Seva Foundation

Seva is a global eye care not-for-profit whose mission is to transform lives and strengthen communities by restoring sight and preventing blindness. Seva works with underserved communities in more than 20 countries across Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

Their annual demonstrated impact includes:

- Reaching over 6.5 million individuals.
- Establishing 27 new vision centres serving underserved communities, providing over 3.6 million people with access to eye care.
- Screening 332,963 children for eye problems.
- Giving 59,000 children glasses.
- Operating on 12,110 children to preserve or restore their vision.
- Training 4,719 individuals, ranging from doctors to community health promoters, in eye care.

Donations above A$2 **tax-deductible**. See our global tax-deductibility options here.

DONATE NOW

By Card or Paypal

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

By Bank Transfer, Cheque, Crypto, etc.

Key Strengths

Scale, Durability

Multidimensional Poverty Index Indicators

Assets

Other Key Outcomes

Disease burden, Income increase

Recent Expense Budget

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A$17,000,000

Year Founded

1978

The problem: preventable blindness and vision impairment

According to the World Health Organization, more than 1 billion people worldwide are living with preventable vision impairment — something that disproportionately affects the global poor. [1] Nearly 90% of those affected live in the developing world, where a combination of malnutrition, poor water quality, lack of sanitation, and inadequate healthcare and health education conspires to spread diseases that damage vision and impede access to treatment. [2]

Visual impairment further entrenches people in poverty and can be deadly for sufferers: a high proportion of blind children die within a few years of losing sight, either from the underlying disease or due to the inability of their impoverished families to care for them. [3]

> "More than 1 billion people worldwide are living with vision impairment because they do not get the care they need for conditions like short and farsightedness, glaucoma, and cataract."
>
> — WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The solution: low-cost cataract surgeries and vision procedures

About 90% of the world's visual impairment could be prevented or cured — in many cases through inexpensive medication or surgery. [4] Take cataracts for example: they are one of the leading causes of blindness globally, and restorative surgery costs only around A$76 in the developing world. [5] [6] It's one of the most cost- effective of all public health interventions. [7]

How Seva works

Seva's vision is a world free of avoidable blindness. They partner with existing local programs and institutions through The Global Sight Initiative (GS
and blindness prevention procedures. In addition to co
programs focused on nutrition, hygiene, eye injury prev

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care services, Seva also provides free or low-cost eye exams, glasses, medical treatment, and surgery to those who cannot afford to pay the full cost of procedures.



GSI, Seva's partnership program, enables doctors, paraprofessionals, and hospital staff worldwide to provide vision care services that their communities need — as opposed to relying on volunteer doctors from other countries. "Mentor" institutions provide training and consultancy services to "mentee" hospitals around the world to foster effective and efficient management systems and equip local staff with the tools they need to provide comprehensive care.

5M
people have restored vision thanks to Seva and their partners
Provided eyecare services to over
50M
individuals
The average cost of a cataract surgery is
A$76

Other ways to donate

We recommend that gifts up to A$1,000 be made online by credit card. If you are giving more than A$1,000, please consider one of these alter

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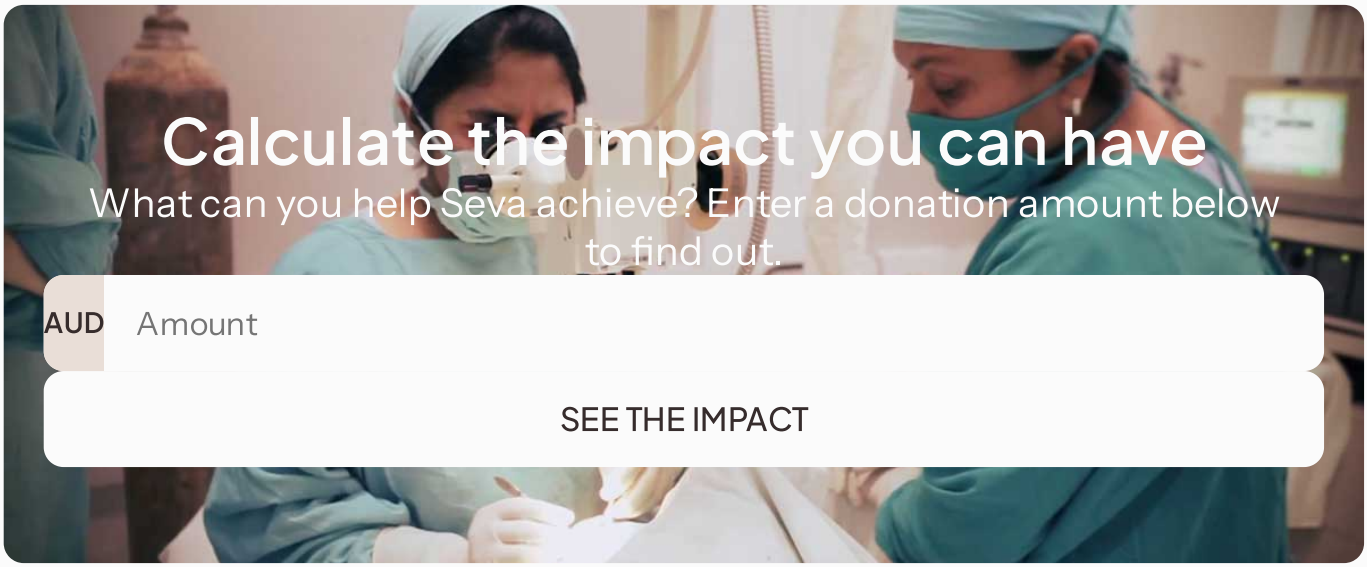
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What makes Seva so effective

Cost-effectiveness

Cataract surgery costs as little as A$76 in developing countries. [8] Seva also helped launch a manufacturer of quality intraocular lenses that cost only A$7.58 (compared to A$150–A$230 typical market price). [9]

Scalability

In 2019-2020 alone, Seva provided eye care servic
1,424,439 are women. Seva also trained 128 Doctors

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and 2,776 Community Health Promoters.

Access to remote communities

Seva establishes vision centres in remote areas, and supports mobile teams of doctors and staff to provide education, screening, and surgeries to those unable to travel to established medical facilities.

Sustainability

Through GSI, mentor hospitals partner with mentee hospitals to foster effective and efficient management systems and equip local staff to provide comprehensive care in their communities.

Seva's accountability

Seva makes all annual reports available on their website. [10] They've also been rigorously vetted by Focusing Philanthropy, which awarded them grant money to fund vital surgeries and vision work in the developing world. [11]

Recognition for Seva

In 2015, Seva received the prestigious Champalimaud Award for its contribution to eliminating preventable and treatable blindness around the world. [12]

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