



*sight is freedom*

**SEE International is a leading sight-restoring nonprofit humanitarian organization. We work to create a world where everyone has access to high-quality vision care, regardless of who they are, where they live, or their ability to pay.**



Founded in 1974, SEE has screened more than **4 million** individuals and restored sight to **half a million** people.

## What We Do

SEE International organizes **more than 200** sight-restoring programs each year, both internationally and in the United States. By providing free vision care, and training a new generation of medical professionals, we give the gifts of sight and independence to vulnerable people around the world.

**In 2017** SEE volunteer ophthalmologists screened **more than 88,000** people for vision problems, and performed **over 26,000** free sight-restoring surgeries, in **46** countries.

Our *Santa Barbara Vision Care Program* helped **more than 2,500** people in our community, providing free comprehensive eye exams, eye glasses, and sight-restoring surgeries.

We trained **90** ophthalmologists and residents to perform Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (MSICS), to ensure that they have the high-quality skills necessary to work in rural settings.

## The Need

**36 million** people worldwide are blind, and **253 million** are visually impaired. Yet **more than 79%** cases of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured.

Cataracts are the leading cause of avoidable blindness, and can be treated with a **30-minute surgery**.

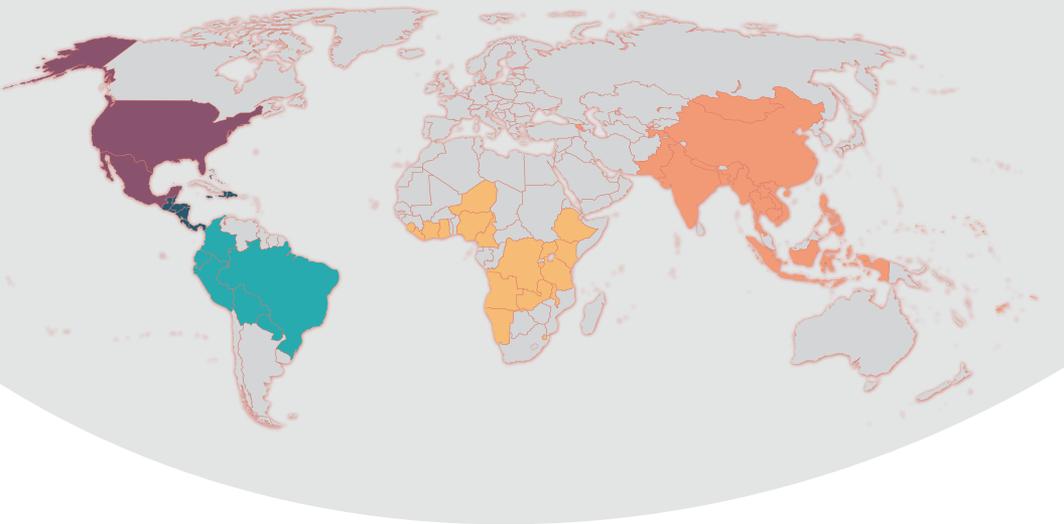
Approximately **89%** of blind people live in the developing world, where vision care is unavailable, too expensive, or unsafe.

## Accountability

### Effective + Efficient Life-Changing Impact

Thanks to our generous volunteer surgeons and medical supply donors, **more than 93%** of our resources go directly to our sight-restoring programs. Our complete financials are available at [seeintl.org/financials](https://seeintl.org/financials).





## Where We Work

**North America:** Mexico, United States

**Central America + The Caribbean:** Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

**South America:** Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru

**Africa:** Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia

**Asia + The Pacific:** American Samoa, Armenia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Laos, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Palau, Philippines, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tibet, Vanuatu, Vietnam

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