

DONOR REPORT

LoveHeart Group Tour #2 2023

REDUCING AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS IN INDONESIA East Java

We are pleased to report to you on the outcomes of the program in Bondowoso, East Java, supported by the second LoveHeart group tour for 2023.

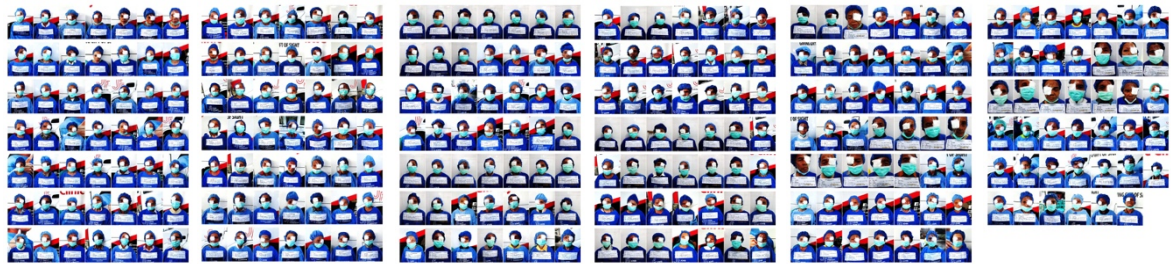
The program was held over five days in October, in conjunction with RSNU Bondowoso and the dr Koesnaedi Bondowoso Hospital, and included World Sight Day on Thursday 12 October.



During the program 2,486 people with eye problems were checked, including 366 school students, 1,164 were given glasses to correct their vision, and 630 were treated for eye infections, while 286 were identified as cataract-blind and operated during the program. In addition, 17 people were fitted with prosthetic eyes.

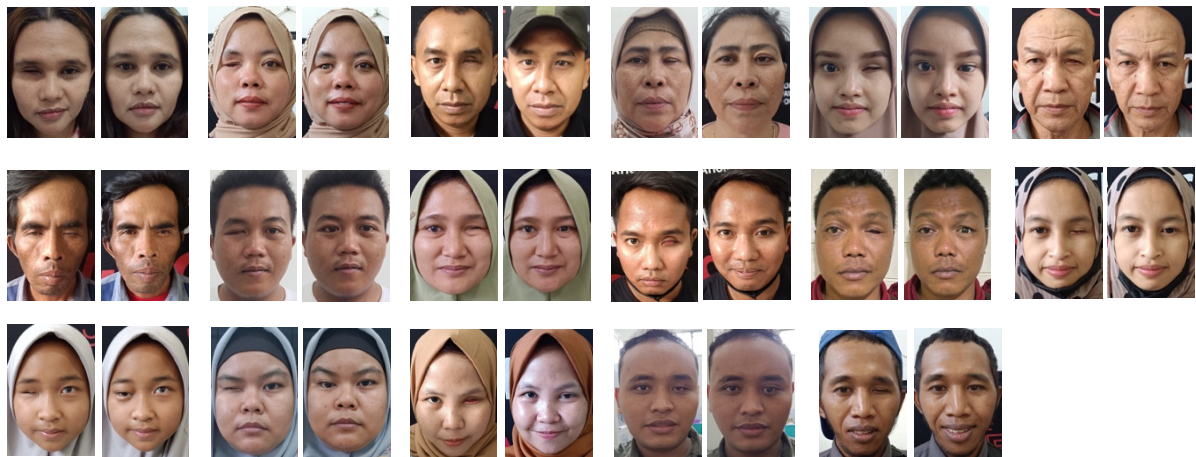


Operated patients



PROSTHETIC EYES

JFF's ocularist travelled with the team where he set up a temporary laboratory to make and fit prosthetic eyes for 17 people (10 females, 7 males). Eight received their first artificial eye, four their second, four their third, and one her sixth. It is often the case that the eye socket has to be stretched to fit a full-size prosthetic, the reason some people need to have more than one over a period of years. The ages of the patients ranged from 12-52 years.



OUTCOMES THIS PROGRAM

ACTIVITY	TOTAL
Screening adults – checking eyesight, refraction	2120
Screening school children – checking eyesight, refraction	366
Glasses distributed	1164
Eye medicines distributed	630
Cataract surgeries (adults)	286
Cataract surgeries (children)	0
Prosthetic eyes	17

OUTCOMES 1991-2022

ACTIVITY	TOTAL
Screening adults – checking eyesight, refraction	1,172,478
Screening school children – checking eyesight, refraction	84,561
Glasses distributed	581,389
Eye medicines distributed	622,107
Cataract surgeries (adults)	63,643
Cataract surgeries (children)	482
Prosthetic eyes	1,019



THANK YOU

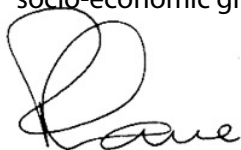
JFF provides its services free of charge to the poor, with no consideration of gender, ethnicity, religion, or politics. Your group's support is of great benefit in helping our Foundation work towards its long-term goal of providing sight restoration and blindness prevention to people in the lower socio-economic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

We particularly thank members of the group who travelled to East Java with our team to witness firsthand the effects of their donation. It is so encouraging and inspiring for our team to have this enthusiastic support of the work they are doing on a regular basis.

We also thank PERDAMI East Java 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.

Although our programs were curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic for over two years, we are delighted to be able to return to conducting regular eye programs in Bali and on offshore islands. 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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