



The Himalayan Cataract Project is a non-profit organization founded in 1995 by ophthalmologists Dr. Geoffrey Tabin and Dr. Sanduk Ruit, with the mission to cure needless blindness with the highest quality care at the lowest cost.

CATARACT BLINDNESS

Cataract blindness can be reversed overnight by a surgery that takes less than 10 minutes, at a material cost of \$25 USD. However, without a collaborative and sustained effort, treatable blindness will persist, robbing communities of laborers, denying children education and currently causing \$49 billion USD annually in lost productivity in the U.S. alone.²

CATARACT FAST FACTS



Globally, **217 million** struggle with low vision and another **36 million** people are blind. Treatable cataracts are a leading cause.³



90% of those affected live in the low to middle income countries; yet, **80%** of global blindness is reversible or preventable.⁴

MISSION

To accomplish these goals, Himalayan Cataract Project uses a proven model of high-quality ophthalmic care, education and the establishment of a world-class ophthalmic infrastructure. Himalayan Cataract Project works to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in some of the hardest-to-reach locations by increasing access to affordable, high-quality eye care.

Himalayan Cataract Project has grown beyond the Himalayas to tackle needless blindness in over 20 countries.



HIMALAYAN CATARACT PROJECT SUCCESSES

Since 1995, the Himalayan Cataract Project and its collaborators have screened **8,875,905** individuals, performed **740,910** sight-restoring eye surgeries, and trained **17,083** ophthalmic professionals from **43 countries** to develop world-class hospital and non-hospital-based eye care.

As a leader in cataract surgery, Johnson & Johnson Vision is proud to provide funding to the Himalayan Cataract Project for residency trainings, fellowship trainings and mentoring, as well as ophthalmic equipment and supplies.

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