EYE CARE

THE FACTS

258 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
2x more likely to have a fall while walking
3x more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety disorders

OPPORTUNITIES

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

ACTION

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

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