



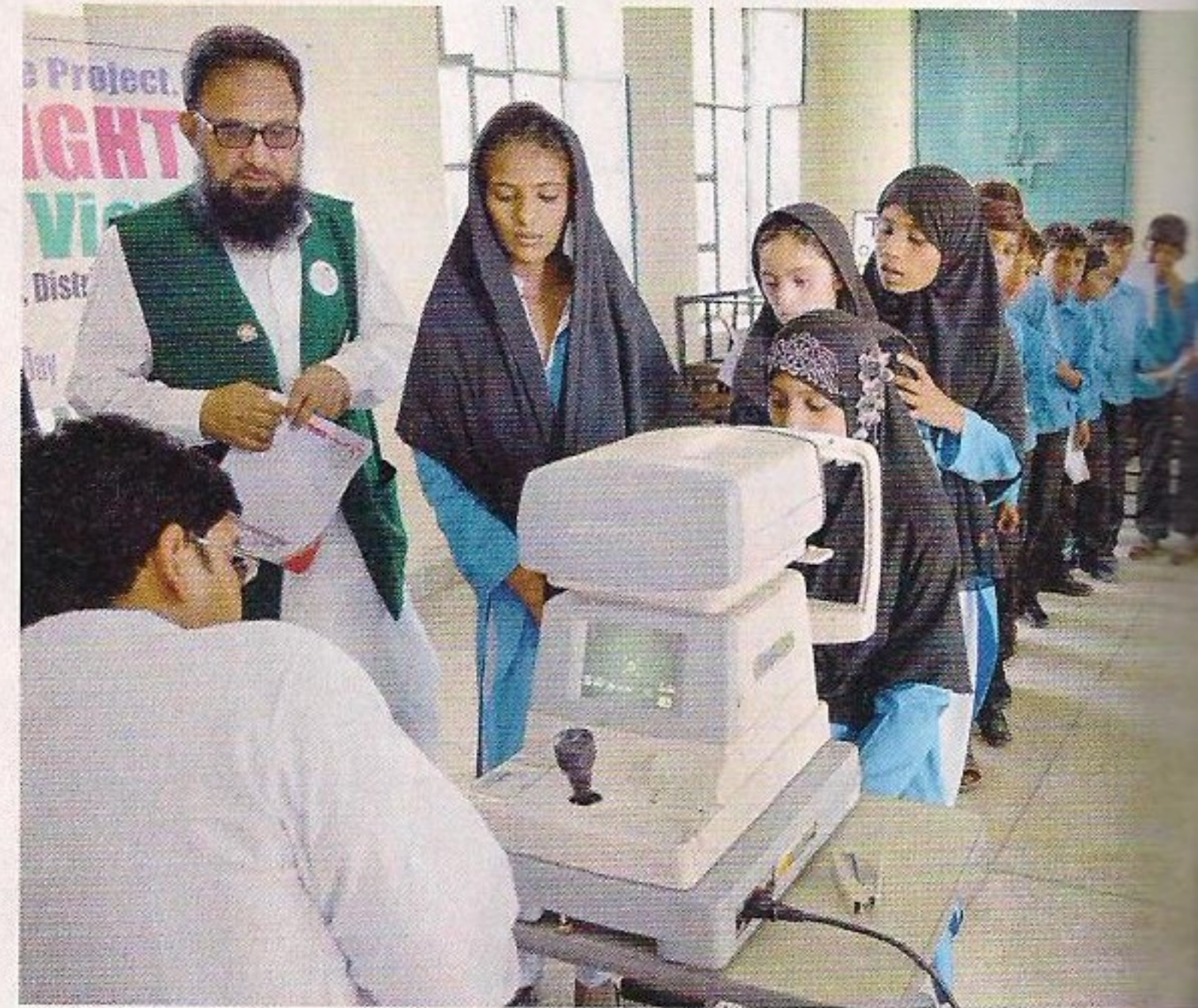
Prof. João Fernando Sobral

PAST PRESIDENT SOBRAL OF BRAZIL DIES

Prof. João Fernando Sobral's slogan as international president in 1976-77 was "make your fellow man needed." He personally heeded that maxim particularly with Lions. Before his term ended he invited to headquarters and met at length with five Lions he had encountered on his visits to more than 50 nations. Lions inspired him and helped make his life meaningful. "These Lions were the men who made my year a success," he wrote in his last presidential column in the LION in 1977. "It was they who put my theme into action in every facet of their lives." Sobral, the first Brazilian to serve as international president, died Jan. 4 after a lengthy illness. He was 90. Sobral was a nationally known economist, a university professor and a successful businessman in Brazil. His firm was a leading manufacturer of thermal products, plastics, glass and sheet metal items. He also served on the Brazilian Federal Reserve Board and as a special adviser to the Minister of Mines and Energy. A Lion since 1960, he served as district governor and as an international director from 1969-71. As president he oversaw the building of an orphanage and arranged for free medical care for children with heart problems. He was the first chairman of SightFirst in Brazil and consistently encouraged Lions throughout Latin America to support LCIF and SightFirst projects.

SERVICE WEEKS POST BIG NUMBERS

Lions' Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger Jan. 9-15 was a success. To date, as reported to Lions Clubs International (LCI), 1,002 clubs fed 272,258 people through 1,328 projects. The week



The Lahore Green View Lions Club in Pakistan holds a vision screening for schoolchildren.

dedicated to sight projects, Oct. 10 to 16, also posted high numbers. Nearly 2,800 clubs benefitted 563,016 people through 3,603 activities. The numbers for the week for service to youth (Aug. 8-14) are: 2,717 clubs helping 633,052 youths through 3,856 projects. The Worldwide Week of Service to Protect our Planet is April 17-23. Clubs are encouraged to report their service to LCI through MyLCI online. Clubs can report their service through July.