



# World Sight Day

8 October 2009

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**VISION 2020: The Right to Sight**

Working together to eliminate avoidable blindness



## KEY FACTS ON EYE HEALTH

Approximately **314 million** people worldwide live with low vision and blindness

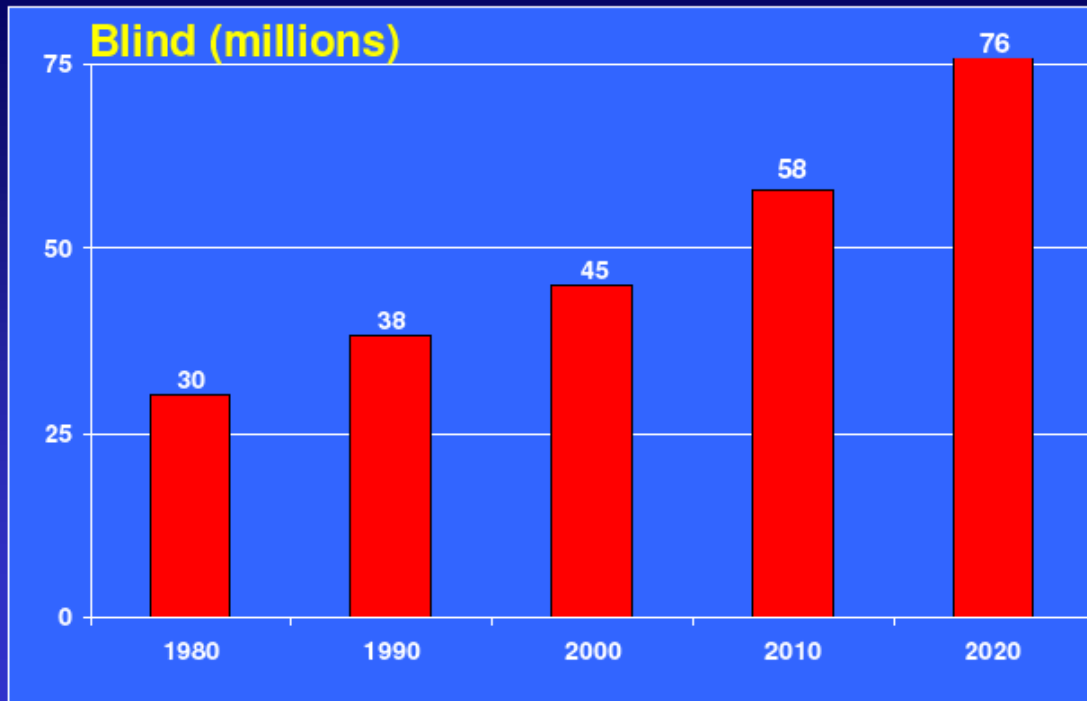
Of these, **45 million** people are blind and **269 million** have low vision

90% of blind people live in low-income countries

Over 75% of blindness is avoidable



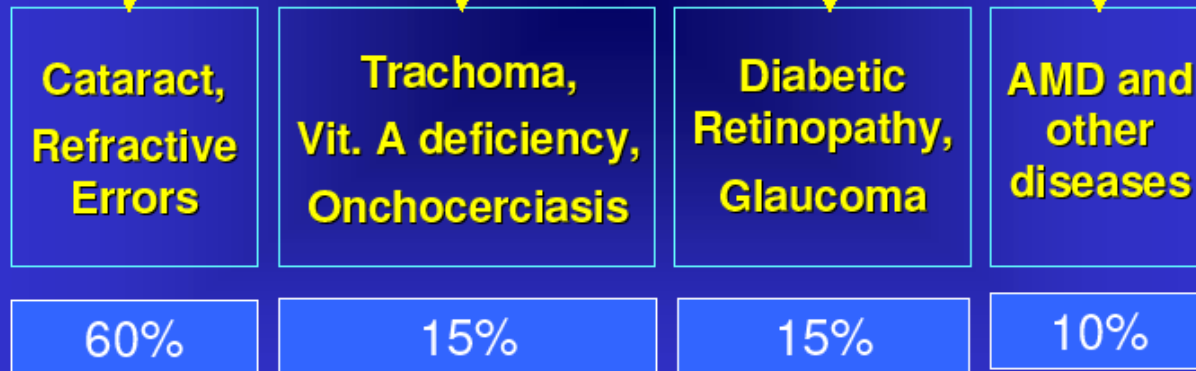
## Global Blindness Projections





# GLOBAL BLINDNESS

**45 million**





## Sri Lankan Situation

<b>Number of persons blind</b>	<b>150000</b>
<b>Blind of Cataract</b>	<b>100000</b>
<b>Low vision</b>	<b>400000</b>
<b>Blind Children</b>	<b>15000</b>
<b>School children with vision defects</b>	<b>160000</b>



# Priority Blinding diseases

- **Cataract**
- **Childhood Blindness**
- **Diabetic Retinopathy**
- **Glaucoma**
- **Low Vision and Refractive Error**



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## WHAT IS VISION 2020?

**VISION 2020 is a joint initiative by:**

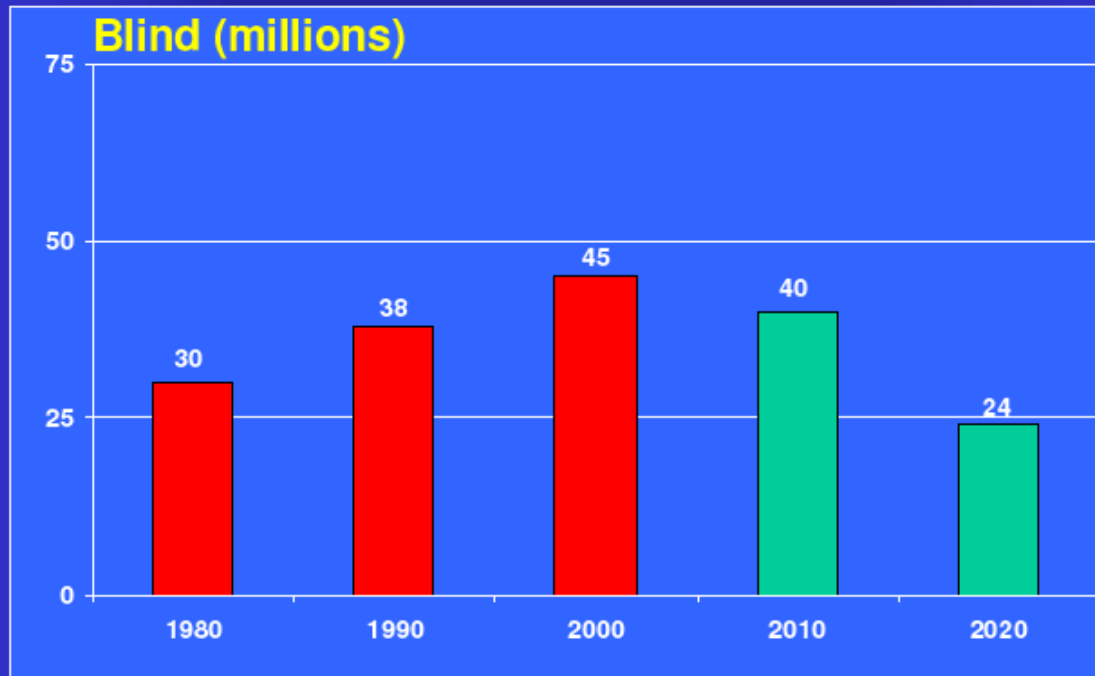
**WHO and IAPB**

**to ELIMINATE AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS  
in Member Countries**





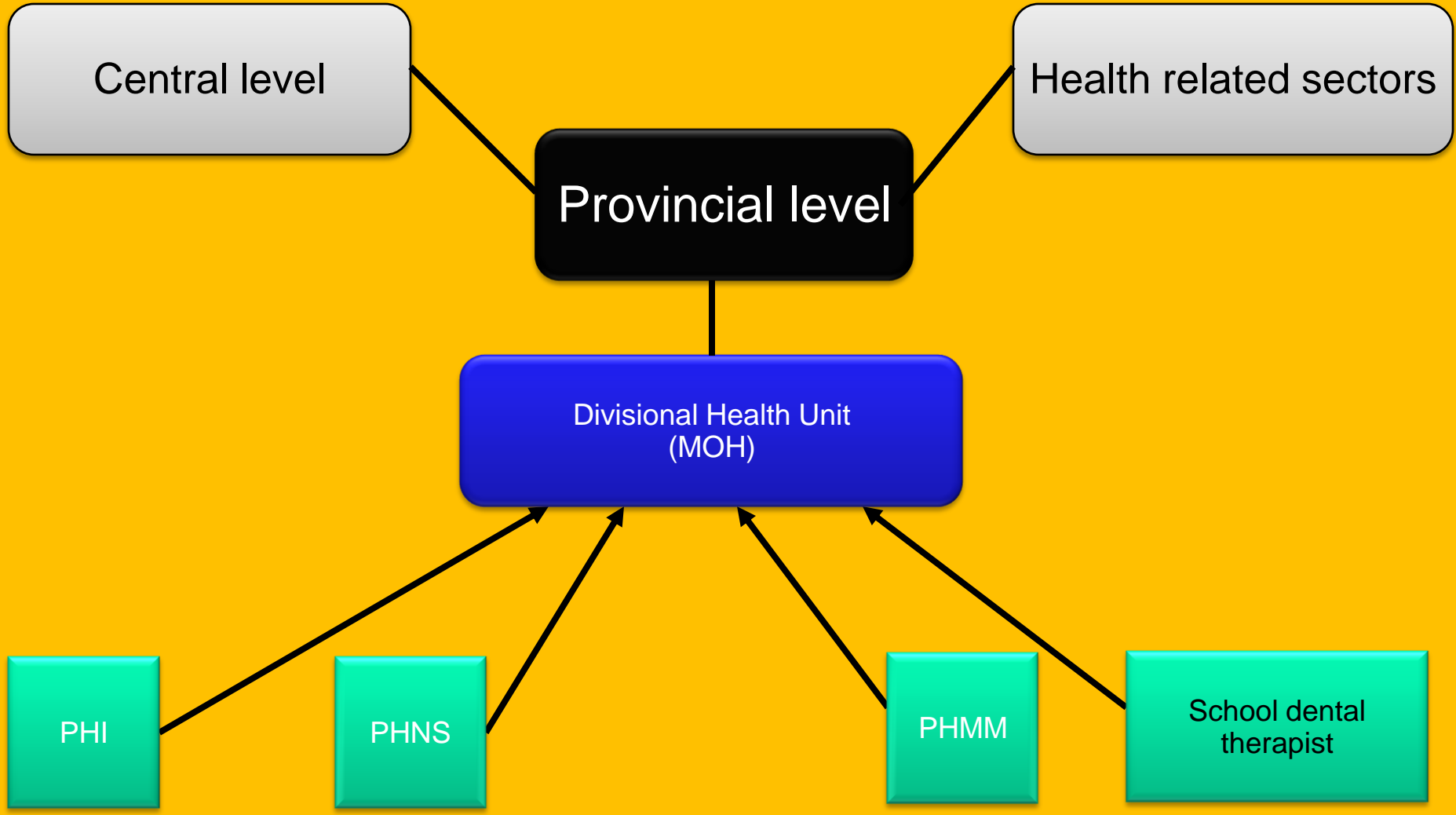
## Blindness Projections with VISION 2020





# Overall aim Vision 2020 Sri Lanka

**Reduce avoidable blindness in Sri Lanka through the development of a sustainable and equitable national programme for prevention and control of blindness as a part of national health system**





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# Our achievements

LRH Eye Unit



Equipment to Vavuniya





Spectacles for school children



Equipment to Kantale & Balapitiya





Balapitiya new unit opening



Low vision care





**Thank you !**