



The Fred Hollows
Foundation NZ

YOUR **VISION**

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**“I said, look
at you my darling
daughter!
So beautiful!”**

Sau from Samoa - loving
mother, devoted teacher,
and cataract patient

Real stories from your incredible generosity – See the impact you made in 2024



5,125
eye surgeries

129
outreaches
across the Pacific

3
fully qualified
eye doctors

68,078
patient
consultations

You are giving
the **gift of sight**
across the
Pacific.

Your generous support has a profound impact - you are helping to restore the sight of our Pacific neighbours.

Thousands of people in the Pacific are living with blindness when they don't need to. Your dedicated support is helping to transform their lives.

One of these people is Sau, a loving mother and devoted

teacher of 30 years, who lives in a remote village in Samoa. She was devastated when her fading sight made it difficult to teach her students, as well as see her loving husband and children.

As her vision deteriorated, her husband began accompanying her whenever she left the house.

Luckily, thanks to your compassion, generosity and

kindness, Sau underwent life-changing surgery at a Foundation-supported outreach program. She can now see her family clearly as well as her wonderful students and be part of the community she loves.

Thank you - with every gift you give, you are helping in the fight against avoidable blindness.

Your support
builds skills.
Your impact
builds futures.

You are helping train the next generation of eye care workers.

Asenaca Rika hadn't initially planned to specialise in eye care, but through Foundation-sponsored training at Fiji National University, she discovered a deep passion for restoring sight.

After completing her studies in 2022, she returned home to Tavua, Fiji, bringing new skills and essential equipment to establish a dedicated eye clinic in a repurposed antenatal clinic.

Like many eye nurses in the Pacific, she is the sole provider of eye care in her community, which can often feel isolating.

But with your unwavering support from, graduates like Asenaca receive ongoing check-ins, as well refresher courses, training and mentorship to help them thrive in their roles.

During a recent visit, Asenaca shared how much this means to her. **"I feel that I'm part of a family and I'm not left out."**



2
fully qualified eye
doctors in Fiji

2
fully qualified eye
nurses in Fiji

69
outreaches
in Fiji

14
children's sight
restored during
Children's
Outreach

1
fully qualified
eye doctor
in PNG

5
trainee eye
doctors in
PNG



11
fully qualified eye
nurses in PNG

33
outreaches in
PNG



Better eye care.
More access.
Thanks to you.



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You are helping to bring vision within reach.

Papua New Guinea (PNG) has the highest known rate of avoidable blindness in the Pacific. Currently, only seven provinces out of 22 have an eye doctor and there is an urgent need for more eye care specialists and services.

Thanks to your dedicated

support, we are looking to the future to make eye care more accessible through the brand-new Centre for Eye Health in Port Moresby, improving the health and well-being of all Papua New Guineans.

The Centre will form the pillar of eye health services in PNG.

It will deliver and support specialist eye care training

for eye doctors, nurses, and optometrists. It will strengthen the local eye health system to be inclusive and equitable. It will reduce barriers to accessing eye care services and improve eye health right across the country.

Thank you for building a better future for the people of PNG.

A future with vision.



Kerikeri Woodchoppers – “Blindness isn’t one of those fancy things.”

**We are incredibly grateful for the support
of the Kerikeri Woodchoppers over the
past 17 years.**

Through their generous spirit, this group of woodchopping volunteers has set a powerful example of what communities can achieve – hauling in an incredible \$430,000 since they began, that has helped provide critical sight saving surgeries and eye specialist training opportunities for our Pacific neighbours.

“Blindness isn’t one of those fancy things that you can’t pronounce or only one in a million get, it’s quite a coming thing,” Kerikeri Woodchoppers founder Mike Collins said.

Katie Hart, The Foundation’s Philanthropy and Communications Director, said the group’s sacrifice of time and effort really embodies Fred Hollows’ own can-do attitude. “It’s a monumental commitment, that really makes our work possible and has enabled us to restore sight to countless individuals throughout the Pacific who may otherwise have gone needlessly blind.”

Thank you, Kerikeri Woodchoppers, for your wonderful support!

Save the date - Humanity Awards 2025

The Fred Hollows Humanity Awards recognise Year 5 and 6 students who follow in Professor Fred Hollow’s footsteps by making a positive difference in their community. It celebrates students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives, just as Fred did.

Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are all encouraged to nominate any Year 5 or 6 students who embodies the values of kindness, compassion and integrity.

Whether it’s helping others, supporting good causes or volunteering, no act of kindness is too small to recognise.

**The nominations for the awards are
open now and will close on Friday 19
September 2025.**



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**Isabelle was named Fred
Hollows Humanity Award’s
2024 Junior Ambassador for
going above and beyond to
be a responsible, kind and
helpful student and role
model.**