

Look at LCIF!



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By the Numbers

10,000,000

The number of doses of the sight-saving drug azithromycin dispensed to Ethiopians at risk of Trachoma in the first 18 months of the program

7,500,000

The number of cataract surgeries performed as part of the SightFirst program bringing sight to millions of people.

345,000

The number of ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other eye-care workers and village-health workers trained by LCIF since 1990.

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Did you Know.....SightFirst II Campaign

Campaign **SightFirst II** was a coordinated, global fund-raising effort to enable Lions to expand the work of the **SightFirst** program.

The inaugural SighFirst campaign in the early 1990's was a tremendous success raising in excess of US \$143 million. Fifteen years later, LCIF Campaign **SightFirst** two was launched.

On June 27, 2008, it was announced to the world that Campaign SightFirst II raised US \$200,329,297 to help combat preventable and reversible blindness around the globe. This intensive fund-raising effort has made it possible for Lions to continue LCIF's **SightFirst** program. Thanks to Lions' efforts, Campaign **SightFirst II** has become the most successful fund-raising initiative in LCIF's history. Its success is a testament to what Lions are capable of when

working together in service. Through the coordinated efforts and support of Lions and clubs worldwide, Lions are fulfilling the dream of providing "Vision for All".

SightFirst fights blindness where the



greatest need exists and will continue to allocate funds wherever the greatest impact can be had. Currently, approx. 90% of avoidable blindness occurs in developing nations.

Remember 100% of every dollar donated to LCIF is invested in LCIF projects!

LCIF Partnerships - SighFirst programs.

River Blindness Initiatives -

SightFirst has supported more than 114 million treatments of river blindness in Africa and Latin America since the project began in the early nineties. LCIF forged a partnership with The Carter Center in 1999 to expand its efforts. As a result, experts foresee eradication of river blindness in Latin America by 2010.

Trachoma Initiatives -

Together, Lions and LCIF provide support for 4.5 million people who have trachoma. Through **SightFirst**, medication, surgery, training of healthcare workers and health education has helped alleviate the prevalence of trachoma worldwide.