lun was able to see his grandson clearly. Lom Lun can now help in the rice fields and Yeang can play and attend school.

A man can see and his grandson can have a normal childhood thanks to a new eye hospital in Siem Reap constructed with your help. Thank you.

Message from the CEO Brian Doolan



In his determination to ensure no-one should go needlessly blind, Fred Hollows worked at many different levels. The red dirt on his boots from Bourke or Central Australia left a trail through major city teaching hospitals and research institutions, through the corridors of political power in Canberra and through the halls and offices of the World Health Organisation in Geneva.

In 2012 The Fred Hollows Foundation continued to expand our work on many different fronts. In our Indigenous Program and through our Country Programs we have worked to ensure the highest quality of training and treatments, the construction of clinics and the provision of equipment and consumables (which Fred called 'the tools of our trade'), and the development of systems and practices that ensure the highest possible standard of eye health is accessible to all. I think the results of those efforts in 2012 speak for themselves.

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In 2012 we also worked with our colleagues in the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness to support successful efforts to ensure the World Health Assembly develops a new Global Plan of Action to end avoidable blindness. We began the roll out of our global trachoma elimination activities in partnership with the International Coalition for Trachoma Control, which will see us providing treatments to many millions of people over the next ten years. We scaled up our own research capacity and together with PwC undertook an ambitious and groundbreaking study to identify the costs and benefits of the global elimination of avoidable blindness.

I believe we will look back on 2012 as a watershed year. It was our 20th anniversary and the year we moved from counting our sight saving interventions from hundreds of thousands to counting them in millions. It was a year of expanding important international partnerships such as with Sightsavers International based in the UK, and a year in which we enjoyed new record levels of support from the Australian people and the Australian Government.

And so we present our Annual Report for your consideration. Without you, without your actions and support, Fred's dream cannot be realised: a world in which no-one, regardless of who they are, where they live or what they can afford, should go needlessly blind.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Doolan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brian Doolan, **CEO**

Brian Doolan meets a woman from Cambodia whose life was changed after receiving cataract surgery.



New initiative – eliminating trachoma



Photo: Dominic Nahr/Magnum/Sightsavers

In Ethiopia, five-year-old Bigiltuu Kefeni is examined for trachoma.

Fred Hollows first came to the attention of the Australian public through his work on trachoma in remote Australia.

Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of blindness and accounts for about four per cent of all avoidable blindness. On average, one person is blinded by trachoma every 15 minutes. Blindness can be prevented by surgery to correct the turning in of the upper lid (trichiasis).

The infection and its transmission can be reduced with surgery, antibiotics, facial cleanliness and environmental change, which is known as the S.A.F.E strategy.

During 2012, The Foundation directly implemented trachoma elimination programs in Australia, Cambodia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Laos, Pakistan and Vietnam; and we supported work on programs in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, The Gambia, Ghana, Mali, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia through our partnership with Sightsavers.

We also coordinated a major survey into the prevalence of trachoma in the Oromia region of Ethiopia – an area covering 30 million people – as part of the worldwide trachoma study.

Spotlight on Ethiopia

The Foundation is playing a critical role in the elimination of trachoma by supporting a global survey to identify where people are living at risk from this blinding disease. The Foundation's surveys included Ethiopia. Trachoma is the second leading cause of blindness in Ethiopia after cataract and the country has the highest burden of the disease in the world.

As part of our wider commitment we provided crucial coordination of trachoma elimination efforts through the International Coalition for Trachoma Initiative. All in all, in 2012, around 7.6 million people have been treated as part of The Foundation's trachoma program.

“Every eye is an eye. When you are doing surgery there, that is just as important as if you were doing eye surgery on the prime minister or the king.

— Fred Hollows, 1992

Record results

Thanks to your continued support, The Foundation did great things in 2012, conducting over 8 million eye operations, treatments and procedures in conjunction with partners.

Thank you!

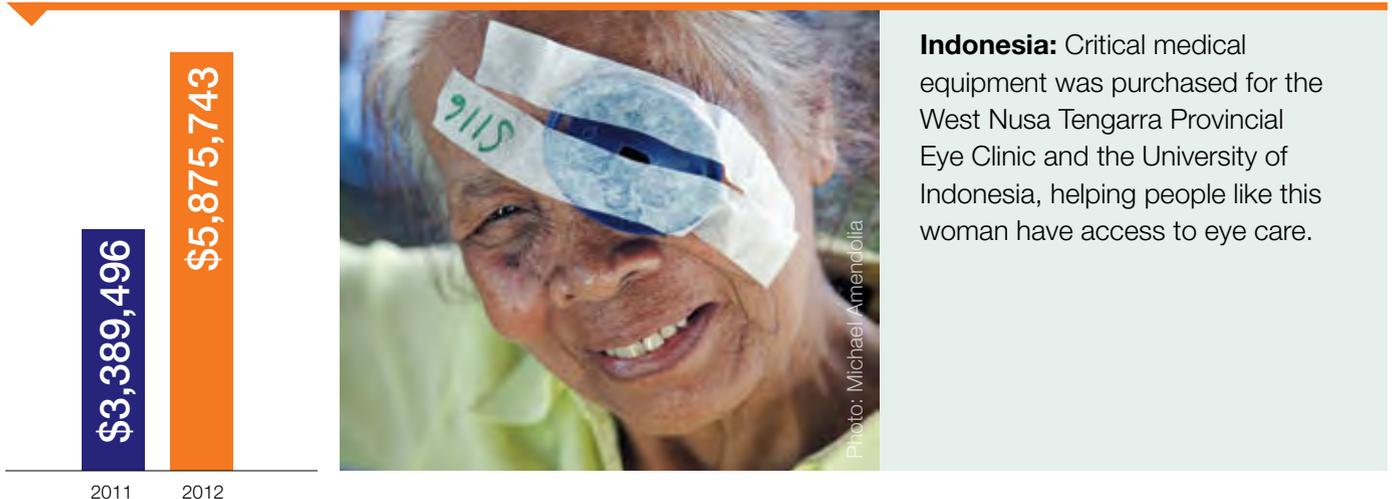
Eye operations and treatments



Screening

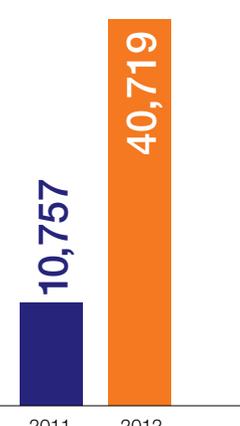


Equipment



This included **98,088** cataract surgeries, **306,827** other sight restoring procedures and we launched our trachoma initiative, which treated an extraordinary **7.6 million people**. Together we can and are working towards ending avoidable blindness.

Training



Year	Number of Trained Personnel
2011	10,757
2012	40,719

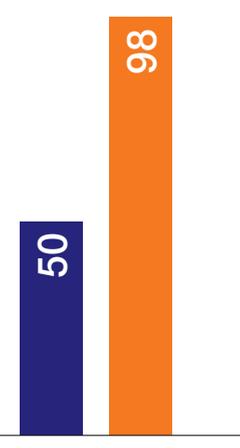
Photo: Sam Phelps



Pakistan: Essential training was undertaken at the Allied Hospital, Faisalabad, Punjab Province, Pakistan on March 1. In 2012, 11 surgeons and 93 support staff were trained in Pakistan.

174 surgeons trained, 40,545 eye health workers trained

Facilities built or upgraded



Year	Number of Facilities
2011	50
2012	98



Photo: Beibei Y

China: Kang, six, was the first child to be treated at the new ophthalmic centre in Taihe, Jiangxi. Previously there were no pediatric ophthalmologists working in the area and the closest service was about seven hours away by bus.

New initiative – eliminating trachoma



Year	Number of People Reached
2012	7,600,000



Photo: Dominic Nahr/Magnum/Sightsavers

Ethiopia: Five-year-old Bigiltuu Kefeni, and her family from a remote Ethiopian community were among the first of many millions to be examined by a specially trained ophthalmic nurse. The availability of water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in their village was also recorded, with all data captured on a smartphone.

Where we work Australia



Photo: Stephen Ellison

One of Fred's greatest legacies was his work with Indigenous Australians, like these children near Broome in the early 1990s.

Fred Hollows was passionate about improving the health and life expectancy of Aboriginal people in Australia. In 2012 The Foundation worked in partnership with Aboriginal people and their organisations to eliminate trachoma and avoidable blindness in remote Aboriginal communities. And we continued our efforts to improve health outcomes and to close the gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

Eye health

- Increased eye surgery rates for Aboriginal people from the remote Central Australia and Barkly regions by improving surgery scheduling and patient transport links with Alice Springs Hospital.
- Screened 511 people in remote Northern Territory communities and provided optometry services at 29 remote communities. This included 105 referrals to an Ophthalmologist; training of 89 clinic support staff and health workers; and 750 pairs of affordable spectacles dispensed.
- Funded an eye health nurse who coordinated 205 ophthalmology and optometry consultations for people living in the remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands of South Australia.
- Supported the employment and training of 14 Aboriginal Community Based Workers to support

the Trachoma Elimination Program in eight remote communities across the Northern Territory – helping increase participation in trachoma screening and treatment activities and an increased uptake of face washing amongst children.

Better eye care in Tennant Creek

In partnership with the Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, we have refurbished the first permanent eye health clinic for the people of Tennant Creek. This facility offers local residents access to optometrists, eye specialists, the trachoma team, diabetes education and affordable glasses in one location and also supports people who must have treatment at Tennant Creek Hospital.

Essential primary healthcare

- Continued to fund a medical officer and nurses to provide comprehensive health checks for adults and children from South Australia's APY Lands to tackle chronic disease. They performed 1,063 child growth checks resulting in children receiving regular reviews and assessments of ears, skin,

teeth and growth parameters, and nutritional advice for the carer.

- All Anangu children aged between 6 months and 6 years were fully immunised.

Leadership

- Supported the Close the Gap coalition to bring attention to the health issues facing Aboriginal Australians.
- Provided training to 78 Aboriginal people (including Aboriginal health professionals) so they can better speak out on their rights and contribute as leaders in their communities.

Young people

- Shellie Morris, Aboriginal musician and Foundation Ambassador, conducted music workshops in Yuendumu in the Northern Territory to educate local Aboriginal children about the prevention and treatment of trachoma.
- A cultural camp was conducted by senior Aboriginal women for 12 to 15-year-old girls from remote Northern Territory communities. The girls participated in an education and training program supporting healthier choices and outcomes.

Women's development

- The women of the Northern Territory's Jawoyn and surrounding country continue to have a strong voice through the Banatjarl Women's Council, developing areas of healing, mediation, leadership, governance, enterprise development, cross-cultural training and bush medicine.
- The Banatjarl Bush Tucker and Medicine Garden officially opened in October to grow and distribute bush medicine and foods, and train young people in these skills.

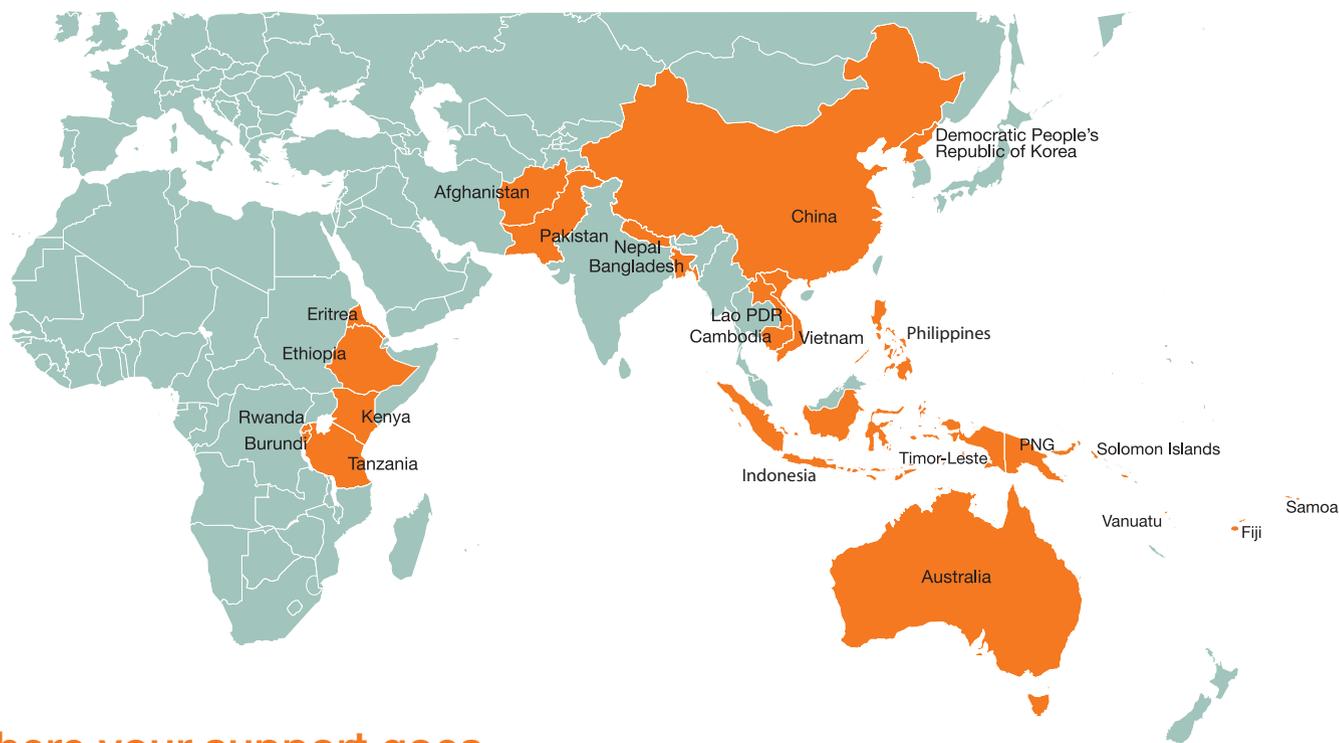
Eliminating trachoma in Indigenous communities

Australia is the only developed country where trachoma still exists. Forty years ago, Fred led the establishment of the National Trachoma and Eye Health Program, screening over 100,000 people and providing treatment for 27,000 Australians. Today, 14 Indigenous community-based workers supported by you are helping to increase treatment rates and screening in trachoma-endemic parts of the Northern Territory.

The Banatjarl Women's Council launching a garden as part of the Women's Development Project.



Where we work around the world



Where your support goes

Afghanistan

- Despite difficult security conditions The Foundation still delivered critical sight saving work.
- A plan was developed with the Ministry of Public Health to improve the training at Kabul Noor Eye Hospital.
- We supported 1,030 cataract operations and 244 other sight saving interventions.
- We screened 52,674 people for eye disease and a further 29,074 children through our school screening project.
- We trained 644 teachers to detect and refer eye diseases and trained another 71 community health workers in primary eye care.

Bangladesh

- Worked in 14 districts covering a population of 30 million people.
- Began work with the Ispahani Islamia Eye Hospital in the South to provide eye care services to an area which is prone to natural disasters and is home to very remote and poor communities.
- Renovated the Paediatric Eye Department at the National Institute of Ophthalmology to create a friendly environment for children undergoing surgery. School children from inner city slum areas and rural districts were also screened, provided with glasses and sponsored for cataract surgery.

- Entered a partnership with the Diabetes Association of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Institute of Research and Rehabilitation for Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders to address the emerging public health area of diabetic retinopathy. Initial activities included training and provision of equipment.
- Provided services for the most vulnerable and marginalised communities including women, ethnic minorities and manual labourers through outreach microsurgical eye camps in cities and remote areas.
- Conducted training of over 180 professionals who then passed skills onto more than 13,500 community leaders to share messages of basic eye health.
- Over 1,800 government community health workers were trained in primary eye care which enabled them to include eye health in their public health services.

Bangladesh: Women's eye care

To coincide with International Women's Day, our health workers visited remote and poor Bangladeshi communities, providing eye care for women who live hundreds of kilometres from services.

Burundi

- A new program was commenced in the North Region to build health facilities. The program will provide care to more than 1.2 million people.
- Renovation on the Ngozi Hospital was completed in December. This facility now contains an optical shop, pharmacy, fully equipped stock room and optometric technician rooms.

Cambodia

- An innovative eye health education program for primary school children was developed in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport to address the causes of avoidable blindness. It included training 1,708 school teachers and 89 trainers in eye health.
- The first Small Incision Cataract Surgery Course was established at the Siem Reap Regional Eye Hospital.
- The Urban Poor Vision Care Project was established to provide eye care in poor urban communities covering a population of 200,000 people.
- Successfully developed and supported the National Guidelines for Surgical Eye Camps and the National Treatment Guidelines for all eye conditions.
- Support for Ophthalmology Residency Training through the University of Health Sciences continued with four doctors completing training.
- Five ophthalmologists travelled to Nepal for training in small incision cataract surgery.

China

- New Vision Centres were launched in Lancang County Hospital (Yunnan Province) and Nanjiang County Hospital (Jiangsu Province).
- Vision 2020 Training Workshop was held in collaboration with the Ministry of Health.
- The first China Program Annual Meeting involving all local program partners was held.
- On China's National Vision Day (6th June), Pengze, Poyang and Taihe hospitals conducted advocacy activities designed by The Foundation to promote quality of eye care services and increase awareness of public eye health.
- A Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness survey in Yunnan province was completed. It identified a large percentage of blindness is avoidable in Lancang County (85.9 per cent) and Jianchuan County (70 per cent) with the prevalence of blindness in females twice that of males.
- Primary eye care training for community health workers was provided in two partner hospitals along with large scale community screening.

Cambodia: New hospital in Siem Reap

Eye surgeon, Dr. Kong Sunly, who was trained by The Foundation-supported Ophthalmology Residency Training Program, says the main barriers to cataract surgery in Siem Reap are poverty, awareness and fear. The new Siem Reap Eye Hospital, built with your support, has allowed an increase in the number of patients seen each day and provides training and treatment.

Hnoc Ouk, 33, from Prey Chhouk, came to Siem Reap Regional Eye Hospital to have his dense cataract treated. He can now look after his family.



Where we work around the world



Photo: Hugh Rutherford

Michael (left) is one of many children who can now see as a result of The Foundation's work in Eritrea.

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

- Provided 4,000 intraocular lenses and over \$50,000 worth of equipment for cataract surgery in hospitals and outreach camps in rural areas.
- Two doctors from DPRK travelled to Nepal for training in small incision cataract surgery.

Eritrea

- Trachoma prevalence surveys were conducted in three zones and a second round of antibiotics was distributed in eight districts, providing treatment to 382,705 people.
- Continued to support the provision of quality eye care throughout Eritrea.

Ethiopia

- Supported the development of a National Trachoma Action Plan to guide interventions for the next five years.
- Conducted a study into the prevalence of trachoma.
- A five-year strategy was developed for our Ethiopia Country Program.

Indonesia

- Four medical teams underwent surgical training in Nepal for modern small incision cataract surgery.

- Supported large-scale eye care advocacy activity in North Sumatra attended by over 1,000 people.
- Vital medical equipment was purchased for distribution to the West Nusa Tenggara Provincial Eye Clinic and the University of Indonesia.

Kenya

- Began construction of a new referral Eye Unit at Migori District Hospital to serve almost one million people.
- The trachoma program doubled its surgeries and Azithromycin was distributed to 82.7 per cent of the population in target districts.
- Two trachoma surveys were undertaken in Makueni and Koibatek districts, completing mapping for the country.

Lao PDR

- A new engagement with the National Ophthalmology Centre will significantly enhance the impact of the Lao program.
- Provided four Provincial Eye Units in Northern Lao with mobile eye surgical equipment and other essential equipment.
- The first training for ophthalmic nurses from the four northern provinces provided by local trainers.

- A communication strategy for eye health education messages was developed with partners to tackle barriers including fear, lack of awareness and knowledge of eye health problems.
- Eye care education and awareness materials were developed with a local artist, tested amongst ethnic minority groups and developed for national use.

Nepal

- The Foundation continues its partnership with the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology – providing world class eye care and training.
- Dr Sanduk Ruit continues as one of the great figures in international medicine and development.
- Eye health clinical and management training provided for ophthalmologists, theatre nurses, community eye centre staff, primary health care workers and community health volunteers.
- New programming implemented to address the increasing number of cases of diabetic retinopathy related blindness.
- Education and awareness workshops were held for community leaders and a Cornea Donation Network Forum was established.
- Seven outreach microsurgical eye camps resulted in 10,574 patients examined and 987 surgeries.

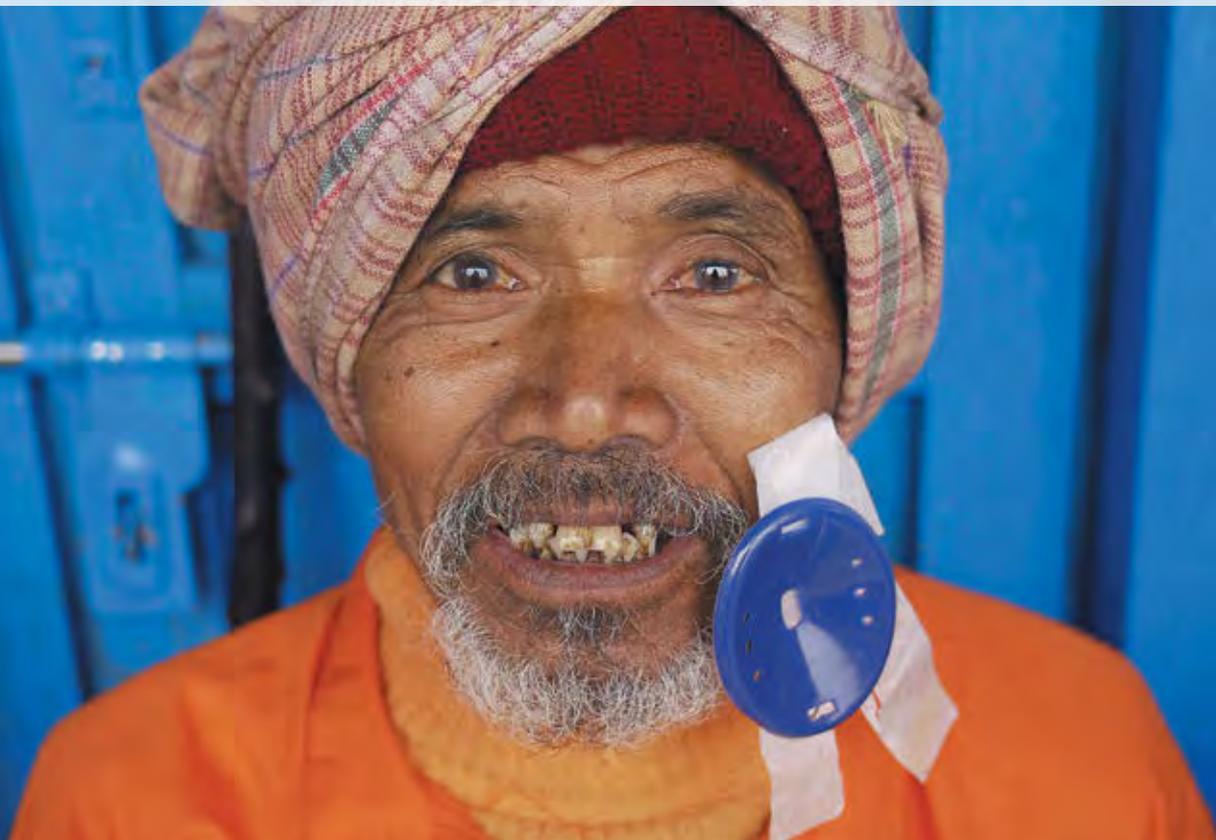
Honouring Dr Sanduk Ruit

Dr Sanduk Ruit has been honoured for his outstanding leadership in ophthalmology, receiving the Arthur Lim Award in South Korea. Dr Ruit is the Medical Director of The Foundation-supported Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology in Nepal. He has carried out over 120,000 cataract operations and is responsible for training eye surgeons across the world. A close friend of Fred Hollows, he worked with Fred to refine surgical methods used for removing cataract—a major cause of avoidable blindness.



Photo: Michael Amendolia
Professor Fred Hollows with Dr Sanduk Ruit.

Patient after a sight restoring operation at an Eye Camp in Nepal in February 2012.



Where we work around the world



Photo: Michael Bradley

These three women had their sight restored during a surgical outreach in the Solomon Islands. “Now we can walk alone!”

Pacific Region

The Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand works to restore sight and train eye health workers in the Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

- 34,728 visits were made and 2,345 sight-restoring surgeries performed in clinics in Suva (Fiji), Madang and Kimbe (Papua New Guinea), and Dili (Timor-Leste).
- 11,458 people were screened and 1,902 sight-restoring surgeries were performed by surgical outreach teams sent to remote areas of the Pacific to provide cataract operations in places where surgery is not available.
- 12,874 pairs of spectacles were distributed to people with low vision and 27 local eye health workers were trained.
- A new diabetes eye clinic was opened at the Pacific Eye Institute in Suva.
- Worked with the University of Auckland to fund two research scholarships and a Fred Hollows Clinical Research Fellow in Ophthalmology.

Pakistan

- Eye health projects were delivered despite challenging security conditions.
- The first paediatric and vitro-retinal ophthalmologists in the public sector in Baluchistan were trained through fellowships.
- The Foundation collaborated with partners and participated in the National Steering Committee and Provincial Prevention of Blindness board meetings – ensuring better coordination of ophthalmic services throughout Pakistan.
- 233,196 people were screened, 19,330 cataract operations and 11,118 other sight saving interventions were performed, and 11 surgeons and 93 support staff were trained.
- Through Lady Health Workers, two remote community projects to screen for diabetes and eye disease in young children were initiated.
- Over 3,000 spectacles were distributed through the school eye health program, over 150,000 children were screened in remote and underprivileged districts and 2,691 teachers were trained in basic eye health.
- Worked with district and provincial health authorities to introduce compulsory eye disease screening for children at the time of admission in schools.

Tanzania: A student's story

"I managed to operate on many patients' cataracts, glaucoma and other minor cases. Without this program I am sure my surgical competence would be low."

Dr. Alex Nyemazi on attending an outreach camp run by The Foundation through the Muhimbili University.

Rwanda

- Existing eye care projects expanded to Zones 5 and 6 of the Western Province and now provides support to eight hospitals serving around 2 million people.
- Worked with the Technical Working Group for Eye Health to advocate substantial changes to essential drug policy to the Ministry of Health, resulting in more accessible medicine for eye treatment.
- Supported the development of a new Primary Eye Care curriculum, validated by the Ministry of Health for a national roll out.

Tanzania

- Supported Muhimbili University in four outreach camps to provide high volume surgical training to ophthalmology residents.
- Ran the Management Training for Eye Care Program for the Kilimanjaro Centre of Community Ophthalmology. A total of 18 participants attended from Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan, Ghana, Burundi and Kenya.

The Philippines

- The project focus is to support a public eye care facility utilising public private partnership arrangements and national advocacy.

Timor-Leste

- Supported a new national eye centre in Dili – opened by the then-President José Ramos-Horta and Gabi Hollows.

Vietnam

- Expanded our work into five new provinces.
- Seven eye care facilities at the district level were upgraded.
- The new Hue Eye Hospital opened, providing eye care services for six provinces.
- National ophthalmology training textbooks developed and launched, helping complete Vietnam's national eye care education system.
- Awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Vietnam Ophthalmology Association for our contribution to blindness prevention in Vietnam.
- Cataract surgery rates in most provinces increased and software to monitor the quality of cataract surgeries was developed and introduced.

Vietnam: New eye hospital

A desperately needed new eye hospital opened in Hue thanks to you. It will service a population of over a million people and treats up to 300 patients every day.

A woman receives an eye examination at the Allied Hospital in Faisalabad in Pakistan.



2012 Highlights saving and restoring sight

Advocacy

The Foundation led global advocacy efforts for the World Health Organization to develop a new Global Action Plan to Eliminate Avoidable Blindness.

Better Vision, Healthy Ageing

The Foundation collaborated with the Burnet Institute in a research program to address eye health for older people in low income countries. Over the next three years The Foundation will support The Burnet Institute to work with Government and NGOs in Sri Lanka to improve vision, health and wellbeing as a model for better vision and healthy ageing in Asia.

Emergency eye care for Afghan children

The Foundation is helping provide emergency eye care to children of Afghanistan injured during February protests. Shabnam, a 15-year-old girl from Kabul, lost the sight in her right eye when hit by a stray bullet from a passing protester while hanging washing on her roof. She was treated in the Foundation-supported Paediatric Unit of Hayatabad Medical Complex in Peshawar, Pakistan – just a few hours from the Afghan border.

Innovation

Tele-retinal imaging

Early detection of diabetic retinopathy is in progress for Indigenous people living in remote locations using the emerging tele-retinal imaging technology. In 2012 Aboriginal-controlled Community Health Organisations in Katherine, East Arnhem Land and Alice Springs joined in the collaboration.

Solar-powered ophthalmoscope

Work began in 2011 on a low-cost solar powered ophthalmoscope called the Arclight and it was demonstrated at the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness General Assembly in Hyderabad, India.

The device is undergoing the final stages of development in preparation for distribution in the developing world. It is expected to be a breakthrough device as an easy-to-use diagnostic aid.

The Fred Hollows Foundation Fellowship

A Fellowship was awarded providing opportunity for an Australian junior doctor to experience six months of ophthalmology training in Indigenous communities of Central Australia and Fiji.



Photo: Sam Phelps

2012 Highlights research and training

Fellowships in South Asia

The Foundation joined with the International College of Ophthalmology to expand the number of sub-specialty fellowships available to ophthalmologists from countries across South Asia.

Ophthalmic subspecialty training in South Asia

The South Asian Region (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) is home to more than 100 million visually impaired people. An assessment was undertaken to evaluate the current status of ophthalmic education and the capacity and need for sub-specialist training for eye health professionals. It highlighted recommendations to improve the skills of the eye health workforce.

International Ophthalmology development

The Foundation partnered with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists to establish an International Ophthalmology Development Register, which will provide greater exchange of ophthalmic training and employment opportunities between developed and developing countries.

Investing in vision

The Foundation commissioned PwC to calculate the cost and benefits of eliminating avoidable blindness.

The report provides compelling evidence that only US\$2.20 per capita each year for ten years is needed to eliminate avoidable blindness in the developing world. Economic benefits outweigh these costs by 4 to 1.

Microfinance and eye health

In 2008 The Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology initiated a project funded by The Foundation to work with women's micro-finance programs to improve awareness and uptake of eye care services in Africa. Two papers presenting the results of this project were completed in 2012.

Combating diabetes vision loss

Thanks to your support, The Foundation has entered into a partnership with researchers to reduce diabetes related blindness and combat chronic disease amongst Indigenous Australians. 'TEAMSnet' will use internet and mobile technologies to provide accurate, low cost eye exams as well as diabetic and heart care to Indigenous Australians.

After her operation, Vo Thi Sao, 81 from Vietnam's Binh Dinh Province can now look after herself without assistance.



Values in action

Photo: Sam Phelps



Two-year-old Suleman received treatment at the Foundation-funded Ophthalmology ward at Hayatabad Medical Complex, Peshawar, Pakistan.

Fred Hollows was a dedicated humanitarian and egalitarian. As an avid hiker he loved the outdoors and truly valued the environment. Inspired by Fred's spirit, The Foundation is committed to fostering fair, diverse and sustainable workplace practices.

Environment

An Environmental Engineer volunteered her services to compile a report on The Foundation's greenhouse gas emissions. This information will enable us to set achievable goals and report against our objectives to effectively reduce our carbon footprint.

Energy consumption

In 2012 the Sydney office again received a 5 Star energy rating for a Green Office Environmental Assessment, and the Darwin office also received 4 Stars. The accredited ratings represent The Foundation's operational performance based on the amount of energy and water used as well as the amount of waste we produce.

Since 2010 The Foundation has supported an Australia-wide CitySwitch Green Office program, which assists office tenants in increasing their energy efficiency. The initiative brings businesses together to work collectively in reducing the overall greenhouse gas emissions produced by Australia. The Foundation is pleased to be a signatory of the program, continuing to work in reducing our overall impact on the environment.

Reconciliation

The Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group in 2012:

- Celebrated Indigenous culture and promoted cultural awareness to staff;
- Supported Indigenous campaigns and events including 'Close the Gap' and NAIDOC week;
- The Foundation supported the Australian Human Rights Commission's campaign, "Racism. It Stops With Me"; and
- Employed an Indigenous trainee in the Sydney office.

Evaluations and lessons learnt

Activity reviews and evaluations are an important element of the program management cycle at The Foundation. These reviews identify lessons learned that The Foundation, partners and other key stakeholders use to continually improve our activities and plan for future work. They also provide an opportunity to celebrate success, and the progress we are making towards achieving our goals.

In 2012, The Foundation commissioned independent evaluations of four projects in Vietnam, one in China and one in Eritrea. These reviews found that significant progress had been made in establishing successful eye care services, and identified critical success factors and recommendations to drive our programming forward in each country.

A young girl with short dark hair, wearing a bright pink hoodie, is smiling and holding the hand of a man. The man is looking up at her with a joyful expression. They are outdoors in a natural, slightly blurred background.

Spotlight on Kenya Joy's story

Four-year-old Joy was born with cataracts in both eyes. While her mother completed her education, Joy lived with her grandparents and although her family is extremely poor, she is happy, independent and loves playing in the sun. But its intense light was all she could see. Just a few days after surgery Joy was reunited with her mother and will now one day be able to attend school.

Thanks to your generosity, Joy gained her sight and the chance to have a normal childhood.



Photo: Peter Solness

20 years of restoring sight

In September 2012 The Fred Hollows Foundation celebrated 20 years since being established by Fred and his friends. Today we work in 19 countries. Since 1992 almost a quarter of a million Australians and over 10,000 Australian organisations have supported Fred's work. Thank you for making Fred's vision an incredible legacy.



Photo: Khem Gurung



Photo: Sam Phelps



Photo: Ray Avery



Photo: Hugh Rutherford



Photo: Brian Doolan



Photo: Hugh Rutherford



Photo: Penny Bradfield

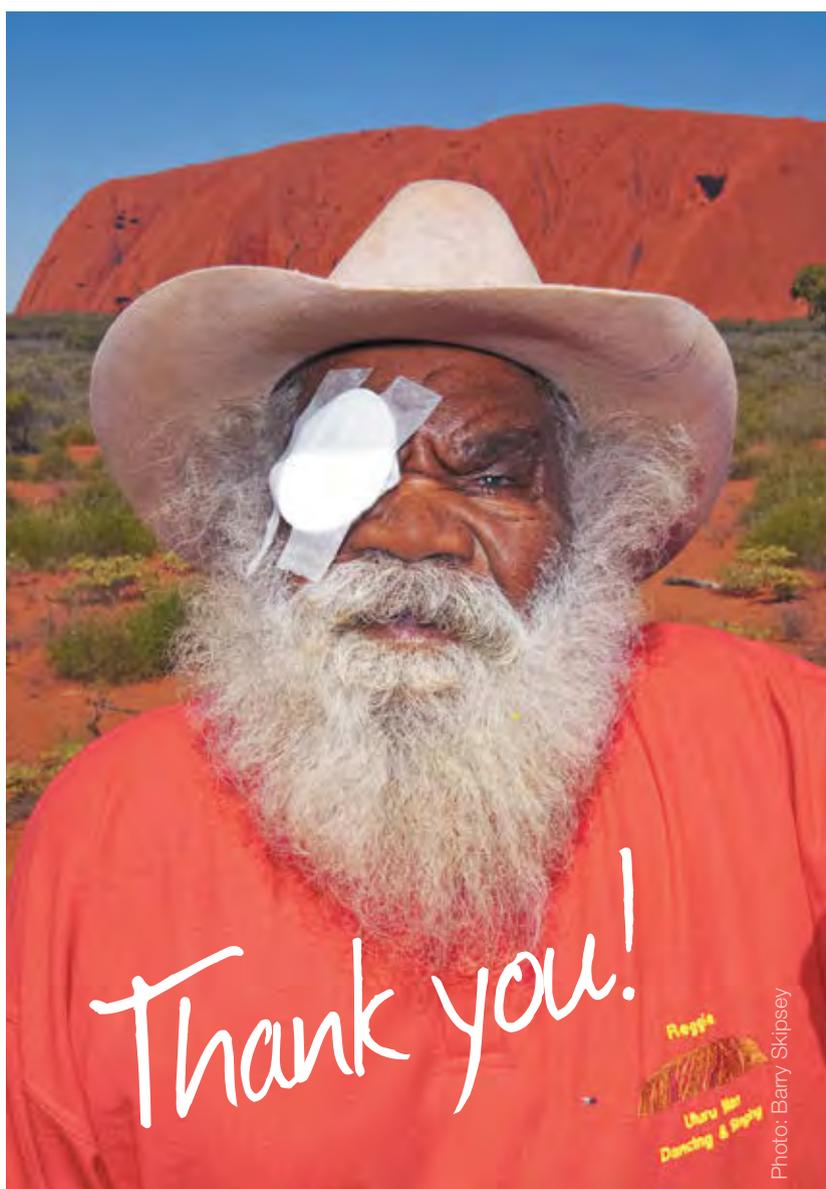


Photo: Barry Skipsey

Our partners

The Fred Hollows Foundation could not achieve all that it does without the efforts of other like-minded partners. To these partners we would like to say thank you for your exceptional efforts in 2012.

Afghanistan

Ministry of Public Health, HealthNet, Kabul Noor Eye Hospital, Human Concern International.

Australia

Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory, Aboriginal Peak Organisation Northern Territory, Australia Council for International Development, Alice Springs Hospital, Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Australian Government, Australian Human Rights Commission, Boab Health Services, Brien Holden Vision Institute, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, Danila Dilba Health Service, Diplomacy Training Program UNSW, Flinders University, Healing Foundation, Indigenous Literacy Foundation, Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation, Jimmy Little Foundation, Katherine Regional Aboriginal Health and Related Services, Katherine West Health Board, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council, Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, Menzies School of Health Research, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, Nganampa Health Council, Northern Territory Government, Outback Eye Service, Prince of Wales Hospital, Queensland Health, RACS, RANZCO, Roper Gulf Shire Council, Royal Darwin Hospital, Sunrise Health Service, The Black Arm Band Company, Vision 2020 Australia, Wurli Wurlinjang Aboriginal Health Service.

Bangladesh

Bangladesh Institute of Research and Rehabilitation in Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders, Bangladesh National Institute of Ophthalmology and Hospital, Child Sight Foundation, Government of Bangladesh National Eye Care, Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital.

Burundi

Ministry of Public Health and HIV/AIDS; Ngozi District Hospital; Kayanza District Hospital.

Cambodia

Association of the Blind in Cambodia, Cambodia Development Mission for Disability, Brien Holden Vision Institute, Family Health Development, World Vision, Krusar Thmey Blind Schools, Ministry of Health, National Program for Eye Health, Provincial Departments of Health and Hospitals in Kandal, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom, Oddor Meanchey, Pailin, Preah Vihear, Prey Veng, Siem Reap and Sihanoukville; Phnom Penh Hospital, Phnom Penh Municipality, Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, Preah Ang Doung Hospital, Ministry of Education Youth and Sports, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists, University of Health Sciences of Cambodia.

China

Anyuan County People's Hospital, Ningdu County People's Hospital, Pengze County People's Hospital, Poyang County People's Hospital, Taihe County People's Hospital, Xingan County People's Hospital, Chengdu Bright Eye Hospital, People's Hospital of Dechang County, People's Hospital of Mianning County, People's Hospital of Nanjiang County, Inner Mongolia Red Cross Chaoju Eye Hospital, Tuoketuo County Hospital, Jianchuan County Hospital, Lancang County Hospital, Wuchuan County Hospital, Shangdu County Hospital, Lanzhou Bright Eye Hospital, Gaolan County Hospital, No.3 People's Hospital of Liangzhou District – Wuwei City, No.1 People's Hospital of Wudu District – Longnan City.

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology.

Eritrea

Ministry of Health of the State of Eritrea.

Ethopia

Light for the World; Amhara Regional Health Bureau, Oromia Regional Health Bureau, International Trachoma Initiative.

Our partners

Indonesia

The Indonesian Central Ministry of Health, Provincial Governments' of West Nusa Tenggara (NTB), South Sulawesi and Bengkulu; TB Silalahi Foundation; The Indonesian Ophthalmologists Association (Perdami).

Kenya

Ministry of Health, Kenya; Kenya Medical Training College; Homa Bay, Kabarnet, Migori, Nakuru, Kitale, Samburu, and Lodwar District Hospitals; Loresho Hospital, Sabatia Eye Hospital; College of Ophthalmology of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa.

Lao DPR

Ministry of Health of Lao PDR, National Ophthalmology Centre, Provincial Departments of Health and Hospitals in Oudomxay, Luang Namtha, Phongsaly and Bokeo.

Nepal

The Social Welfare Council, Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology.

Pakistan

Al-Ibrahim Eye Hospital, Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, College of Ophthalmology and Allied Vision Sciences, Comprehensive Eye Care Cells in Punjab, Balochistan, Sindh and KPK (Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa); Khyber Eye Foundation – Peshawar, Leyton Rahmatullah Benevolent Trust, Ministry of Health, Pakistan Institute of Community Ophthalmology, Provincial Departments of Health in Punjab, Balochistan, Sindh and KPK (Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa).

Rwanda

Ministry of Health, Rwanda; Gisenyi, Kabaya, Muhororo, Shyira, Kibuye, Kilinda, Mugonero and Murunda District Hospitals; Kigali Health Institute.

Sri Lanka

Burnet Institute, The Palm Foundation, Plantation Human Development Fund, Sarvodaya, Berendina and Kandy Centre for Sight, Government of Sri Lanka, College of Ophthalmologists Sri Lanka.

Tanzania

Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology, Muhimbili University of Health Allied Sciences.

Timor-Leste

The Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand, The Timor-Leste Ministry of Health's Eye Health Unit, Fo Naroman Timor-Leste, The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Vietnam

Ministry of Health, PACCOM (People's Aid Coordinating Committee), Provincial People's Committee and Department of Health in all provinces in which we work, Vietnam National Institute of Ophthalmology (VNIO).

Global Partnerships

Australian Government, Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, Banskott Consulting Ltd, Burnet Institute, Control Risks, International Agency for Prevention of Blindness, International Centre for Eye Health, International Centre for Eye Health (UK), International Coalition for Trachoma Control (ICTC), International Council of Ophthalmology, International Trachoma Initiative (ITI), Light for the World, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, ORBIS, Pacific Eye Institute, PwC, Quantum Catch, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists, Sightsavers International, South Asian Association for Cooperation – Academy of Ophthalmology, Telehealth and Associated Medical Services Network (TEAMSnet), The Centre for Eye Research Australia, The George Institute for Global Health, The Task Force for Global Health, The University of Melbourne.

A child is screened for vision impairment at Jianchuan County vision centre in China.



Thank you



Photo: Hanh Tran

Thanks to you, The Foundation is celebrating 20 years of helping eliminate avoidable blindness in Vietnam.

It is only because of the generosity of our supporters that we can take on the challenges that Fred set.

Our supporters

Our donors are individuals, families, volunteers, corporations, workplaces and community organisations. Every donation helps restore independence and dignity to people in need and to their families and communities. That's because \$25 is all it takes to restore sight in some of the countries where we work.

Over three in every four dollars raised by The Foundation comes from individual Australians – people committed to making Fred's dream a reality. To everyone who supported us in 2012 – thank you. Together we can restore sight and change lives.

Bequests – a lasting impact

Fred always encouraged people to “leave the world a better place”. And the world is a better place because of the generosity of the many people who left The Foundation a gift in their will in 2012. While we are rarely able to thank the giver personally, we believe that the use of their gift is a living memorial that transforms lives.

If you are a friend or family member of someone who gave such an important gift, The Foundation wishes to say a heartfelt thank you.

For more information visit www.hollows.org.au or phone 1800 352 352.



Australian Government
AusAID



Australian Government

The Australian Government's strategy *Development for All: Towards a disability-inclusive Australian aid program 2009 – 2014*, is designed to ensure that people with disability are comprehensively included and supported in all aspects of the aid program.

The Foundation received valuable support from the Australian Government through the Avoidable Blindness Initiative and other programs through the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

Monthly giving: Miracle Club

Fred was a man of action and the decision of thousands of Australians to make monthly gifts through The Foundation's Miracle Club continued to make a real difference in 2012.

Because of you we were able to carry on Fred's work to end avoidable blindness. Your monthly gifts helped restore sight to those living in darkness.

But despite all that has been achieved, there is still so much to be done. Four out of five people who are blind don't need to be.

People who join the Miracle Club make a monthly gift to The Foundation. In many countries sight can be restored for as little as \$25 through an operation that takes around 20 minutes.

Thank you to our Miracle Club members. You have made a powerful commitment that is changing lives, opening the eyes of the blind around the world and offering opportunity in Australia's outback Indigenous communities.

Our supporters 2012

ABC

Agility Logistics

Allens

Atlantic Philanthropies

Blackwoods

Ernst & Young

G. W. Vowell Foundation

Get 2020 Alliance

Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers

Himalayan Cataract Project (USA)

JBHiFi

JCDecaux

Jetmaster

LaserVision SA

Macquarie Group

PwC

QANTAS Foundation

Rotary clubs of Australia

SBS

Specsavers

Standard Chartered Bank

Stiftung Nord-Sud

The Miller Foundation

Veda Advantage

Wild Women on Top

World Nomads/Footprints

Coastrek to save sight

Teams of trekkers led by the adventure fitness group, Wild Women On Top, completed a 100 or 50 kilometre walk of Sydney's coastline to raise money for The Foundation. Held over two days in March, the 2012 Coastrek event raised over \$1.2 million towards supporting The Foundation's vital work.

Young Indigenous boys washing their faces – The Foundation promotes the S.A.F.E. strategy to eradicate trachoma.



Governance

The Board of Directors

The Foundation is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee and governed by a voluntary Board. In 2012 there were 10 directors for the first half of the year and nine in the second half. Most of the Directors (including the office bearers) are directly elected by members at the Annual General Meeting.

Up to one-third may be appointed by the Board itself. In 2012 there was one appointed Director from The Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand.

With the exception of Gabi Hollows who occupies a special position as 'Founding Director' and has the right to lifetime membership, Directors are elected or appointed for three-year terms and The Foundation's Constitution sets limits on the maximum consecutive period people may serve on the Board.

The role of the Board

The Board is the trustee of the founding spirit and vision of The Foundation, and responsible for its good governance. It operates in accordance with principles and practices set out in its Corporate Governance Charter which is available on the website. The Board meets at least quarterly and:

- sets strategic directions and policies;
- approves and monitors budgets, and ensures appropriate financial and risk management strategies;
- oversees and protects the broader resource base of the organisation;
- ensures compliance with relevant standards, regulations and reporting requirements;
- provides accountability to members and stakeholders; and
- appoints, supports and monitors the performance of the CEO who is charged with the executive management of The Foundation.

During 2011, the Board initiated an independent review of its operations and used the findings in 2012 to strengthen its effectiveness.

Committees

The Board has established four committees, which report directly to it.

- Two of these committees support specific elements of the Board's governance responsibilities – the Governance and Nominations Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Two provide strategic advice to the Board on program development – the Medical Advisory Committee and the Program Advisory Committee.

In addition, there are fundraising committees in Melbourne and Brisbane that assist with community promotion of The Foundation and fundraising. These committees report to Management.

Members

The Foundation is a membership-based organisation. The goal is to have a diverse membership to reflect the democratic spirit of Fred who attracted the support of people from all walks of life. Our members are generous in sharing their wide range of skills and experience with the Board and staff. They form the inner circle of The Foundation's family. The Corporate Governance Charter requires Directors to acknowledge the special trust placed in them by members and their right to hold the Board to account.

The Foundation has helped open a new eye centre in the Yunnan province of China focused on preventing vision loss in children.



Photo: Beibei Yi



Photo: Yi Belbei

Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Gabi Hollows at the launch of the 20th anniversary book 'In Fred's Footsteps – 20 Years of Restoring Sight' at Parliament House, Canberra.

Management and staff

At the end of 2012, The Foundation had 206 paid staff, including 100 in-country staff based in our 11 overseas offices. During the year around 35 people were regular volunteers in the six offices in Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Darwin, Katherine, and Alice Springs), and many more gave valuable help on an as-needs basis.

As of December 2012, the Executive Management Group was comprised of: Brian Doolan – CEO; Betty Hounslow – Deputy CEO & Director of Governance and Planning; David Britton – Director of Public Affairs; Ram Neupane – Director of Business Operations; Lesley Podesta – Director Global Partnerships; Virginia Sarah – Director of Strategic Initiatives; Shelley Tate – Director of People and Organisational Development; and Tom White – Director of Programs.

Representation and links with other bodies

The Foundation is:

- Represented by the CEO on the Board of Trustees of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.
- A partner in 'VISION 2020: The Right to Sight' – a global partnership between the IAPB and the World Health Organization with the goal of eradicating all forms of avoidable blindness by the year 2020.
- A member of Vision 2020 Australia.
- A member of the Australian Council for International Development, the national peak body of international development NGOs, and a signatory to its Code of Conduct.
- A member and the prime contract holder of the Vision 2020 Australia Global Consortium, an unincorporated joint venture of nine Australian eye health agencies that work internationally.
- A signatory and supporter of the Make Poverty History campaign which aims to achieve the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals by 2015.
- A member of the Steering Committee for the Close the Gap campaign, which aims to overcome the difference in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.
- Signatory of the National Anti-Racism Strategy.

Board of Directors AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012



Les Fallick – Chair

Les was elected to the Board as Chair in 2010. An economist, Les has worked in government, the private sector, tertiary education and the union movement, and has authored two books. He is the

Founder and Director of Principle Advisory Services Pty Ltd and a Director of Infrastructure Capital Group, Continuity Capital and Clearview Pty Ltd. Les also has considerable experience in the not-for-profit sector – including as past Chairman of the Carbon Advisory Board for Greening Australia. He is chair of the Governance and Nominations Committee.



Graham Skeates – Honorary Treasurer

Graham has been involved with The Foundation since its inception and joined the Board as Treasurer in 2010, bringing almost 40 years experience in the accounting

profession and financial services industry. He helped launch the Financial Services Accountants Association of Australia, and was its inaugural president. Graham chairs the Finance and Audit Committee.



Michael Johnson – Deputy Chair

Michael has been involved with The Foundation from the beginning and a member of the Board since its establishment in 1992. An Associate Professor in the School

of Social Science and International Studies at the University of NSW, Michael specialises in development studies and public sector economics. He is a member of the Governance and Nominations Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee.



Robert R. Dalziel

First elected to the Board in 2004, Bob has over 40 years experience in retail, logistics, travel, marketing, telecommunications and the health care industry. He is the Chairman of Dacland Management, Deputy

Chairman of the Melbourne Rebels Rugby Union Ltd. and Director of Wine Preserva. Bob is a member of the Governance and Nominations Committee and the Victorian Fundraising Committee.



Sarah Elliott – Honorary Secretary

Sarah has served on the Board since 2005, having previously worked at The Foundation in the International Programs team. She is now a Principal Policy Analyst with

the Department of Human Services, Housing NSW and holds a Masters of Social Work and Social Policy. Sarah chairs the Program Advisory Committee and is a member of the Finance and Audit Committee.



Gabi Hollows

Gabi is the Founding Director and has served on the Board since its establishment. She graduated as an orthoptist in 1972 and travelled with Fred Hollows for three years on the National Trachoma and

Eye Health Program. Gabi married Fred in 1980 and together they had five children. Gabi has been declared one of Australia's '100 Living National Treasures' and has an Advance Australia Award (Community Service) and a Centenary Award from the Australian Government. Gabi is the Patron of The Foundation's Miracle Club and undertakes extensive speaking engagements for The Foundation.



Brent Impey

Brent Impey is on the board of The Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand. A leading media executive in New Zealand for many years, Brent has held numerous roles including as CEO of MediaWorks

NZ Ltd. Prior to this Brent practiced as a lawyer for 15 years, specialising in media law.



Jamie La Nauze

Jamie joined the Board in 2010. He trained as an ophthalmic surgeon in Melbourne and Cambridge (UK), and has a Masters in Clinical Epidemiology. He is a fellow of the Royal Australian and

New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists, has written numerous papers on eye health, and contributed to a book on The Foundation's work. Jamie's association with The Foundation goes back to its beginnings when he was part of the inaugural Medical Directorate developing surgical skills through workshops in Vietnam, Cambodia and China. He chairs the Medical Advisory Committee.



Paul Torzillo

Paul joined the Board in 2012 bringing over 30 years experience in Aboriginal and international health. He is Medical Director of the Nganampa Health Council in South Australia, and Head of Respiratory

Medicine and a senior intensive care physician at the Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital in Sydney. Paul also acts as RPA's Executive Clinical Director, is Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Sydney and Clinical Director of critical care services for the Sydney Local Area Health District.

The Board sincerely thanks the three Directors who resigned during the year:

- Howard Davies
- Peter Hearl
- Stephanie Young

Their valuable contribution to the work of the Board and The Foundation is greatly appreciated.

The Board also thanks a number of non-Directors who generously contributed their expertise to its Committees during the year:

- Christine Hawkins – Finance and Audit Committee
- Jo Thomson and Kate Gilbert – Program Advisory Committee
- Dr Sanduk Ruit, Dr David Moran, Dr Stephanie Young and Dr Katherine Smallcombe – Medical Advisory Committee

The full Directors' Report for 2012 is available on The Foundation's website www.hollows.org.au or upon request by emailing fred@hollows.org or phoning **02 8741 1900**.

“ The thing I would really like to be remembered for is getting the means to manufacture the things necessary to restore sight surgically in the Third World.

— Fred Hollows, 1991



Financial overview



An independent audit of The Fred Hollows Foundation's financial accounts for 2012 was conducted by:

Nigel Stevenson (Partner)

Ernst and Young
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The Summary Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance available at www.acfid.asn.au. The full Financial Report can be obtained at www.hollows.org.au/about-us/annual-reports



“What we are doing is revolutionary... We are giving people the chance to help themselves. We are giving them independence.”
— Fred Hollows, 1992

Financial overview

For the year ended 31 December 2012

(All figures in Australian dollars)

Where the money comes from

Community and Corporate Support	36,643,436
Income received from the Australian public and corporations, in the form of public donations, project grants, fundraising and bequests.	
AusAID	8,265,726
Grants received from the Australian Government's overseas aid program	
Other Australian Government Departments and Agencies	234,215
Grants received from other Government Departments for Indigenous programs	
International Corporations and Trusts	1,332,350
Grants received from Trusts & Foundations for International & Indigenous programs	
Net Gains/(losses) on investments at fair value	1,611,927
Other Income	200,707
TOTAL	48,288,360

How the money is spent

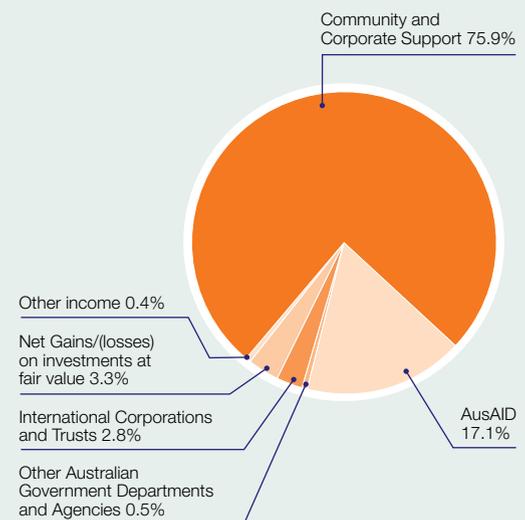
Programs	35,238,505
Africa 7,224,947	
South East and East Asia 12,656,849	
South Asia 6,012,908	
Timor Leste 1,210,920	
Eastern Europe 117,874	
Indigenous Australia 8,015,007	
Community Education	2,596,888
Fundraising Expenses	9,450,869
Public & Government/Multilateral fundraising	
Operating Expenses	3,682,007
Accountability and Administration	
TOTAL	50,968,340

"Programs" includes expenditure on our development work across both international and Indigenous programs, as well as a small amount of expenditure on emergency relief. "Community Education" includes staff time and outlays involved in providing community information and raising awareness around eye and Indigenous health issues as well as broader international development issues. "Fundraising expenses" are the costs associated with attracting more support through donations and sponsorships, and includes items such as advertising, mail-outs, the toll-free phone line and processing of donations. "Operating expenses" covers the administrative and other costs inherent in running an organisation, including staff time in areas such as finance, human resources, information technology and administration, insurance premiums, legal and professional fees, and office supplies and other running costs.

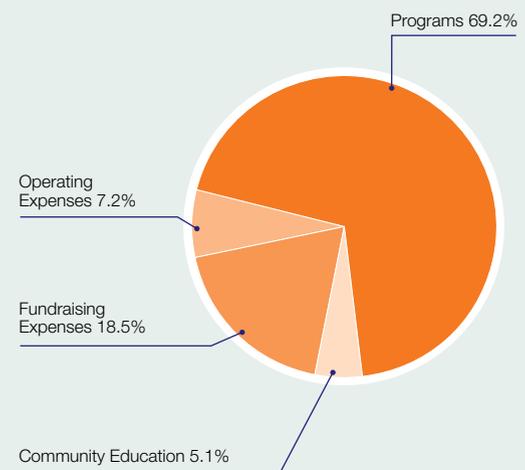
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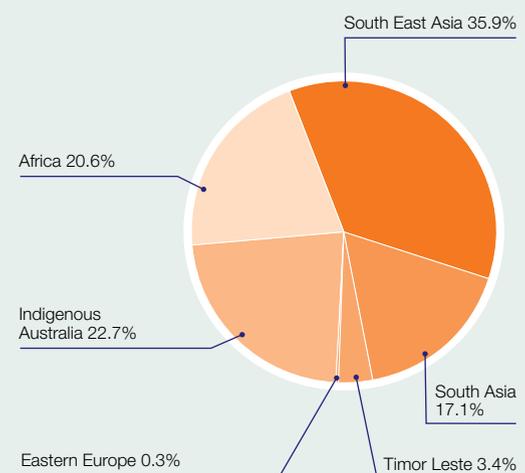
Sources of Income



Ratio of Expenses



Program Expenditure by Region



Financial overview

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2012

	Dec 2012	Dec 2011
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations & Gifts		
- Monetary	29,144,150	24,723,145
Bequests & Legacies	7,499,286	10,053,451
Grants		
- AusAID	8,265,726	6,445,552
- Other Australian Government Departments	234,215	283,917
- Corporate/trusts	1,332,350	2,525,707
Net Gains/(losses) on investments at fair value	1,611,927	588,874
Other Income	200,707	329,889
Total Revenue	48,288,361	44,950,535
EXPENDITURE		
International aid and development programs expenditure		
International Programs		
- Funds to international programs	21,573,593	17,858,617
- Program support costs	5,649,906	4,488,370
Community education	2,006,225	1,805,972
Fundraising costs		
- Public fundraising	7,228,254	6,446,038
- Government, multilateral and private	73,013	65,111
Accountability and administration	2,844,588	2,004,277
Total international aid and development programs expenditure	39,375,579	32,668,385
Domestic aid and development programs expenditure		
Domestic Programs	8,015,007	6,888,474
Community Education	590,663	556,692
Fundraising costs	2,149,603	2,007,066
Accountability and administration	837,490	617,820
Total domestic aid and development programs expenditure	11,592,762	10,070,052
Total Expenditure	50,968,341	42,738,437
Net surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure	(2,679,980)	2,212,098
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income(deficit) for the period	(2,679,980)	2,212,098

* During the financial years 2012 and 2011 The Fred Hollows Foundation had no transactions for International Political or Religious Proselytisation Programs. No Non - monetary Donations or Gifts were received during 2012 and 2011

Financial overview

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2012

	Dec 2012	Dec 2011
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,787,206	2,303,412
Other interest bearing deposits	11,010,000	16,377,410
Trade and other receivables	3,584,911	2,584,442
Prepayments	608,537	415,536
Total Current Assets	16,990,654	21,680,800
Non Current Assets		
Financial assets at fair value	7,878,385	6,906,398
Property, plant and equipment	2,713,749	2,285,216
Total Non Current Assets	10,592,134	9,191,615
TOTAL ASSETS	27,582,788	30,872,414
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	10,618,718	11,364,245
Provisions	783,814	697,742
Total Current Liabilities	11,402,532	12,061,987
Non Current Liabilities		
Provisions	207,013	135,723
Deferred liability	207,447	228,928
Total Non Current Liabilities	414,460	364,651
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,816,992	12,426,638
NET ASSETS	15,765,796	18,445,776
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds	15,765,796	18,445,776
TOTAL EQUITY	15,765,796	18,445,776

* At the end of the financial years 2012 and 2011 The Fred Hollows Foundation had Nil balances for **Current Assets** Inventories, Assets held for sale and Other financial assets, **for Non Current Assets** Trade and other receivables, Investment property, Intangibles and Other non - current assets, **for Current Liabilities** Net current tax liabilities, Other financial liabilities and Other, **for Non Current Liabilities** Other financial liabilities and Other. The Foundation had Nil balances for other Reserves at the end of the 2012 and 2011 financial years.

Financial overview

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2012

	Accumulated funds \$
Balance at 1 January 2012	18,445,776
Deficit for the year	(2,679,980)
Other comprehensive income	–
Total comprehensive income for the period	(2,679,980)
As at 31 December 2012	15,765,796

	Accumulated funds \$
Balance at 1 January 2011	16,233,678
Surplus for the year	2,212,098
Other comprehensive income	–
Total comprehensive income for the period	2,212,098
As at 31 December 2011	18,445,776

Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purpose

No single appeal or other form of fundraising for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of total income for the year ended 31st December 2012.



Photo: Hugh Rutherford



Spotlight on Nepal Sudip's story

22-year-old Sudip was blind from cataracts in both eyes and could only just see coloured shapes and shadows. His eyes were clouded with the milky colour of cataracts, steadily growing denser with time. Sudip had also never clearly seen his wife, Kamala. Kamala was a constant support throughout his recovery from his bi-lateral cataract operation and her face was filled with joy as she helped test Sudip's eyes after he sees her for the first time.

Your support helped to give Sudip back his sight, his love and his livelihood and he now has hope for a better future. You helped make this a long lasting love story.



Photo: Michael Amendolia

Record results achieved in 2012

98,088
cataract surgeries

306,827
other sight restoring procedures and treatments

7.6 million
people treated for trachoma

174
surgeons trained

40,545
eye health workers trained

98
facilities built or upgraded

\$5.8 million
worth of equipment supplied worldwide

1,989,410
eye screenings

“To help someone to see is a tremendous feeling and medical and technological advances have greatly increased the ability of eye doctors to give that help.” **Fred Hollows**

Thank you!

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