

Media Briefing - Statistics

Global Statistics

- Globally, there are 45 million people who are blind
- 90% of blindness occurs in the developing world
- **Three quarters of all blindness is preventable or curable**
- Every five seconds another person goes blind
- 153 million people are blind simply because they have no glasses
- There are 1.4 million children who are blind in the world

Childhood blindness

- Every sixty seconds another child loses their sight
- Half of all children who go blind will die within two years
- Only 2% of children who are disabled in the developing world attend school

Sightsavers work

- Sightsavers works in 33 countries across Africa, Asia and the Caribbean
- £17 can restore sight to an adult with cataracts
- £5 pays for trichiasis surgery to stop advanced trachoma from blinding someone permanently
- It can cost as little as 5 pence per year to distribute the drug that prevents river blindness