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[\(https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day/world-sight-day-2019/\)](https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day/world-sight-day-2019/) World Sight Day (WSD) is an annual day of awareness held on the second Thursday of October, to focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment. [World Sight Day 2019 \(https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day-2019/\)](https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day-2019/) is on 10 October 2019.

2019 is the last year of the [WHO Global Action Plan \(https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/who-action-plan\)](https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/who-action-plan/) and IAPB encourages our members and partners to continue with our rolling theme:

Universal Eye Health

[\(https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/who-](https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/who-action-plan/)

[action-plan\)](https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/who-action-plan/).

This year, the 'Call to Action' for World Sight Day is:

Vision First!

WSD is co-ordinated by IAPB. The theme, and certain core materials are generated by IAPB. All events are organised independently by members and supporter organisations.

World Sight Day 2019 (https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day/world-sight-day-2019/)

This year's call to action: **Vision First**

- Implementation Pack (<https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day/world-sight-day-wsd19-implementation-pack/>).
- Promotional Material (<https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day/world-sight-day-2019-promotional-material-2019/>).
- Social Messages (<https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day/world-sight-day-2019/wsd19-social-messages/>).
- Eye Inspire (https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day/wsd-utm_source=IAPB_website&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=footer)
- CoM 2019 (<https://www.iapb.org/iapb-membership/council-of-members-meetings/council-members-2019/>)



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IAPB Vision Atlas



(<http://atlas.iapb.org>)

The IAPB Vision Atlas website is a compilation of the very latest data and evidence related to avoidable blindness and vision impairment. **On World Sight Day 2018**, the Atlas will have updated country data. The Atlas is the best source of information on the

prevalence of vision impairment for every country from 1990 to 2015, with **projections to 2020**. It also hosts additional maps for the 21 GBD Regions showing Causes and the numbers affected by **Near-Vision Loss**.

Visit: <http://atlas.iapb.org> (<http://atlas.iapb.org/>)

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talk about the research and key scientific

achievements that made their names and get inspired.

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WSD18 Activities Report

(<https://www.iapb.org/iapb-membership/council-of-members-meetings/council-members-2019/>)



Download the **World Sight Day 2018 Activities Report** where we record **853 events** from 149

countries. These include awareness events, seminars, launches, donation drives, rallies and online events.

[Read the report here](#)

(<https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day/world-sight-day-2018/world-sight-day-activities-report-2018/>)

On World Sight Day, IAPB members work together to:

- Raise public awareness of blindness & vision impairment as major international public health issues
- Influence Governments/Ministers of Health to participate in and designate funds for national blindness prevention programmes
- Educate target audiences about blindness prevention, about VISION 2020 and to generate support for VISION 2020 programme activities

International Key Messages

- 36 million people (<http://atlas.iapb.org/global-burden-vision-impairment/>), who are blind
- 217 million people (<http://atlas.iapb.org/global-burden-vision-impairment/>), with moderate or severe distance vision impairment
- Of those with blindness and MSVI, 124 million people have uncorrected refractive errors and 65 million have cataract (<http://atlas.iapb.org/global-burden-vision-impairment/gbvi-global-cause-estimates/>),—more than 75% of all blindness and MSVI is avoidable
- 253 million people blind or vision impaired (in 2015)



1 billion people (<http://atlas.iapb.org/global-burden-vision-impairment/gbvi-estimates-near-impairment/>) with near vision impairment for the prevention of

Blindness

The prevalence of blindness and vision impairment combined has dropped (<https://www.iapb.org/>)

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4.58% in 1990 to 3.37% in 2015.
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89% of vision impaired people live in low and middle-income countries

55% of people with vision impaired people are women
(https://www.iapb.org/?utm_source=IAPB_website&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=footer)

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- > WSD Archives (<https://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day/wsd-archives/>)

Featured articles

(<https://www.iapb.org/news/help-identify-the-grand-challenges-in-global-eye-health/>)

Help Identify The Grand Challenges In Global Eye Health (Https://Www.Iapb.Org/News/Help-Identify-The-Grand-Challenges-In-Global-Eye-Health/)

Jacqueline Ramke, Hannah Faal And Matthew Burton Issue An Invitation

(<https://www.iapb.org/news/singapore-hosts-myopia-summit/>)

Singapore Hosts Myopia Summit (Https://Www.Iapb.Org/News/Singapore-Hosts-Myopia-Summit/)

IAPB Membership Values (Https://Www.Iapb.Org/News/Iapb-)

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Other IAPB Websites Useful Links

- IAPB Vision Atlas (http://atlas.iapb.org/?utm_source=IAPB_website&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=footer)
- IAPB Standard List (https://iapb.standardlist.org/?utm_source=IAPB_website&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=footer)
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