



Victoria M. Sheffield, DStJ, is a recognized leader in the field of blindness prevention with 48 years' experience in international eye health. A Vietnam Nam era veteran, USAF Medical Corps (1966-1971), she served in the Philippines and Italy. She was certified as an Ophthalmic Medical Technologist after graduating from the two-year training program at the Georgetown University Medical School in Washington, DC. Ms. Sheffield joined the International Eye Foundation (IEF) in 1979 and lived in Kenya working with IEF's "Kenya Rural Blindness Prevention Project" 1980-1983 with follow on assignments in the Middle East and Caribbean. In 1984, she joined Helen Keller International designing training programs and materials, and conducting surveys with a focus on vitamin A deficiency for several countries in Asia and Africa. She worked closely with UNICEF during the drought and famine in Ethiopia and Sudan 1985-1986 battling vitamin A deficiency and trachoma, and was seconded to the World Health Organization's (WHO) "Programme for Prevention of Blindness" 1985-1987 in Geneva designing and producing public eye health education materials for WHO. Returning to IEF as President & CEO in 1990, she will retire at the end of June 2020 but will continue as a Technical Advisor with IEF to the US Agency for International Development's (USAID) Child Blindness Program 2018-2023.

Ms. Sheffield has authored 25 publications, 5 book chapters, and 70 presentations at professional conferences. She is Vice President of the London-based International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) 2015-2021, an international advocacy agency with over 150 NGO, corporate, and academic member organizations from around the world. She is the founding Vice Chair of the International Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Council's Advisory Board; chaired the IAPB "Partnership Committee" which met annually at WHO in Geneva 1993-1998; is a member of the Executive Committee of VISION2020/USA; and is a consultant to the American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) Global Education & Outreach Committee.

Ms. Sheffield served on the St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group's Board of Trustees 2009-2015 chairing the Strategy Committee and serving on the Clinical Governance Committee. She served on the U.S. Priory's Development, Finance, & Investiture Committees. Among her awards are an AAO Senior Achievement Award-2014, AAO Secretariat Award-2013, and the 2010 "Prince Abdulaziz Ahmad Al Saud Prevention of Blindness Award" from the Middle East Africa Council of Ophthalmology. She is an Overseas Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine-UK, a member of DACOR- An Organization of Foreign Service Professionals and has been nominated to Who's Who in America in 2020. She has visited 105 countries living in five countries on four continents including the UK where she was born, and with professional experience in 44 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe.