OVERVIEW OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Special Olympics develops and empowers leaders, catalyzing actions that directly benefit people with intellectual disabilities and their communities. By harnessing the power of people to change hearts, minds and behaviors, we create more cohesive and accepting civil societies around the world.

Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics is the world’s largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics provides year-round training and competitions in over 30 Olympic-type sports to more than 5 million athletes through 226 Accredited Programs in 174 countries.

EXPANDING A ROOTED PARTNERSHIP
Lions and Leos are uniquely positioned to provide support to Special Olympics athletes in a number of ways. Among many other opportunities, local Lions and Leo Clubs can participate in Opening Eyes and Healthy Hearing events, volunteer at Games, and engage in Unified Sports.

GLOBAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Outlined below are metrics of success for Opening Eyes®, Family Health Forum and Unified Sports.

CONTACTING YOUR SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM
All countries and states with active Special Olympics Programs are run by volunteer or full-time Program Directors. The contact details for all Programs may be found by searching for Program Locator on www.specialolympics.org. Program leaders will be able to direct you to Special Olympics Programs in your area and can provide details of major events or exams where your involvement and support would be greatly appreciated.