Global Blindness and Visual Impairment Data 2015

The World Population: 7.3 Billion

- 36 Million people are blind
- 217 Million people are MSVI (Severe or Moderate Visual Impairment)
- 253 Million people are visually impaired

Change in Prevalence of Visual Impairment

- 4.58% in 1990
- 3.38% in 2015

55% of Visually Impaired People are Women

89% of Visually Impaired People live in Low & Middle Income Countries

1.1 Billion People with Near-Vision Impairment

- Simply because they do not have a pair of spectacles

The number of visually impaired, the percentages for women and for those living in low and middle income countries, and the change in prevalence—all relate to distance vision impairment. MSVI = the number with severe or moderate visual impairment. In order to enable comparisons over time the age-standardised prevalence (all ages) is shown.