

A close-up photograph of four young children of South Asian descent, smiling and laughing. The child in the center is wearing a bright orange sweater with a black floral pattern and a pink knit hat. To their left is a child in a blue and white striped hat and a green shirt. To the right is a child in a grey knit hat and a green sweater. On the far right, a child in a red knit hat is partially visible. The background is a blurred red wall.

# IMPACT REPORT

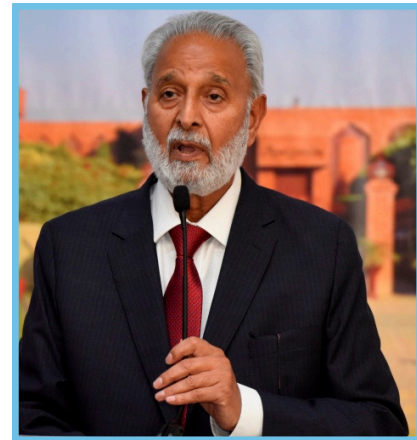
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# FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

As I reflect on the past year at Sight for Life, I am filled with deep gratitude for your unwavering support and shared commitment to our mission of **eliminating preventable blindness** among people living in poverty.

In Pakistan, where around 40% of the population lives near the poverty line — earning barely enough to feed their families — the loss of sight is more than a medical issue; it is a human catastrophe. For many, visual impairment forces a heartbreaking choice between seeking treatment or feeding their family.



We are proud to have sustained our **100% donation policy**, ensuring that every contribution goes directly to treating patients and restoring sight.

This year has been particularly meaningful. We marked **20 years of fighting blindness** and reached a remarkable milestone — **treating our millionth patient**. None of this would have been possible without our supporters, whose generosity remains the backbone of our work.

Sight for Life not only restores vision but also contributes to Pakistan's economy by ensuring patients receive timely treatment, preventing them from becoming an added burden on an already struggling financial system. We take pride in empowering adults to regain independence and giving children hope for a brighter tomorrow.

With your support, nearly **200,000 patients received treatment this year**, restoring sight, independence, and hope to some of the most vulnerable communities. The demand for eye care continues to grow, particularly in rural and under-served areas, highlighting the importance of expanding the hospital's capacity to reach and treat even more people — with around 26 million people in the region still living with visual impairment.

Thank you for standing with us and making this life-changing work possible. Together, we can continue to bring vision, dignity, and opportunity to those who need it most.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Restoring Sight. Rebuilding Lives

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# WHO WE ARE



**JANNAT AZIZ EYE HOSPITAL**



**VISION ON WHEELS**



**SATELLITE CLINICS**



**SCHOOL SCREENING PROGRAM**

Punjab is Pakistan's largest province, with a population of approximately 127.7 million — over half of the country's total population. The province is predominantly agricultural, with most families dependent on farming. In Vehari district and the surrounding rural villages, poverty, distance, and limited access to healthcare create significant barriers to medical treatment.

For these communities, free eye care is not available elsewhere. Travelling hundreds of kilometres to urban centres is costly, making treatment impossible for most families. Consequently, Jannat Aziz Eye Hospital and its outreach services are the only means of accessing eye care.

Sight for Life Trust delivers free eye care through **Jannat Aziz Eye Hospital**, located in Tufailabad, Burewala, Vehari district — the central hub for all our programmes. The hospital and its outreach initiatives operate an independent infrastructure.

Each day, hundreds of patients travel from distant villages and towns to receive treatment, including **cataract surgery, squint surgery, laser capsulotomy, YAG laser iridotomy, argon laser treatment, refractions, optical coherence tomography (OCT), B-scan ocular ultrasound, and visual field analysis**. This enables consistent, high-quality ophthalmic care where government provision is minimal or absent.

For those unable to reach the hospital, free eye care is delivered through **Vision on Wheels, School Screening Programmes, and a Satellite Clinic** in Chichawatni, providing eye examinations, refractions, medication, and free spectacles.



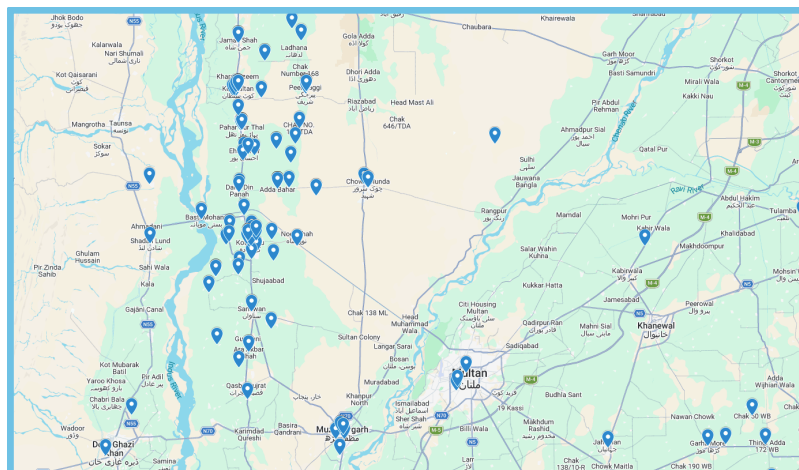
# VISION ON WHEELS



**Vision on Wheels (VOW)** is a flagship initiative of **Sight for Life**, providing free, high-quality eye care to thousands of underserved communities who would otherwise have no access for hundreds of kilometres. VOW not only conducts eye examinations and provides medications but also identifies patients with complex eye conditions, many of whom require surgery. Recognising the financial challenges faced by these patients, we provide **free transportation** to our Jannat Aziz Eye Hospital, ensuring that even the most remote and economically disadvantaged patients can access the eye care they need without the barrier of distance or cost. VOW serves multiple districts, large catchment areas, and villages, collectively reaching millions in rural Pakistan.

Since 2002, through two Vision on Wheels vehicles, we have taken eye care to more than 600 locations, villages and districts that would otherwise have no access to eye care. Travelling long distances across rural Punjab — **from Ahsempur at one end through Fatehpur, Muzaffargarh, Layyah, and Dera Ghazi Khan, and from Fort Abbas through Bahawalnagar and Minchinabad all the way to Kasur and Faisalabad** — our mobile vans provide a lifeline for communities with little or no local eye care.

Blindness and visual impairment most severely affect the poor, yet the majority of cases are preventable or treatable. By providing free, comprehensive eye care—including surgeries, transportation and follow-up—Sight for Life operates an **independent eye care ecosystem** that is truly transforming lives for the communities it serves.



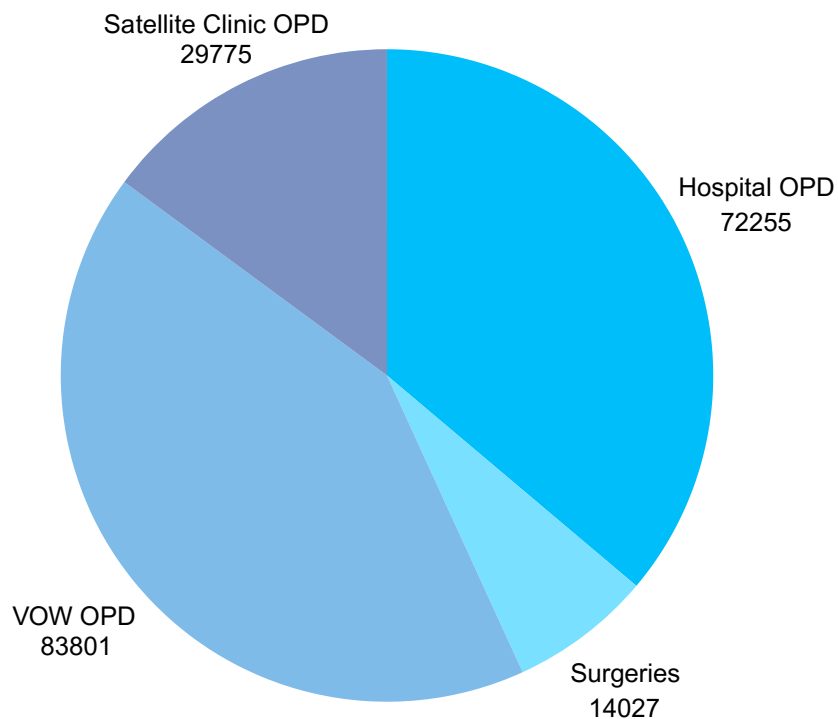


# YEAR ROUNDUP

Total patients treated = 199,858



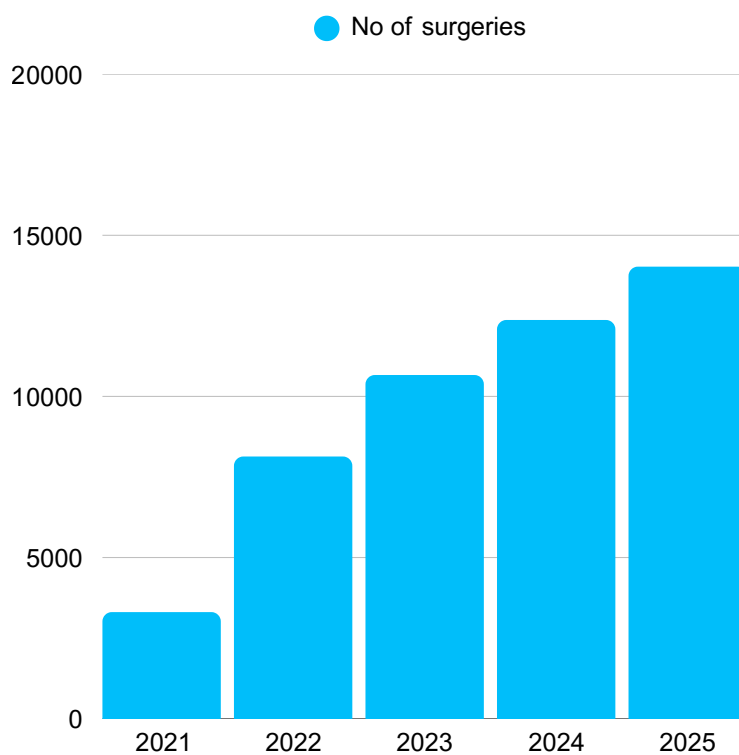
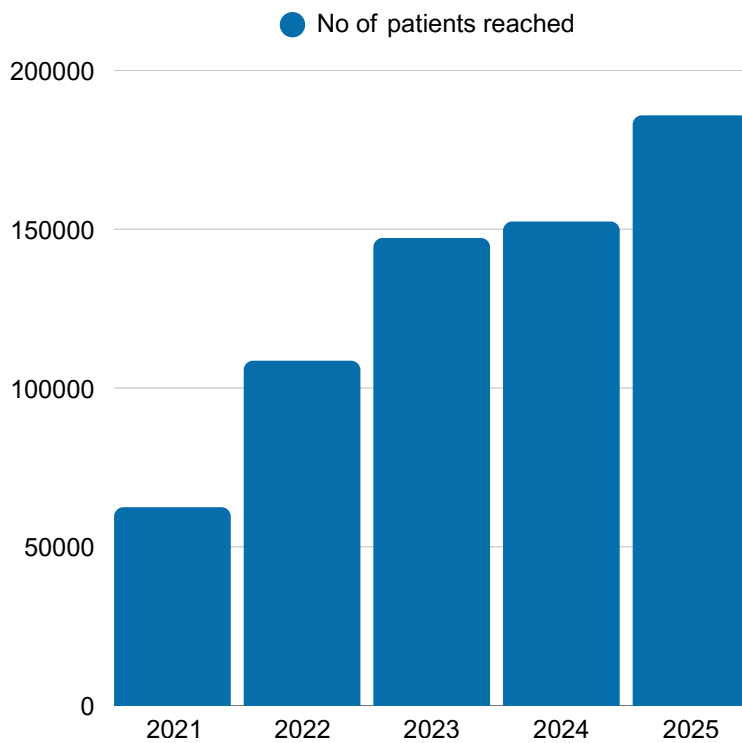
Total OPD = 185,831



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# GROWTH IN DEMAND



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# MILESTONE ACHIEVED

## MILLIONTH PATIENT



Ahmed is eight years old, the youngest of three siblings. While playing cricket near his home, an accident caused him to lose vision in his left eye. Soon, painful headaches began, his sight grew blurred, and frequent accidents followed.

His father works in the fields and his mother sews clothes to support the family. Though deeply worried, they could not afford medical care and feared for Ahmed's future.

Hope came when the Sight for Life Vision on Wheels programme visited their neighbourhood. Ahmed received a free eye examination and was diagnosed with a cataract. He was quickly referred for surgery at Jannat Aziz Eye Hospital.

Today, Ahmed is able to see the world clearly and is enjoying childhood with confidence—learning, playing, and dreaming again. He looks forward to a brighter future and now aims to be a cricketer.

Ahmed is our millionth patient.

This transformation was only possible because of your generosity. Thank you for helping restore sight and renew hope for children like Ahmed.

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# PLANS AHEAD

## EXPANSION

Sight for Life is actively expanding the capacity of Jannat Aziz Eye Hospital so that more people in rural Pakistan can access the free eye care they desperately need. These enhancements will allow the hospital to reach far more patients who currently face barriers to eye care because of poverty and distance.

In parallel, Sight for Life intends to grow its outreach programmes — including Vision on Wheels, school screenings and satellite clinics — to ensure that even the most remote and underserved communities receive timely exams and treatment. This expansion will help prevent avoidable sight loss before it becomes irreversible and give families opportunities for education, work and independence that clear vision brings.

## CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT

Sight for Life intends to enhance its surgical capacity to perform over **15,000 surgeries annually**. The plan also includes **introducing diabetic retinopathy screening and glaucoma prevention** and support services. Additionally, outpatient services at the hospital will be increased to over **100,000 visits annually**, expanding its capacity to diagnose and treat more patients with eye diseases that might otherwise remain unaddressed. These expansions will enable the hospital to treat significantly more patients who currently face barriers to eye care due to poverty or distance.

## HOSPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Sight For Life plans to commission a **second operating theatre suite** and increase the number of **hospital beds to over 100**. Additionally, we will deploy a **third “Vision on Wheels” vehicle** to extend our outreach and provide essential eye care services to more remote areas, ensuring broader access to quality vision care.



# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## TOGETHER, WE CAN END AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS

Millions of needy people still face avoidable sight loss, your support is vital to ensure this life-changing work can continue—so that sight, dignity, and hope are never out of reach. For those living in poverty, our free, high-quality eye care is often their only chance to see, and we cannot provide it without your help.

The generosity of donors like you is the backbone of our work. Together, we can continue restoring sight and improving the lives and livelihoods of needy families in rural Pakistan suffering from visual impairment.



## WAYS TO DONATE

### ONLINE

<https://sightforlife.org.uk/donate/>

### BANK TRANSFER

Account name: **Sight For Life Trust**

Bank: **Natwest**

Account number: **46585206**

Sort Code: **01-06-88**

Ref: Thankyou

### PAY BY TEXT

For One-off Donation:

Text **'EYES'** followed by **an amount to 70085**. For example, to donate £10, text EYES10. (Note standard text rate charges apply)

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Text **'SEE'** followed by **an amount to 70085**. For example, to donate £10 monthly, text SEE10. (Note standard text rate charges apply)



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