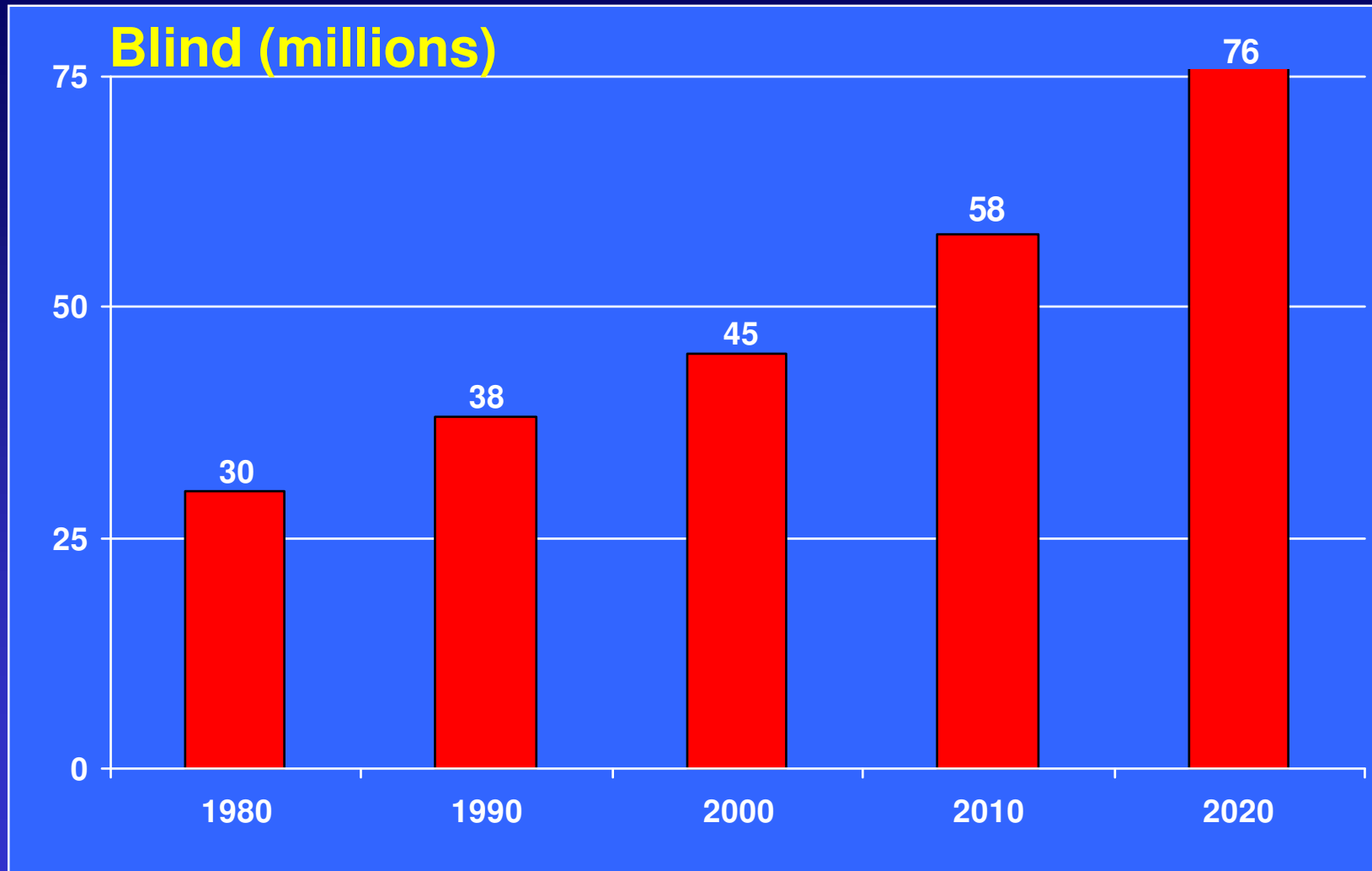
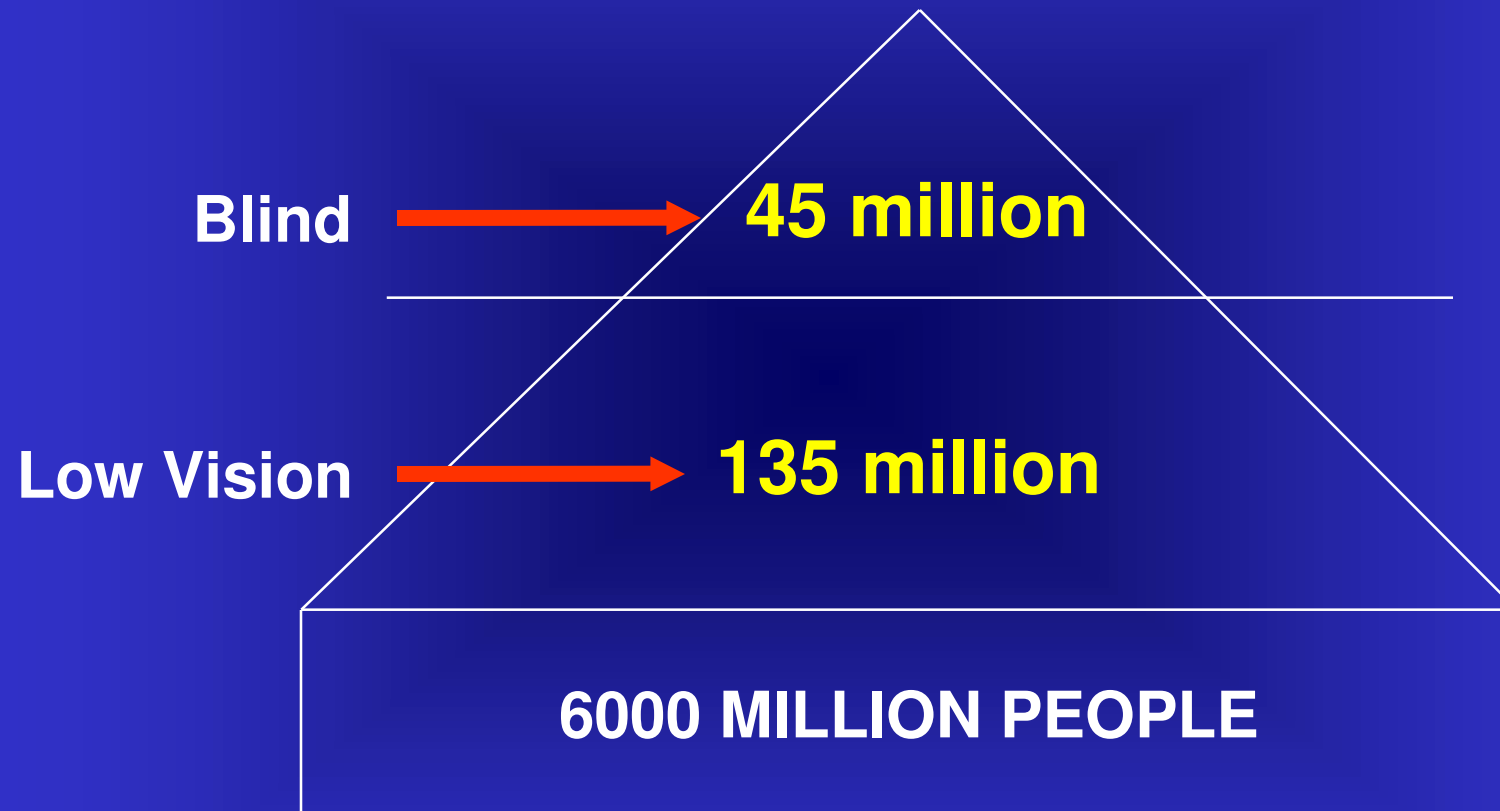


The Problem

Global Blindness Projections



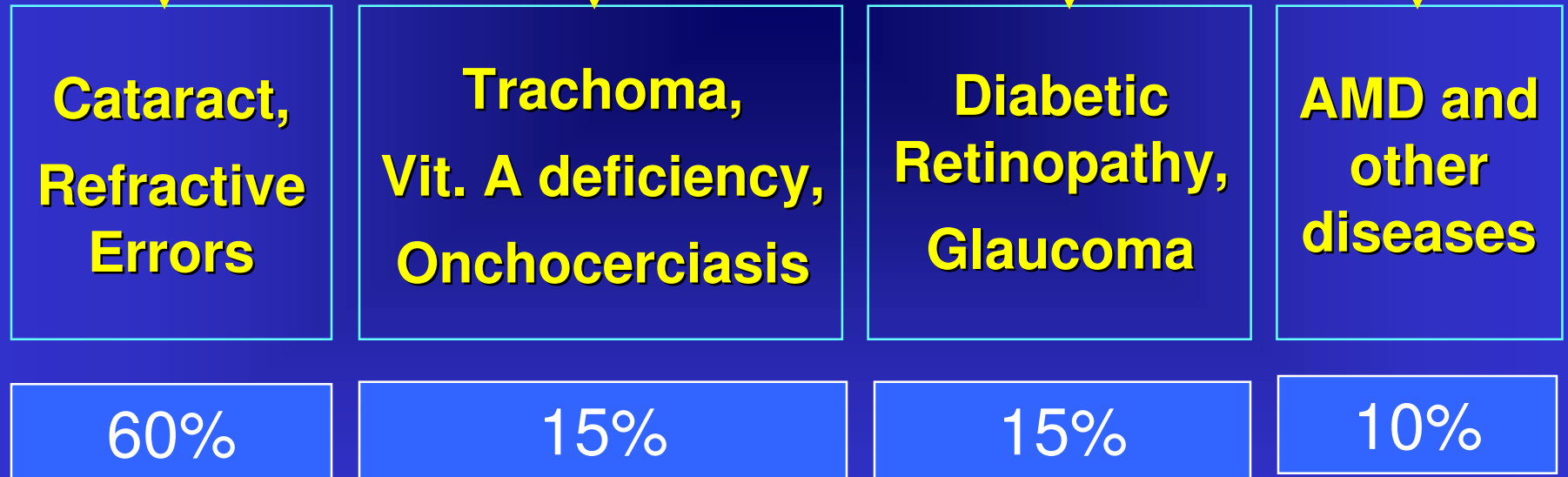
1995: Global estimates of visual loss and blindness



Blind: visual acuity in better eye with best correction $<3/60$ ($<20/400$ or <0.05)
Low vision: can see $3/60$ ($20/400$ or 0.05) but cannot see $6/18$ ($20/60$ or 0.33) in the better eye with best correction.

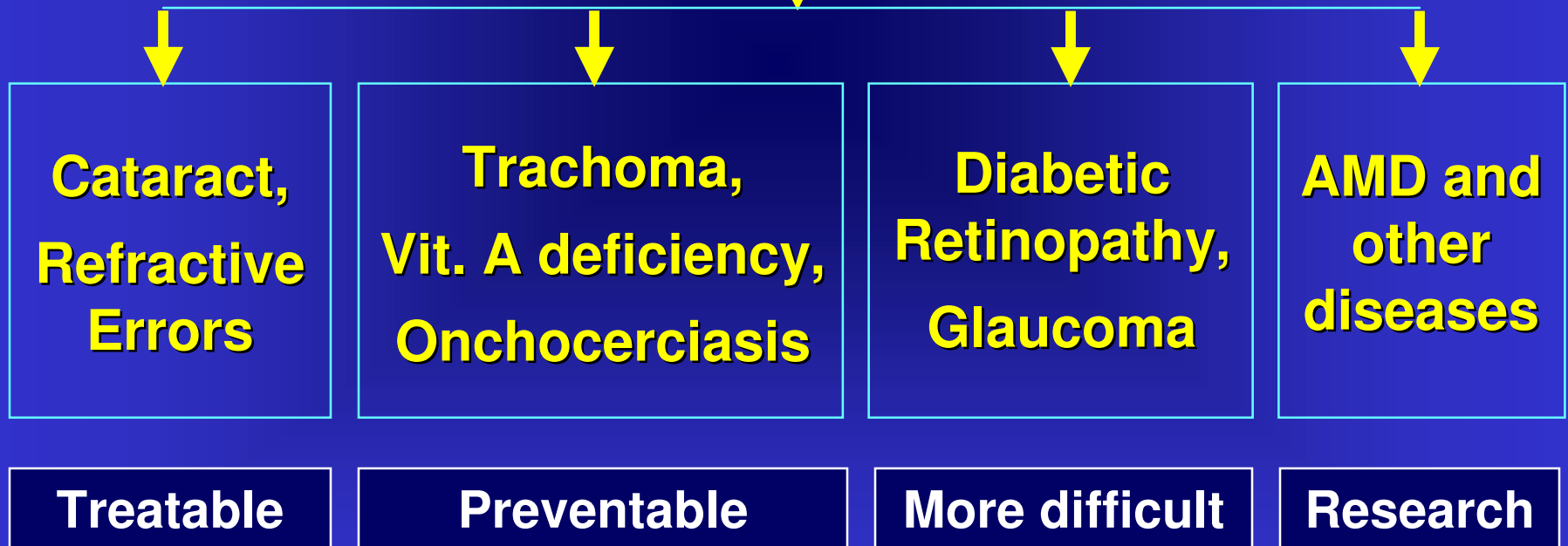
GLOBAL BLINDNESS

45 million



DISEASE STRATEGY

Diseases



GLOBAL BLINDNESS

SUMMARY

- **Approximately 45 Million**
- **Increasing by 1-2 Million / year**
- **90% in poor communities of the world**
- **60% Treatable**
- **20% Preventable**

The Solution

V I S I O N



THE RIGHT TO SIGHT

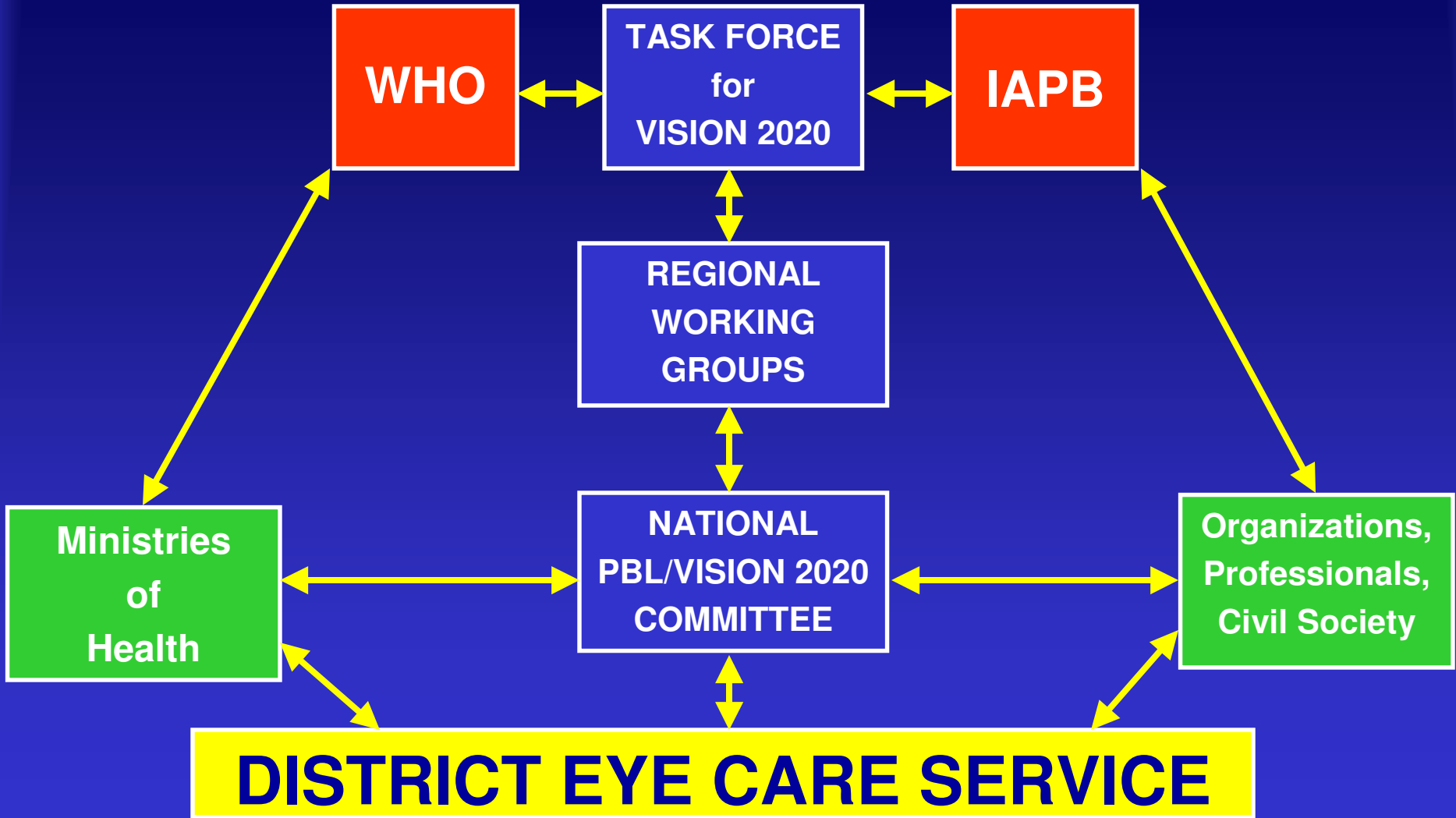
WHAT IS VISION 2020?

VISION 2020 is a joint initiative by:

WHO and IAPB

**to ELIMINATE AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS
in Member Countries**

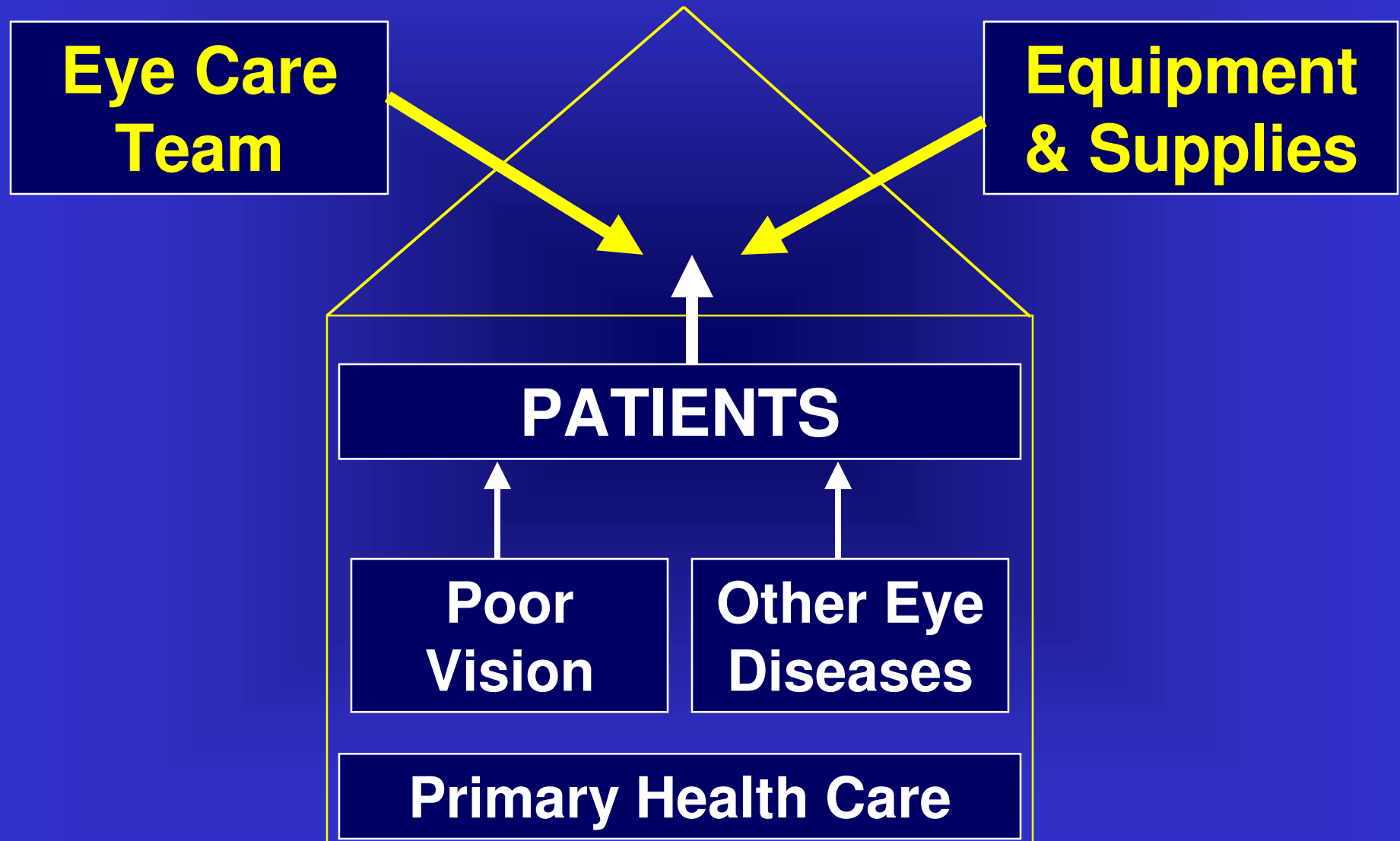
VISION 2020 PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE



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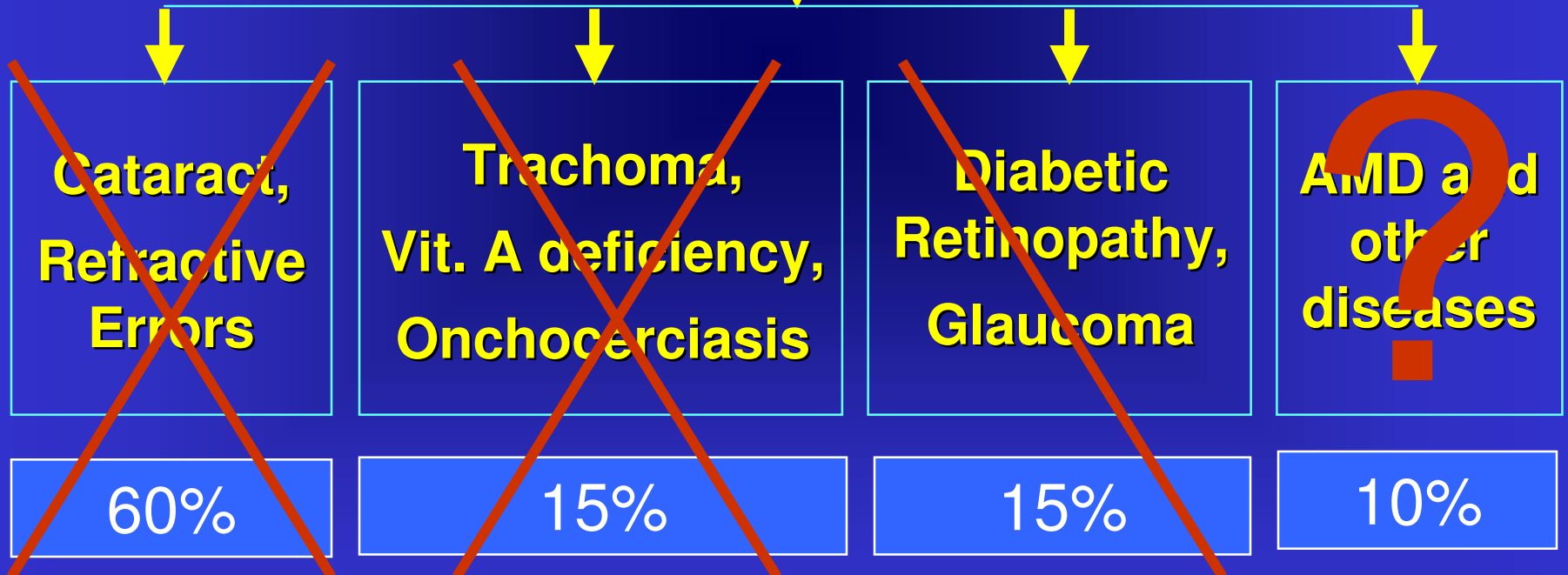
The Strategy

District Model for Eye Care Services

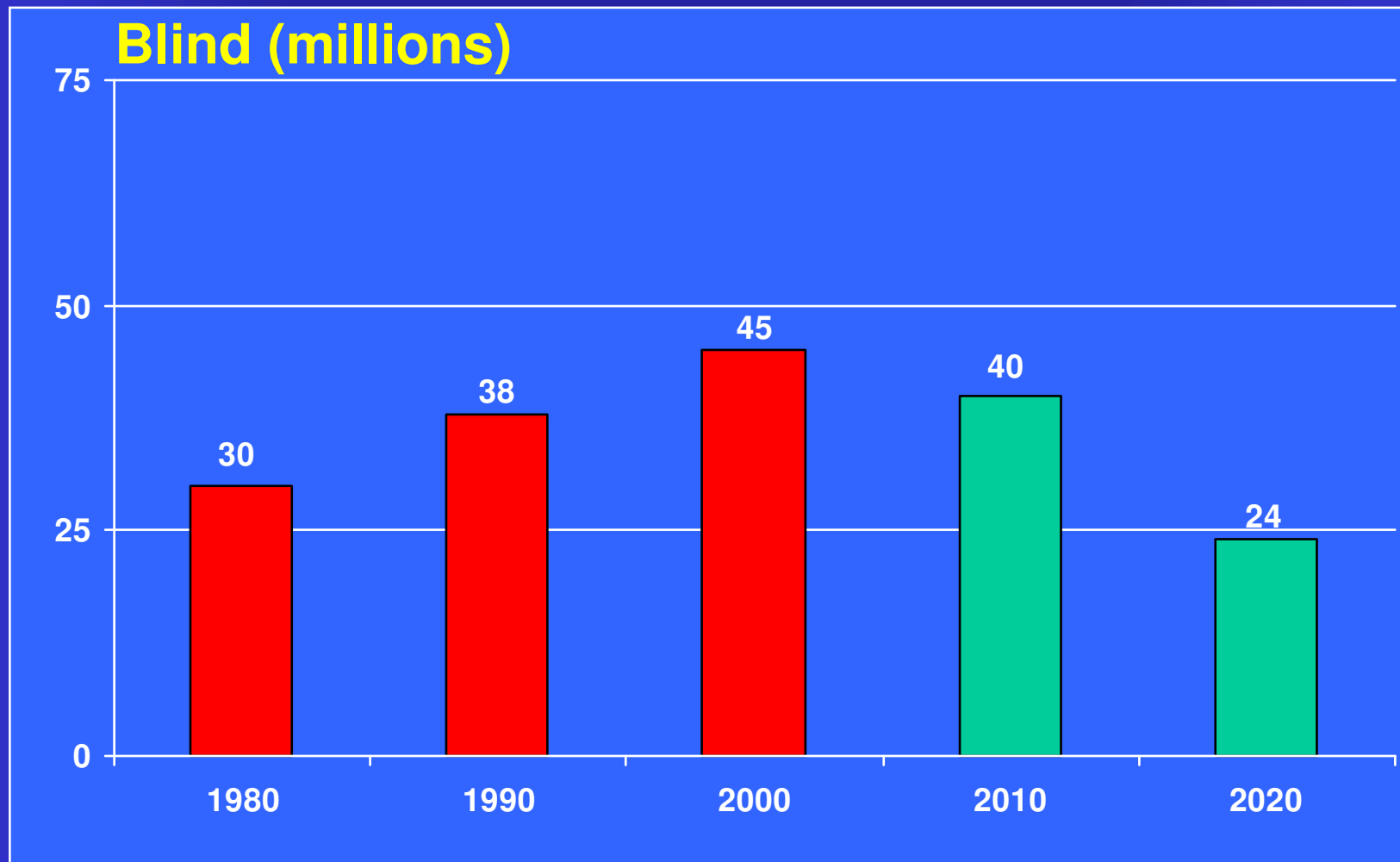


VISION 2020

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Blindness Projections with VISION 2020



Why?

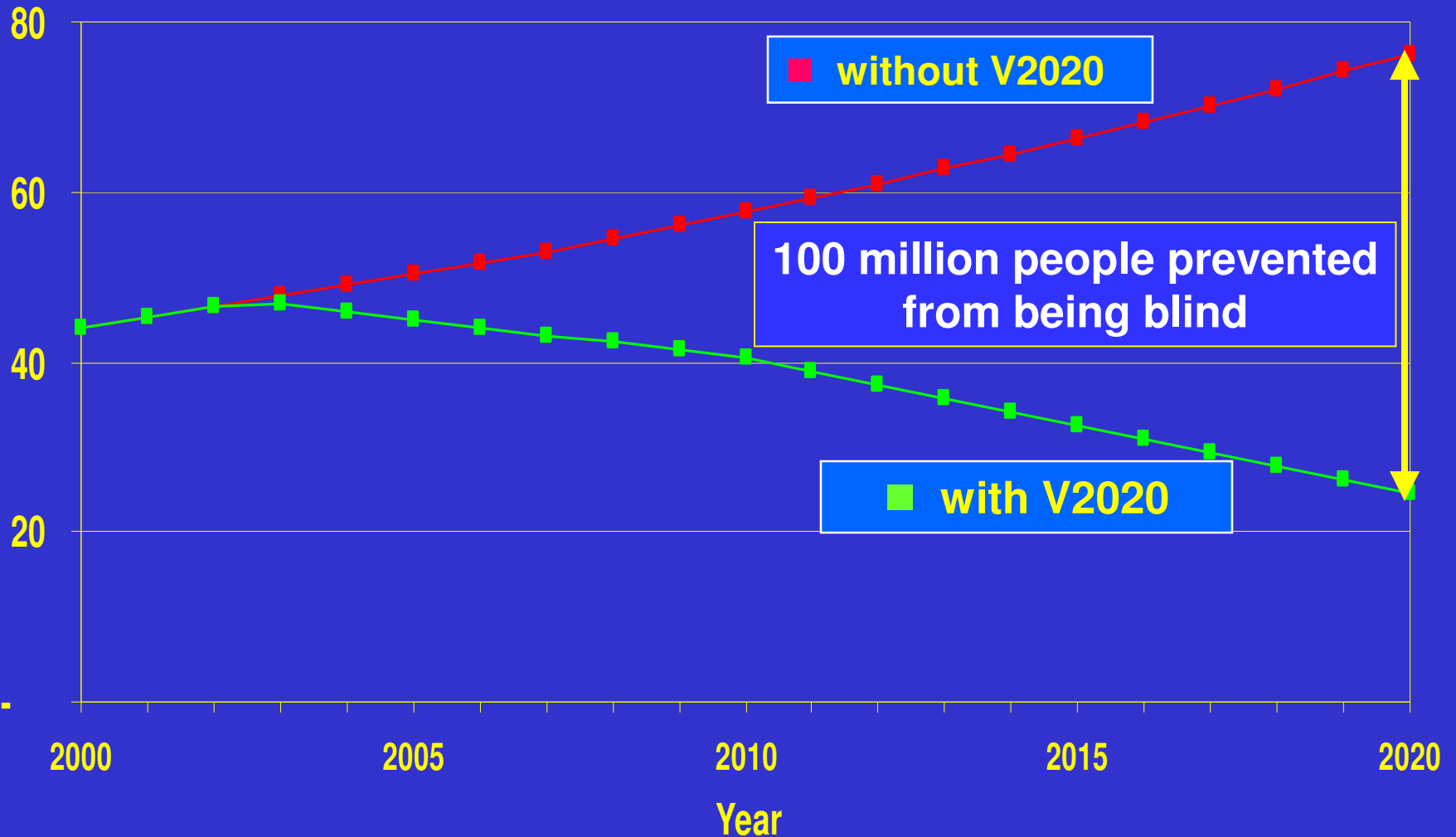


Number of Cases of Blindness With & Without VISION 2020

(The magnitude and cost of global blindness: an increasing problem that can be alleviated.

Kevin Frick, Allen Foster. Am J Ophthalmol 2003;135:471-476)

Blind (millions)



Economic Impact of Blindness

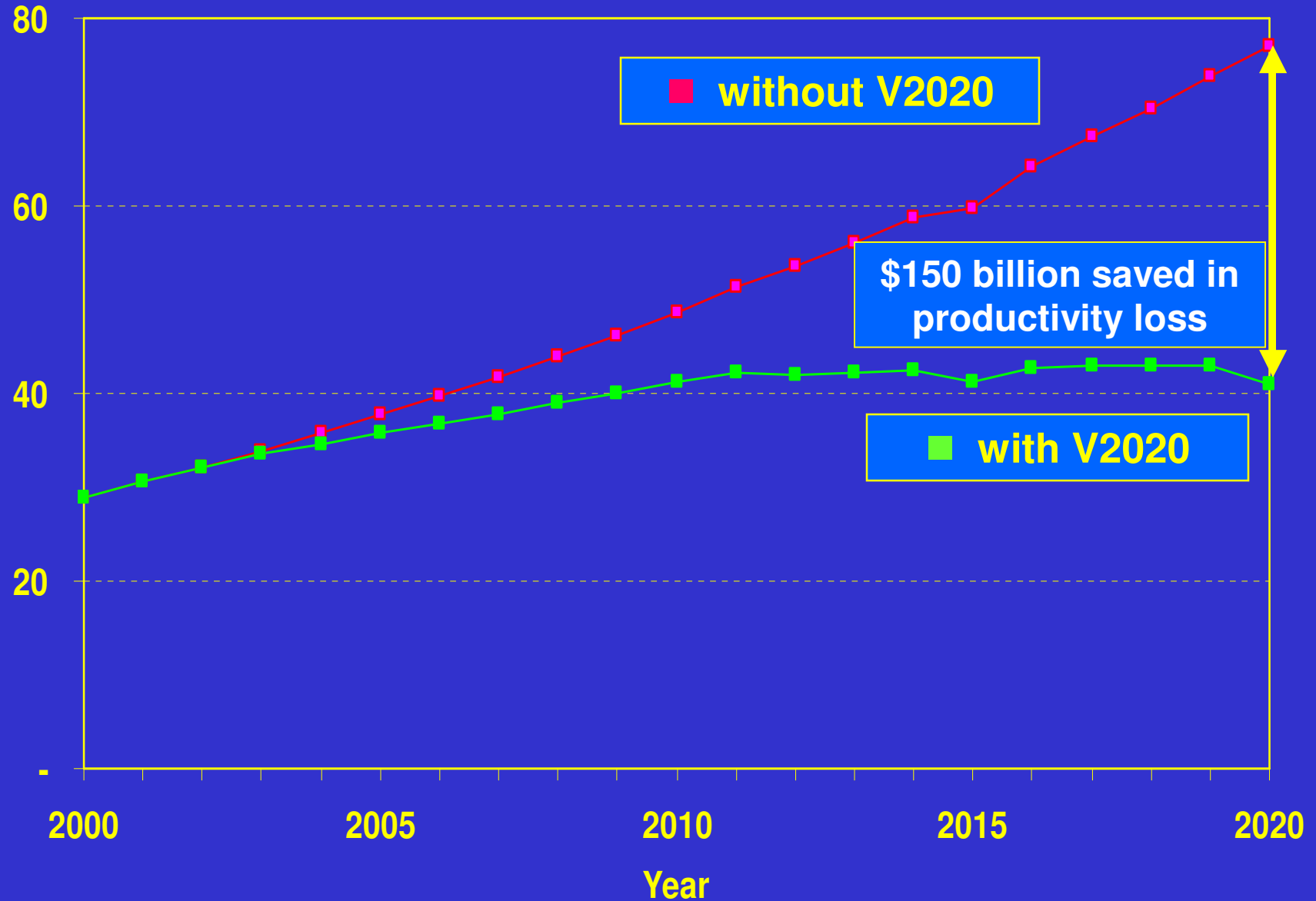
- **In many parts of the world, blindness adds to individual, family and community poverty.**
- **Effective interventions are available that can prevent or cure 80% of blindness**
- **Moreover, these interventions are inexpensive.**

Economic Productivity Loss due to Blindness

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US \$ (billions)



WHY - VISION 2020?

PER “AVERAGE” MILLION PEOPLE

15,000 people saved from blindness

\$25 mill. savings in lost productivity

OVER THE 20 YEAR PERIOD