DISCOVER THE IMPACT OF VISION IMPAIRMENT
AN ESTIMATED 2.5 billion people around the world suffer from vision problems that are left uncorrected.
The Vision Impact Institute is a non-profit organization focused on raising awareness about the importance of healthy vision, including the socio-economic impact of Uncorrected Refractive Errors (URE) and quality of life benefits of visual correction.

**OUR MISSION**

To actively give vision a voice by identifying and communicating evidence and data to stakeholders in order to mobilize a world-wide advocacy movement on visual impairment.

To offer a unique database of global peer reviewed studies that solidify evidence on the need for visual correction and overall visual health.

To engage key opinion leaders worldwide by participating in optical, healthcare and government conventions and fostering a collaborative approach to improve overall visual health.

To advocate for action and position good visual health as a priority to improve the lives of people around the world.

**OUR STRATEGY**
UNCORRECTED IMPAIRED VISION IS THE MOST WIDESPREAD, UNADDRESSED DISABILITY, YET 80% OF ALL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT IS CORRECTABLE.
Over 1 billion people worldwide have presbyopia, and 50% of them are uncorrected. 2

30% of the world’s children experience vision problems that have a significant impact on their long-term health, school performance, emotional and social development. 6

The total economic cost of myopia in adults over 40 years old in Singapore is estimated to be approximately $755 million per year. 3

288 million people will be affected by age-related macular degeneration by 2040. 4

Refractive error costs the United States over $16.1 billion annually. 5

In a study of working men and women in India, wearing reading glasses was found to increase productivity by 34% and workers’ income by 20%. 7

In 2012, the total cost of road accidents in the United Kingdom, caused by drivers with poor vision was estimated to be more than $55 million. 8

The loss in economic productivity worldwide as a result of uncorrected refractive errors in workers is estimated at $272 billion a year. 9

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• Do you need help giving vision a voice in your community or organization?
A recent study suggests, if we continue treating impaired vision at the same rate, the global number of people needing vision correction by the year 2050 will exceed 3 billion.*
This situation will not change without your help. Let’s work together –*Giving Vision a Voice.*

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