

DONOR REPORT

LoveHeart Group

REDUCING AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS IN INDONESIA East Java



We are delighted to report to LoveHeart and the group participants on the outcomes from the offshore eye program in Situbondo, East Java, in early July.

This program was conducted by our team in conjunction with the RSUD Abdoer Rahem Hospital in Situbondo, and the cataract operations were performed in JFF's mobile eye clinic and the hospital theatre by eight ophthalmologists from the East Java and Malang Raya branches of the Indonesian Ophthalmologists' Association (PERDAMI).

The team also checked the eyes of the students and teachers in a local primary school in Situbondo, and JFF's ocularist made and fitted prosthetic eyes for eight patients.

229 CATARACT-BLIND PEOPLE HAD THEIR SIGHT RESTORED



EIGHT PROSTHETIC EYE PATIENTS

35-year-old, 2nd prosthetic eye



19-year-old, 2nd prosthetic eye



33-year-old, 2nd prosthetic eye



45-year-old, 8th prosthetic eye



18-year-old, 3rd prosthetic eye



40-year-old, 3rd prosthetic eye



34-year-old, 1st prosthetic eye



11-year-old, 1st prosthetic eye



OUTCOMES THIS PROGRAM

ACTIVITY	TOTAL
Screening adults – checking eyesight, refraction	1248
Screening school children – checking eyesight, refraction	235
Glasses distributed	729
Eye medicines distributed	625
Cataract surgeries (adults)	229
Cataract surgeries (children)	0
Prosthetic eyes	8

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS 1991-2023

ACTIVITY	TOTAL
Screening adults – checking eyesight, refraction	1,221,339
Screening school children – checking eyesight, refraction	89,166
Glasses distributed	610,613
Eye medicines distributed	637,490
Cataract surgeries (adults)	68,1021
Cataract surgeries (children)	488
Prosthetic eyes	1,143

THANK YOU

JFF provides its services free of charge to the poor, with no consideration of gender, ethnicity, religion, or politics. Your support is of great benefit in helping our Foundation work towards its long-term goal of providing sight restoration and blindness prevention to people in the lower socio-economic group in Indonesia.

We also thank PERDAMI East Java Branch and Malang Raya for providing ophthalmologists to work with our team and perform the surgeries, and the ONE SIGHT EssilorLuxottica Foundation which donated glasses.

Blindness prevention and cataract surgery is an ongoing challenge in Indonesia, a challenge our Foundation has taken on and will continue. The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) estimated that, in 2020, around 3.7 million Indonesians were blind. With 65%, or nearly 2.4 million, of these needlessly blind with cataracts and 11.5 million moderately to severely visually impaired, the challenge is a big one as the majority of these people are unable to seek specialist medical attention.

Our programs were severely curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we were delighted to be able to return to conducting regular eye programs in Bali and on offshore islands in 2023. The limitations on elective surgeries during the pandemic resulted in an increase in the numbers of patients awaiting cataract surgery and this is amplified by the numbers of people in the lower socio-economic group that have grown due to the pandemic's effects on the economy.



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