

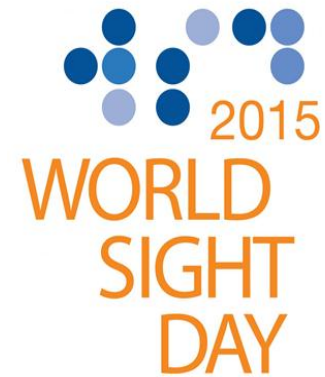
National Prevention of Blindness Committee (NPBC)

About NPBC:

The National Prevention of Blindness Committee (NPBC) was established following a Royal Decree, which states that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shall join the initiative "VISION 2020: The Right to Sight", and launch it in the Kingdom, as well as establish a national committee to prevent visual impairment, in response to calls from the World Health Organization (WHO) and International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB).

Objectives of the Committee:

- The NPBC aims at establishing, adopting and encouraging special programs about prevention of causes of visual impairment through the following:
- Support current programs and activities in the Kingdom, with respect to prevention of causes of visual impairment and reducing their occurrence.
- Create, develop and establish new programs to prevent the causes of visual impairment (VI).
- Provide support to professionals, centers, researchers and people involved in prevention of VI.
- Represent the Kingdom in cooperation with national committees in the GCC States, Islamic countries and KSA allies.
- Organize and participate in events on VI prevention, such as conferences, symposiums, lectures on ophthalmology and celebration of the World Sight Day and others.
- Work to establish a data bank for ophthalmology in general and VI in particular in the Kingdom.





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