“Your support is changing the lives of thousands of people in the Pacific – thank you!”

Doctor Lucilla Ah Ching-Sefo,
2016 Fred Hollows Foundation NZ graduate, Samoa
I would like to thank the people of New Zealand for supporting The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ. Your support has given me the opportunity to serve the people of Samoa as an eye doctor. The Foundation’s training of local eye nurses and doctors at the Pacific Eye Institute in Fiji has provided us with the skills and knowledge to greatly and immediately improve the eye care health service available in Samoa.

Because of you, The Foundation is providing outreach clinical services to Samoa, while at the same time enabling local health care workers to improve national eye care systems. Your kind contributions are changing the lives of thousands of people in the Pacific. From eye doctors and nurses being able to provide more to our people, to our patients who now receive better quality eye care. May our good Lord replenish what has been generously shared and continue to bless you all abundantly.

Doctor Lucilla Ah Ching-Sefo, Graduate 2016, Samoa

The above photo is from the Time to See exhibition. The exhibition highlights work that The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust and Standard Chartered are developing and supporting to prevent avoidable blindness.

“I am looking forward to having my sight back and being able to do more in life. More than sitting, waiting to die.” George, Vanuatu

Thanks to the support of New Zealanders like you, George’s sight is now restored. After leaving the hospital George found a map of Vanuatu. He stared at the islands that made up his country, it was the first thing he had read in years. His eyes devoured the names of the places he had visited through his life. Because of you, George can now see his country again.

George, Patient, Vanuatu

My very special thanks to you for funding my studies. Your donations have also helped supply equipment, which allows me to provide quality eye care to people who need it.

I am proud of the positive impact I am having on my community by relieving the burden of eye care which had been neglected in most parts of Papua New Guinea.

Thanks to you, I also have ongoing support and professional development. Thank you!

Melissa Gong, Nurse,

Here are just a few of the amazing things you made possible in 2016:

- **82,242** Patient screenings across the Pacific by Foundation-trained eye care workers
- **6,947** Operations were performed to restore their sight, enabling people to return to work, earn a living, and support their families
- **21** Trained eye care workers like Dr Salome (Fiji), Dr Elenoa (Fiji) and Dr Lucilla (Samoa), who will be based in some of the Pacific’s most remote areas to help people see again
- **12,561** Pairs of new spectacles provided so people can read and children like Krishmal from Fiji can see the blackboard at school

On behalf of our doctors, nurses and patients, thank you!
You’re part of building an eye care network in the Pacific

This map shows the difference you’ve made across the Pacific in 2016. Let’s restore sight to even more of the needlessly blind in 2017.

We would love to hear your Fred stories!

This year marks the 25th anniversary of The Foundation’s work, restoring sight to the needlessly blind. We couldn’t have achieved this life-changing work without your support, so we want to hear from you.

Do you have any stories of Fred? Did you ever meet him or work with him? What does the work of The Foundation mean to you today?

Please write your message on the back of the donation form and send it to us using the pre-paid envelope provided, so we can share your thoughts with others.

You’re helping to rewrite the story of blindness in the Pacific. Thank you!