



**Thank you!** The World Council of Optometry (WCO) extends a special thank you to the individuals listed below for sharing how they celebrated World Sight Day 2017. As we celebrate 90 years of excellence in optometry, the WCO celebrates World Sight Day with you, and your dedication to the profession.

Yours sincerely,

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Country	Organization	World Sight Day Activity	Submitted By
Canada	Canadian Association of Optometrists (CAO)	Held a bake sale and pie throw (at the doctors) with helium balloons and distributed Optometry Giving Sight donation cards with doctors matching the funds that were raised.	Mike Dennis, CAO President
France	Essilor International	Leveraged several awareness actions across the world. For example, engaged partners such as Federation Internationale De L'Automobile (FIA) - 80 million worldwide members - to promote the importance of good vision.	Eva Lazuka-Nicoulaud, Head of Global KOL & Professional Relations
India	Nayonika Eye Care Charitable Trust	In association with government, health and education officials, held an event Walkathon with over 500 school children participating in Bangalore. Children were awarded with a certificate of participation.	Dr. Surekha Prashant
India	Optometry Council of India (OCI)	Conducted eye care awareness walks throughout India with banners and public communication about the importance of eye exams.	Lakshmi Shinde, CEO, OCI
India	Rajgandhi Eye Care Institute (RECI), Mumbai	Held a Walkathon and eye health screening program in association with SNTD University and Giants Group of Jogeshwari for police in city suburbs. The purpose was to identify priorities which will lead to improved control of avoidable visual impairment and blindness in the police department, and to educate police personnel about regular eye check-ups, care, blinding disorders, and effects of systematic illness on eye health. Promotion of eye donation and statics of visual impairment in the world were discussed.	Yogita L Rajgandhi Consulting Optometrist and Faculty Managing Director- RECI President- VOSH International(USA) India Chapter
Jordan	Eastern Mediterranean Council of Optometry (EMCO)	Hosted a series of lectures and workshops for optometry students studying at Amman Ahliyah University, educating optometry students about pediatric optometry to meet the needs of children's vision. Also, proper vision assessment techniques were introduced to the students with plans to start vision screening	Younis Doudin, EMCO President

		campaigns in impoverished and rural areas where access to healthcare is limited.	
<b>Lebanon</b>	EMCO	The Syndicate of Opticians and Optometry in Lebanon, in collaboration with optometrists, organized an event in Byblos (Shamat) and other neighboring villages. It included free examination for more than 500 children and adults, and provided about 350 free pairs of eyeglasses.	Younis Doudin, EMCO President
<b>Morocco</b>	EMCO	The Moroccan Optometry Society held a panel discussion on vision health for the Moroccan Public. Participants included the presidents of ophthalmology associations and orthoptists associations.	Younis Doudin, EMCO President
<b>Nigeria</b>	Nigerian Optometric Association (NOA)	Call to Action: Make Vision Count, activities organized in various states of the Nigerian Federation to raise awareness.	Damian Echendu, NOA President
<b>Philippines</b>	Asia Pacific Council of Optometry (APCO) and Optometric Association of the Philippines (OAP)	OAP members were encouraged to give a complimentary full scope optometric eye exam to children who cannot afford to go to school, especially to those with intellectual disability. Also, the OAP is in strong partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and with the strong endorsement and recommendation of the WCO concluded its first round of Long Term Agreement Vision Screening Program with Provision of Glasses through its Bottoms Up Project with the leadership of Mr. Harvey Buena as the UNDP Program Manager and Dr. Christopher Buniel, OAP President. At least 10 unserved or underserved areas in different regions of the Philippines benefited, with more than 1,000 people receiving full comprehensive eye exams.	Carmen Dichoso, Treasurer Elect, APCO, Program Director, UNDP and OAP Project
<b>Singapore</b>	Pellucid Networks	Commemorated with the Vision 2020 India team and LVPEI, Bhubaneswar where hundreds of people participated in an awareness rally.	Sophia Choi, Pellucid Networks
<b>South Africa</b>	African Council of Optometry (AFCO)	The South African Optometric Association (SAOA) partnered with Zeiss, Hoya and Essilor in conducting vision screening, testing and supplying spectacles. The SAOA made vision count with four planned events held in various provinces. The main event included local police and emergency service personnel participating in activities to educate the public about the need to have their eyes tested. University students and local optometrists volunteered their time in taking part in the screening and testing of patients.	Frank Magupa, General Secretary, AFCO
<b>Tanzania</b>	Tanzania Optometric Association (TOA)	Planned a countrywide service discount of 20–50% off the cost of spectacles. Also, Ona Network, an optometric humanitarian organisation, partnered with a local hospital to provide vision screenings and cataract surgeries for 100 patients.	Frank Magupa, Immediate Past President, TOA
<b>Uganda</b>	AFCO	Various community activities were planned to increase optometry awareness.	Frank Magupa, General Secretary, APCO
<b>USA</b>	Southern College of Optometry (Memphis, TN)	Students, faculty, and staff wore World Sight Day t-shirts designed by a student. The campus also participated in a fundraiser which raised more than \$1,000 for the cause.	Jim Hollifield, Director of Strategic Communications & Marketing
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	Zimbabwe Optometric Association	Celebrated with Family Day, including free eye screenings, eye health information, food, exhibitions, entertainment and fun for the whole family, including a kid's zone with activities.	Frank Magupa, General Secretary, AFCO