ST. LUCIA
BLIND WELFARE ASSOCIATION

We need your support

PROJECTS

SLBWA partners with many national and international organizations, in projects that address blindness issues including.

Kids Insight
A joint project with SLBWA, Lions Club, and West Virginia University Eye Institute. Since 2003, a team of pediatric eye specialists visit annually to provide eye exams, surgeries, glasses, low vision aids and training for children with blinding eye conditions.

Caribbean Diabetic Retinopathy KAP Study
As part of the Delivering Vision 2020 in the Caribbean Programme funded by the European Union, a Diabetic Retinopathy Knowledge, Attitude and Practice Study is implemented by SLBWA. The study involves 150 diabetic patients. The results of the study will be used in the decision making and policy development by various stakeholders including Governments and primary health care providers.

Glaucoma Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT) Study
This is a 5 year project addressing SLT laser treatment for glaucoma patients of Afro-Caribbean descent, under the West Virginia University Eye Institute. Over 100 participants have been treated.

Diabetic Retinopathy Screening & Treatment Programme
The Caribbean has a high prevalence of diabetes which can lead to some form of diabetic retinopathy and other blinding eye diseases. This programme aims to establish or strengthen sustainable diabetic retinopathy screening and treatment. St. Lucia, through SLBWA was selected as one of the beneficiary countries of the programme managed by the Caribbean Council for the Blind, funded by The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust.

Income Generating Activities
Our clients with visual impairment produce mop heads, creativity books and other craft works.

IT IS AMAZING HOW LITTLE IT TAKES TO MAKE A REAL DIfference.
You can prevent someone from going blind.
Every five seconds someone in the world loses their sight. 80% of this blindness can be avoided.

“Your eyes are for life; take care of them”
MR. ANTHONY AVRIL OBE
Executive Director
St. Lucia Blind Welfare Association

SLBWA is relentless in its pursuit of inclusive services for blind and visually impaired persons. The impact of blindness affects everyone.

SLBWA cannot work alone. We appeal to you to help us achieve two important goals:
1. Participate in the drive for the elimination of avoidable blindness by the year 2020.
2. Help us empower persons whose sight cannot be restored, with necessary tools and skills for life.

Please help us save the vision of our people. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

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