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Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology

Early Sight, Brighter Futures

Childhood blindness steals futures—yet much of it is preventable or treatable when children are found early. Children in sub-Saharan Africa are more than twice as likely to be blind as those in high-income countries. Many live with cataract—a curable cause of blindness—but are identified late and struggle to access the follow-up care needed after surgery.

Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology (KCCO) tackles this gap from start to finish. We work with African partners to find children early, cover transport and surgery costs, provide family counselling, and ensure glasses, low-vision devices, and regular check-ups. We also help children return to school with the right educational support. Our practical manuals and on-the-ground teams guide best practice across the region.

Today KCCO supports pediatric eye programs in Burundi, Madagascar, Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda—but many districts still lack funding, leaving children unseen and untreated.

Your gift helps us find each child sooner, deliver sight-restoring care, and support families for the long road after surgery. Give sight. Change a child's future.

Please support our work

Your donation will help KCCO provide necessary childhood eye care.

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About KCCO

KCCO was founded in 2001 to address the urgent need for sustainable, locally led solutions to avoidable blindness in Africa. Initially inspired by the VISION 2020 initiative, KCCO has since evolved into a trusted partner for governments, hospitals, NGOs, and donors working to strengthen eye health systems across the continent.

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