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## GLOBAL CHALLENGES IN CORNEA BANKING

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### SUMMARY

Corneal transplant is among the most successful and transformative of all health interventions, yet 12.7 million people worldwide are living with treatable corneal blindness. Over half of the world's population has no access to corneal transplantation but SightLife, a Seattle-based non-profit global health organization's development approach aims to eliminate corneal blindness worldwide by 2040 through capacity building partnerships. Increasing the supply of high quality corneas available for transplant in Asia is a cornerstone of eliminating corneal blindness and an area of expertise for Patrick Emery, Senior Director of Capacity Building Programs, Asia.