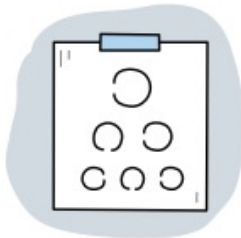




# CONTRIBUTING FACTORS to blindness and visual impairment

2023

SJEHG serves the neediest people living in the Holy Land including those residing in East Jerusalem, West Bank, and the Gaza Strip. The Hospital Group is strategically positioned to enhance access to eye care for the population it serves.



Poor access to eye care resulting from physical, financial and knowledge barriers



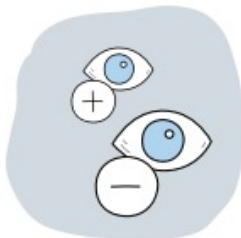
Poverty and unemployment



Poor quality eye care and fragmentation of the health care systems



Socio-economic factors leading to gender inequality



Consanguinity and inherited eye diseases

Based on the key findings from the 2018-2019 National Survey of Avoidable Blindness, Diabetic Retinopathy, and Disability in Palestine (RAAB) conducted by SJEHG, the following are the main causes of blindness and visual impairment amongst the population we serve.