EYE CARE

THE FACTS

285 million people are visually impaired
• 90% live in low-income settings
• 82% are >50 years old

90% of visual impairment results from chronic eye diseases

CONSEQUENCES OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

3x more likely to be unemployed
3x more likely to be involved in a motor vehicle collision
3x more likely to have a fall while walking
3x more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety disorders
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OPPORTUNITIES

Assess the availability of eye care services
Inform people about eye disease prevention and care
Provide high-quality and affordable eye care services to all
Educate about importance of regular eye exams and following prescriptions
Identify needs and gaps

ACTION

80% of visual impairment could be avoided if diagnosed and treated early
1.4 million children could benefit from vision rehabilitation
US$102 billion could be saved with appropriate eye care services

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