



KCCO

Kilimanjaro Centre for
Community Ophthalmology



Closing the Gender Gap in Eye Care

Women make up about 55% of people living with vision loss worldwide. Most of those affected live in low- and middle-income countries. In Africa, women receive less eye care than men. Improving women's access benefits whole families—especially children—and communities.



Please support our work

Your donation will help KCCO close the gender gap in eye care.

Many women are held back by limited control over household money, little say or support to seek help, fear or not knowing where to go, and long, costly trips that often require an escort.

The good news is that most blindness and vision loss can be prevented or treated. Cataract surgery, for example, is one of the best buys in health. It restores sight, productivity, and dignity.

Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology (KCCO) partners with hospitals and communities to remove barriers to eye care. We upgrade clinics and train local teams, bring outreach closer to home, and subsidize care so cost is not a barrier for vulnerable patients, with support from partners and donors like you. Your gift helps women reach trusted, high-quality care when they need it.



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About KCCO

KCCO was founded in 2001 to address the urgent need for sustainable, locally led solutions to avoidable blindness in Africa. Initially inspired by the VISION 2020 initiative, KCCO has since evolved into a trusted partner for governments, hospitals, NGOs, and donors working to strengthen eye health systems across the continent.

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