

## Better Vision Leading to Better Opportunities



Since 2012, the Foundation's Vision Screening Program has helped more than 10,000 students in rural Xinjiang and Guangxi achieve better vision. We have come to better understand how the restoration of sight can help children and teenagers learn better and excel, leading to better opportunities in life. We would like to share with you our recent developments.



## Ministry of Civil Affairs Award

In June 2019, the Foundation was selected as one of the 50 NGO projects receiving a funding award from the Ministry of Civil Affairs in China, recognizing our efforts in the area of social service. We are pleased to report that at the end of 2019, the funding has been used to provide low vision treatment for students.

In 2018 and 2019, the Vision Screening Program has provided free screening and eye glasses to 1,329 students at Moyu County of the Hotan Prefecture of Xinjiang. The students were curious and excited to get their eye check and eye glasses for the first time.



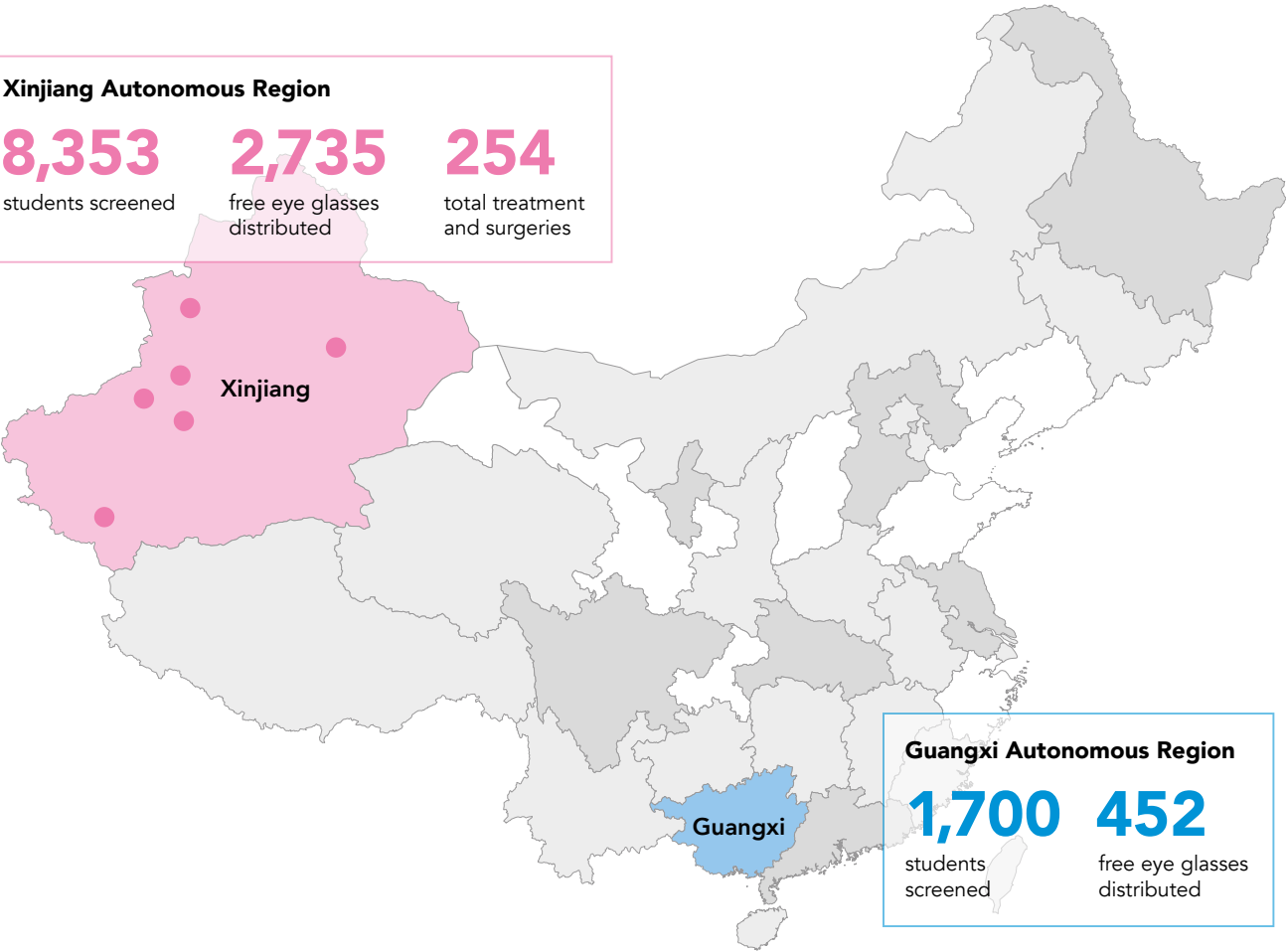
# Data at a glance (2012-2019)

**Xinjiang Autonomous Region**

**8,353**  
students screened

**2,735**  
free eye glasses distributed

**254**  
total treatment and surgeries

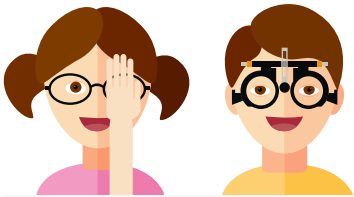
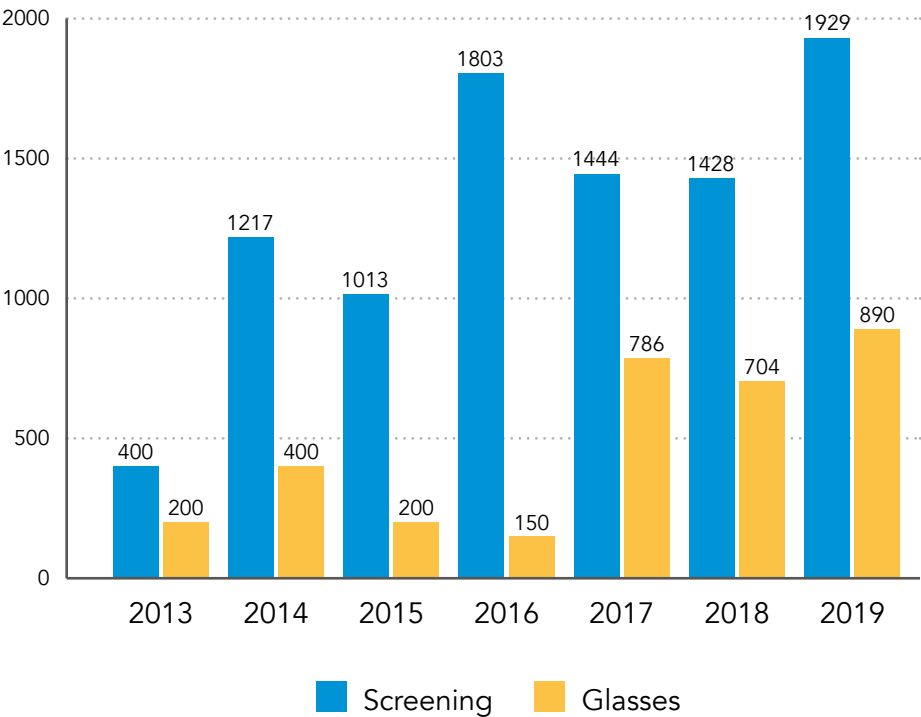


**Guangxi Autonomous Region**

**1,700**  
students screened

**452**  
free eye glasses distributed

## Impact (2012-2019)



Total no. of students screened:

**10,053**

Total no. of glasses donated:

**3,187**

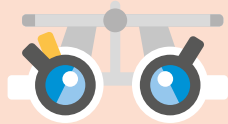
Total no. of treatment/surgeries:

**254**



## Pilot Research Project on Eye Health and Productivity

In May 2019, the Foundation sponsored a pilot research project, providing eye examination for 4,000 factory workers of Esquel in Gaoming. We are very pleased to collaborate with the Zhongshan Ophthalmic Centre (ZOC), the state key laboratory on Ophthalmology for this project.



The research project focuses on understanding the eye health conditions of workers whose work require intensive use of eye sight, such as garment sewing, garment and fabric inspection. It also aims to study the relationship between eye care, and the quality of life and work of workers.



Workers received screening and those with needs received free prescription of eye glasses. ZOC also gave eye health talks to workers to enhance their awareness and forming good habits to maintain good eye health.



## Connecting Eye Care with Arts and Culture



The Foundation received donations from the China Arts Foundation to support its Vision Screening program. Recognizing that good vision is key to children's learning and extra-curricular activities, the donations hope to provide additional resources for not only vision screening, but resources to support arts and cultural development at the same schools.

The Xinjiang Autonomous Region has rich cultural heritage. For thousands of years, the unique dance, music, costumes and crafts of various ethnic minorities have had a profound impact on Han culture.

While enhancing the eye health of school students, the donations aim to go a step further by providing 3,000 students from 18 schools with the experience of dancing, broadening their artistic and cultural horizons, and enriching their extra-curricular lives.



dance



music



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