ESSILOR AND LUXOTTICA EMPLOYEES JOIN FORCES TO BRING QUALITY VISION CARE TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE

Having kicked off with a first vision clinic in Cambodia, a global partnership between OneSight and Essilor Vision Foundation (EVF) will allow volunteers from Essilor and Luxottica to help both companies fuel their impact globally through their employees.

In May 2019, OneSight, the independent nonprofit founded and sponsored by Luxottica, expanded its partnership with Essilor Vision Foundation (EVF) to eradicate poor vision across the globe and help people to see the beauty of life. A new element of the global partnership is that 50 employees from Essilor will join forces with Luxottica employees this year as volunteers in 16 OneSight vision clinics in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Chile, Peru, the United States, Colombia, Mongolia, Thailand, Nepal and Tanzania.
In parallel to this, EVF is opening more than 300 spots for Luxottica employees to
join more than 80 local volunteering initiatives around the world until the end of
the year, to give them an insight into Essilor’s philanthropy and 2.5 NVG inclusive
business activities.

This partnership showcases Essilor and Luxottica’s long-standing commitment to
sustainable development in action, placing ethics and responsibility at the heart
of their activities.

**Building better vision care, globally**

OneSight is dedicated to providing access to vision care for those who have no
way to get it. Since its formation in 1988, OneSight has been providing eye exams
and glasses to over 10 million people through its vision clinics in underserved
regions. Beyond its charitable work, OneSight is working to provide a long-term
solution to vision care access throughout the world. This takes the form of self-
sustaining vision centers, staffed by local employees and doctors; currently there
are nearly 120 centers in operation, with more opening every year.

“This partnership is a wonderful opportunity to create and accelerate connections
and interactions between the employees from both companies. Together, the
volunteers from Essilor and Luxottica are helping provide access to communities
in remote areas lacking sustainable vision care infrastructure,” commented
Jayanth Bhuvaragahan, Head of Mission at EssilorLuxottica.

**Providing eyecare to rural Cambodians**

As part of the first OneSight clinic, a team of 26 volunteers from Luxottica and
Essilor worked hand-in-hand with local charity group Khmer Sight Foundation
over a one-week period last month in the Ampov Prey commune, a little south of
Phnom Penh, Cambodia’s capital city. Helping 1,000 patients with vision
problems in clinics across nine villages, it was a unique opportunity to promote
good vision care and foster meaningful connections between Essilor and
Luxottica employees.

According to the Khmer Sight Foundation, over 180,000 Cambodians are blind.
Ten percent of the population lives below the poverty line, and most of the poor
live in rural areas where there is either no or limited access to eyecare facilities
and education. The patients from the Ampov Prey commune were mostly
agricultural farmers or garment factory workers who earn an average of US $178
per month.

With the help of translators, both Essilor and Luxottica volunteers provided their
support to screen local communities and provide them with adequate equipment
where needed.
The second and third clinic followed in June, with volunteers helping provide access to vision care to communities in Lota (Chile) and Fishkill (US).
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