

RestoringVision receives \$4 M grant to address Presbyopia in India and Nigeria

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By increasing access to vision screening and reading glasses



Global NGO RestoringVision has been awarded a \$4 million grant from Founders Pledge to address presbyopia at scale in India and Nigeria. This investment will enable RestoringVision to implement three large-scale initiatives with its partners to provide reading glasses to 2.5 million people living in poverty with uncorrected presbyopia.

RestoringVision focuses on addressing presbyopia at scale. Presbyopia is a naturally occurring, age-related eye condition that affects billions of people worldwide, including 800 million who have limited access to vision care. The organisation aims to increase income potential, alleviate poverty, and foster sustained impact in India and Nigeria, by increasing access to vision screening and reading glasses.

RestoringVision will collaborate with Supreme Task India, an NGO focused on access to affordable healthcare, to provide 500,000 adults aged 35-65 working in visually intensive occupations in Odisha, with vision screenings and reading glasses. These include tailors, weavers, mechanics, carpenters, and farmers among others, to enable them to see clearly and continue their work.

Two million people will receive vision screenings and reading glasses in Nigeria through two initiatives to scale access to clear sight. This will be the largest contribution to date to advance the Nigerian Presidential Initiative that aims to reach five million Nigerians with glasses over the next several years.

RestoringVision will work with the Government of Nigeria's National Eye Health Programme, the Clinton Health Access Initiative, and other partners to supply one million reading glasses for programmes reaching people living in poverty with presbyopia and provide technical support to help this initiative succeed.