WE SEE A WORLD in which no person is needlessly blind or vision impaired

The Fred Hollows Foundation is a development organisation working in more than 25 countries.

We help train and empower local eye doctors, nurses and health workers to create a sustainable system of care in the communities that need it most. Our work has a very clear purpose: to make sure everyone, whether they’re rich or poor, has access to high quality, affordable eye health.

Our Work in China

• 1998 - The Foundation started its mission of ending avoidable blindness in China.
• 2011 - The Fred Hollows Foundation officially registered with Yunnan Provincial Civil Affairs Department to establish an office in Kunming.
• 2017 - The Fred Hollows Foundation registered as an overseas NGO with a representative office in Yunnan by the Administration of NGOs of Yunnan Provincial Public Security Department. This marked The Foundation’s official registration in China.

In many provinces in China, we have developed quality rural eye health care models and developed strong partnerships from national to local community level. The Foundation is currently implementing Comprehensive Rural Eye Care Projects in 5 provinces including Yunnan, Gansu, Xinjiang, Anhui, and Guangxi.

In the past 22 years, we have kept the dreams of our Founder Professor Fred Hollows alive and helped achieve the following in China:

4.16 Million people screened
2.1 Million eye disease treatments
35,000 health workers trained

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BUILDING UP the Eye Health System

Strengthening Eye Health in Huanxian County of Gansu Province, China

1 October 2017 to 31 September 2020

Huanxian is a national-level poverty county in Gansu Province, southwestern China. The project supports Huanxian Health Commission and Huanxian County Hospital to strengthen eye care service and increase availability of eye care at primary level to reduce avoidable blindness.

Huanxian county lacked a qualified ophthalmologist and local people were forced to travel long distances to access treatment in nearby cities. Doctor Xu Zhenbiao, is the first ophthalmologist trained by the program to perform cataract surgery independently at Huanxian County Hospital.

Outcomes

1. Improve local eye care services by training county hospital medical staff and providing eye health equipment.
2. Integrate primary eye care into the health system to increase accessibility of eye care.
3. Develop partnerships with local county government and the County PBL Office to ensure the commitment in Huanxian to deliver sustainable eye health services.

Major Outputs

2. Doctors trained in cataract surgery
2. Refractionists trained
246. Village doctors and community health workers trained
108,395. People including students received eye exams
516. Cataract surgeries conducted by county hospital
7,577. People including students received eye health education

*Local county government integrated eye care into township and healthcare facilities
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
Promoting Rural Eye Health in Anhui by Community Empowerment, Participation and Inclusion
1 October 2016 to 30 September 2020

In Anhui Province, barriers such as cost of treatment, ongoing migration, poor rural eye health systems and low awareness about eye health prevent people from accessing eye care services.

The project adopted an innovative approach which encouraged community participation to explore a community-led model of generating eye care demand and improving eye care services in rural areas. The model is composed of 3 elements:

**TRAINING**

- Train township and village doctors to enable them to conduct basic diagnosis and treatment, screening, referral, follow-up and health education to local community.
- Provide Primary Eye Care Training to teachers to improve their awareness on eye health and ability to deliver eye health education.

**COMMUNITY EYE HEALTH ACTIVITY**

- Establish Eye Health Resource Centres at each town to provide timely eye health counselling.
- Organise community screening and eye health education.
- Conduct follow-up visits for eye patient to encourage them to seek treatment.

**SCHOOL EYE HEALTH ACTIVITY**

- Integrate Eye Health into primary school health education.
- Hold campaign event on special days such as World Sight Day or National Eye Care day to improve eye health awareness at schools.
- Establish eyesight record for students to better monitor their eye health.