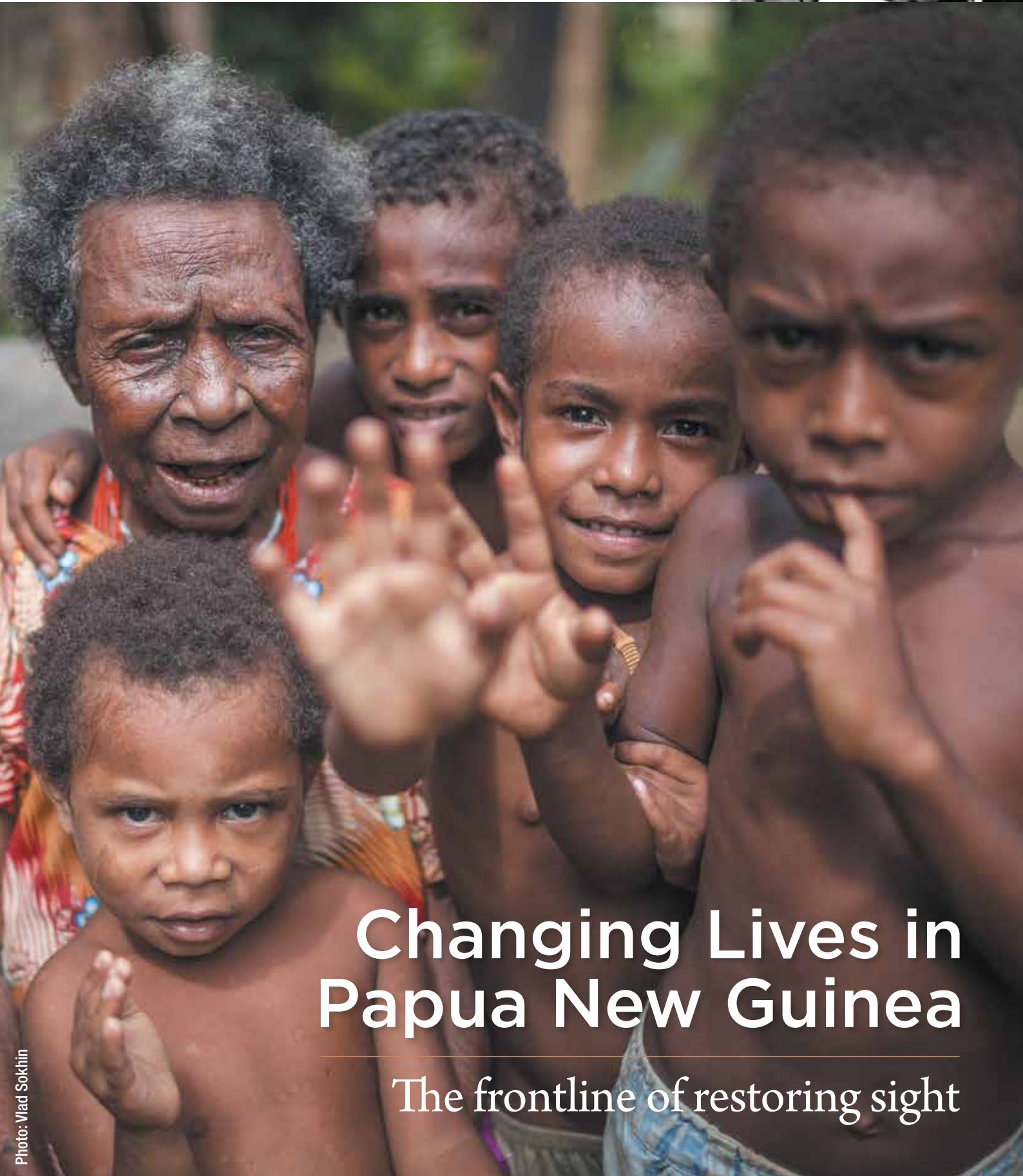


The Fred Hollows
Foundation NZ



Changing Lives in Papua New Guinea

The frontline of restoring sight

Photo: Vlad Sokhin

Outreach

Your donation in action, restoring sight on remote islands



Every year our Pacific doctors and nurses pack up their equipment and supplies and spend time away from their families, trying to reach those patients who are suffering with cataracts and other eye problems.

They face dozens of challenges along the way. Sometimes our doctors fly in rough weather, landing on grass runways. They get jostled on bumpy roads and they even face floods, spiders and tropical diseases... Why do they do it? For the same reasons you support this work. They are driven to help people in need.

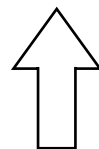
Some of the patients walk for days, sleep out in the jungle and have to spend their limited funds on boats and buses just to get to an outreach.

With your support, our team went to some really remote places in 2014. Here's an update on how your donation has been making a difference.



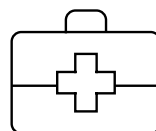
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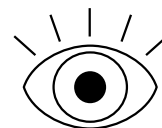
27%

increase in surgeries



5,962

patient visits on outreach so far in 2014



49

new record for most surgeries in a single day

Dr Mundi Qalo examines a patient on outreach in Savai'i, Samoa. Photo: Michael Bradley



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New regional eye care facility in Solomon Islands

Honiara Centre will help thousands see again



Solomons Patient. Photo: Kristian Frires

Honiara is getting a Regional Eye Centre that will double the number of sight-restoring surgeries performed in the country.

It's estimated that at least 1,900 people will receive sight-restoring in the first year, and 11,000 people will have their eyes treated for a range of conditions.

Instead of waiting for an operating theatre one day a week, the eye doctors can perform eye surgery all week long. The purpose-built facility will increase the efficiency of our team by having the equipment set up and at work restoring sight all year round.

The New Zealand Aid Programme is backing the new centre to carry on Fred Hollows' groundbreaking work of delivering eye care to the developing world.

It's due to open in April next year so we can expect lots of smiles ahead in the region.



The work of The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ is generously funded in part by the New Zealand Aid Programme and Australian Aid (DEAT).



Meeting the patients and seeing miracles

Executive Director Andrew Bell with a report from Vanuatu



Andrew in Vanuatu. Photo: Leith Campbell

As Executive Director I'm often visiting teams in remote parts of the Pacific to ensure our doctors and nurses have everything they need to help people see again. I wanted to share some reflections from an outreach I joined in Port Vila this year that reminded me how important our work is.

Blindness is always confronting. When you see a patient led in stumbling to their seat – unable to see the top line of the chart or even waving hands, you can see why they need our help. They are docile, closed in...diminished.

When I glanced at the chart of a patient, I was saddened to see that he was the same age as me. Without your support, patients like that would have to endure years of blindness and isolation from a condition that is completely curable by cataract surgery.

Joe Leimana was blind in both eyes. She was brought in by a friend. Her transformation was a delight. Exuberance broke out in a toothless laugh stretching from ear to ear. When I asked

her if she could see my nose, she reached out and grabbed it!!

I'd also like to tell you about Lorna who was brought in by her daughter. Lorna has four children and has so many grand-children that she's lost count. Easy to do when you are blind in both eyes. Her reaction when they took her bandage off was much more guarded. Unsure – cautious – but she was able to find her way unaided. Imagine finally being able to walk around on your own again! Her independence is restored.

Your support has changed these lives forever and thousands just like Joe and Lorna. Your donations are truly transforming lives by helping people see and bringing hope to people across the Pacific.

With kind regards,

Andrew Bell
Executive Director

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A photograph of a man standing in a lush tropical garden. He is shirtless and wearing shorts, looking towards the camera. In the foreground, there is a simple wooden bench. The background is filled with various tropical plants and trees, including banana trees. The lighting is natural, suggesting daytime.

Building an eye care network in Papua New Guinea

You're helping rewrite the story of blindness in a country
with barely one eye doctor per one million people

Papua New Guinea has almost twice the population of New Zealand but only nine eye doctors in the whole country. That's one eye specialist for every 800,000 people. The eye doctors they do have are not evenly spread out, so thousands suffer with blindness in rural areas because they can't reach the few clinics that exist.

Imagine if that was the ratio in New Zealand. That would mean one eye doctor in the South Island and just a handful of others all based in Auckland for the North Island. In Papua New Guinea, the difficult terrain, poor roads and costly public transport make it even harder for blind people to get the help they desperately need.

To help people see again in PNG, your support is also being targeted at training eye nurses who will be on the frontline of this problem. They will help detect problems early on and get people to the clinics so that they can get their sight back.

Committed nurses and doctors alone can't tackle this problem. The new operating theatre in Madang will help thousands of people like Bibiane get their sight back.

There's a long way to go before we'll end avoidable blindness in Papua New Guinea, but with your help we're moving in the right direction. As Fred Hollows said, "Never leave a job half-done, you get in and keep working."



Bibiane's life is limited by her blindness. Photos: Vlad Sokhin



Bibiane is guided by her grandson.



Bibiane's story

One woman's journey out of blindness

Bibiane had been blind for years and was totally dependent on her grandson to lead her around.

A simple surgery gave Bibiane back her sight! She walked out of the clinic to see the world again and returned home to celebrate with her family. Bibiane would have been trapped in a world of darkness but your help changed her life and the lives of her family.

A short video about Bibiane's story of transformation has been included in the Human Rights Film Festival in Papua New Guinea. The nationwide screenings showcase the difference that your donations are making by helping one person at a time.

Supporters make extra outreach to Solomon Islands possible

Grassroots support made it possible to send a team to Gizo

When an opportunity arose for an unscheduled outreach to Gizo in the Solomon Islands we asked you for your help to get the team there to restore sight. Foundation supporters responded with such immense kindness to help reach the people in this remote part of the Pacific. Thanks to you dozens were helped in Gizo despite terrible storms that made travel very challenging for blind patients in rural areas.

Thank you so much for responding to the request and helping to make the outreach to Gizo happen. The clinic was overflowing with joy and gratitude when the bandages were removed. Your support is helping change people's lives.



A patient in need who was helped in Gizo, Solomon Islands. Photo: Krissy Dwyer



TV3 Journalist Paula Penfold with a patient from Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu. Photo: James Ensing-Trussell

See your support at work

Bringing Vanuatu outreach to living rooms across NZ

3rd Degree journalist Paula Penfold has been a longtime admirer of Fred Hollows and the work of his Foundation. Paula has a proven track record for showing the impact of NZ charities in the field and she wanted to highlight how helping people see was making a huge difference.

"Every New Zealander knows about Fred Hollows and we're all inspired by his legacy," Paula says. "But I wanted to tell the story from a new angle and show how much it means for people in places like Vanuatu."

Paula led a team from 3News to produce a story about how your donations are changing lives on the island of Espiritu Santo. Her reporting takes us into the lives of patients, young and old, who get their sight restored by the doctors and nurses from The Foundation. Paula invites you to see how your donation is generating lots warm smiles and moving stories in Luganville with the Foundation's outreach team.



Jenny spared a life of ridicule

Your help changed the course of Jenny's life in Vanuatu

Jenny is just 18 years old. She lives on the island of Tanna in Vanuatu. Bullied because of her crossed eye, Jenny could no longer face the humiliation of going to school.

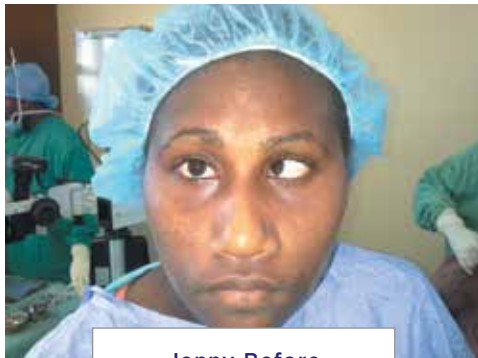
When Jenny turned up at the surgical outreach, our nurses said she was so shy she would barely speak a word. They explained to her that they could

change her life with a surgery.

The next day, when Jenny had the bandage removed, a beautiful smile spread across her face. She had been frozen in fear by the bullying and taunting she'd endured, but when she saw her face in the mirror, she smiled because she knew her life was changed.

Jenny's story reminds us that eye care is about more than just cataracts...it's about helping people and changing their lives with surgeries. Jenny smiled and laughed with our team when they went to visit her at home. She was getting her books ready to go back to school. Thank you for caring, Jenny is now happy, strong and proud of who she is.

Jenny's confidence was dramatically improved thanks to a simple surgery



Jenny Before



Jenny After



Watch
Tagata Pasika Clip
from Samoa
[hollows.org.nz/
watch](http://hollows.org.nz/watch)

Seeing again in Savai'i

A grandmother gets to see her loved ones once more

Lusia lives with her family on the island of Savai'i in Samoa. The family house is always swarming with children running around playing. But Lusia just sits in the corner, alone even in the middle of her loving family.

Lusia had cataracts removed when the outreach team went to her island. After years of blindness, she was able to see again. When her bandage was removed, she made a heartfelt speech thanking the doctors and people like you for making it possible.

Lusia's family couldn't believe the change in her that afternoon. She hugged all the children and wept tears of joy being able to see their faces again. It was like she'd just returned from a long journey, even though she'd been with them the whole time. Thanks to you, Lusia won't have to miss another year of her grandchildren's life.

Lusia can now enjoy time with her grandchildren. Photo: Michael Bradley



Become a Miracle Maker and restore sight monthly

Thousands of Kiwis across New Zealand are Miracle Makers and restore sight by donating to The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ every month. It's a powerful way for you to help people see again, and provides us with a reliable source of funding as we plan our work. It's also a convenient way to give, with automated donations by credit card or direct debit.

Miracle Maker Ria Vandervis is also one of the stars on Shortland Street. She became a Miracle Maker after the location shoot in Fiji when she saw first hand what a difference it makes to give the gift of sight!

Thank you to all our donors for making this 'miraculous' work possible!

Ria Vandervis got a first-hand glimpse of The Foundation's work when she was filming on location with Shortland Street in Fiji. Photo: South Pacific Pictures

3 easy ways to donate



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