

HCP | CUREBLINDNESS

CHANGING THE ARC OF GLOBAL BLINDNESS



Envisioning a World Without Blindness

Globally, 36 million people are blind—half from treatable cataracts.

- 80% of global blindness is reversible or preventable.
- 17 million people are blind due to untreated cataracts alone, a condition that can be cured with a ten-minute surgery and under \$25 in material costs.
- Due to a severe shortage of eye care providers and aging and growing populations, the global backlog of treatable blindness will only increase if effective solutions are not realized.
- HCP|CureBlindness has 35 implementing partners and global volunteer network of over 100 collaborators.

OUR VISION

A world in which no person is needlessly blind and all people have local access to high quality eye care.

OUR MISSION

To cure needless blindness with the highest quality care at the lowest cost.

OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS, HCP | CUREBLINDNESS AND ITS PARTNERS HAVE:

SCREENED AND PROVIDED
BASIC TREATMENT

12.5
MILLION PEOPLE 

PERFORMED OVER

1,015,000
SIGHT-RESTORING
SURGERIES

TRAINED

18,000
EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS
(552 ophthalmologists)
from 43 countries

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ESTABLISHED

DEDICATED EYE HOSPITALS/
TRAINING INSTITUTES

OUR STORY

HCP|Cureblindness was founded in 1995 by ophthalmologists Dr. Geoffrey Tabin and Dr. Sanduk Ruit, to fulfill their personal goals of eradicating as much needless blindness as possible in their lifetimes. Today, we provide critical eye care services, training for ophthalmic professionals, and enhanced eye care infrastructure where they are needed most.

HOW WE HELP

We bring life-changing eye care to people in the underserved areas of the world with continual focus on training local personnel. This action-based approach builds local leadership, empowers key actors, and develops sustainable practices from the ground up. We maximize our impact by working with an extensive network of partners, leveraging available talent and resources.



TRAINING



DIRECT SERVICE



INFRASTRUCTURE

WHAT SETS US APART

HCP|CureBlindness uses the elimination of cataracts as the cornerstone to strengthening national eye care. Our model is rooted in local providers, patients, and institutions, combining direct surgical care, multi-tiered training opportunities, and structural improvements to elevate eye care in a country. Our approach is efficient: surgical teams can provide over 1,000 surgeries in one week while simultaneously teaching the next generation of ophthalmic personnel through high-volume exposure.



WHERE WE WORK

HCP|Cureblindness has grown beyond the Himalayas to tackle needless blindness in over 20 countries in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, including Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Malawi, North Korea, and Indonesia. HCP continues to expand impact in its major country programs in Nepal, Ethiopia, and Ghana, important ancillary programs in Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Rwanda, and emerging initiatives in South Sudan and Sierra Leone.