



# DONOR REPORT

**LoveHeart Group** 

# REDUCING AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS IN INDONESIA East Java: October 2024

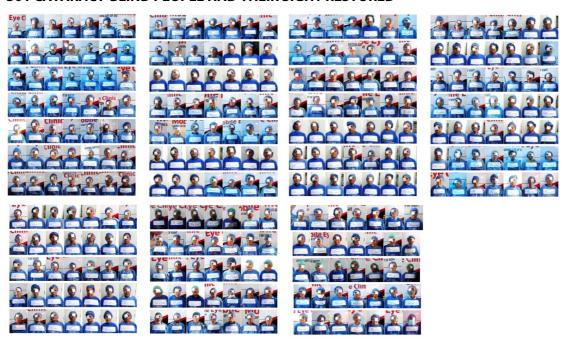


We are delighted to report to LoveHeart and the group participants on the outcomes from the offshore eye program in Banyuwangi, East Java, in October.

This program was conducted by our team in conjunction with the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) Banyuwangi and RSUD Blambangan, 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 Banyuwangi, and JFF's ocularist made and fitted prosthetic eyes for 12 patients.

#### 301 CATARACT-BLIND PEOPLE HAD THEIR SIGHT RESTORED



## **TWELVE PROSTHETIC EYE PATIENTS**

9-year-old, 2nd prosthetic eye





13-year-old, 3rd prosthetic eye

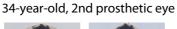




35-year-old, 6th prosthetic eye











35-year-old, 2nd prosthetic eye

43-year-old, 2nd prosthetic eye













12-year-old, 1st prosthetic eye





43-year-old, 1st prosthetic eye



23-year-old, 1st prosthetic eye





21-year-old, 1st prosthetic eye









6-year-old, 1st prosthetic eye





**OUTCOMES THIS PROGRAM** 

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ACTIVITY	TOTAL	
Screening adults – checking eyesight, refraction	1123	
Screening school children – checking eyesight, refraction	177	
Glasses distributed	638	
Eye medicines distributed	472	
Cataract surgeries (adults)	301	
Cataract surgeries (children)	0	
Prosthetic eyes	12	

**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. LoveHeart's support is of great benefit in helping our Foundation work towards its long-term goal of providing sight restoration and blindness prevention services to people in the lower socio-economic group in Indonesia.

We also thank the ophthalmologists from PERDAMI East Java and Malang Raya Branches for working with our team and performing 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.

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