

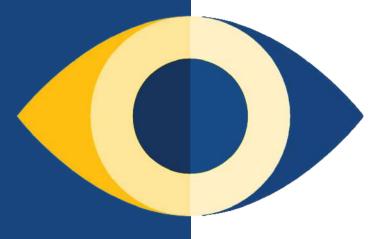


partners in eye health

Mission for Vision (MFV) is a not-for-profit organisation established in the year 2000 to eradicate avoidable blindness through the enablement of high quality, comprehensive and equitable eye care. It was founded on the basis that poverty is a cause and effect of visual and other disabilities, that in-turn further accentuates the social divide. Eradicating avoidable blindness will enhance productivity, significantly impact on GDP and promote social and economic equity among nations.

MFV works in 20 Indian states with 34 of the most reputed eye hospitals in India. Over the years, it has helped establish 17 state-of-the art community eye care centres and 61 Vision Centres in various parts of the country. MFV has enabled eye health interventions to over 16.51+ million people and enabled over 2.36+ million eye surgeries at no cost to the patient.

Impact period: From inception to March 2021



VISION

To restore the gift of vision to every visually impaired human being, irrespective of nationality, religion or socio-economic status.





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CONTEXT

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed everything about life and work, as we know it. The pandemic has had a catastrophic impact on individuals, communities and economies, including healthcare and eye care in particular. With all the focus on tackling COVID-19, eye health programmes were significantly hampered during this period.

At 12 million¹, India is home to a third of the world's blind population and houses 50 million visually impaired persons. Eye care is an integral component of healthcare and needs to be prioritised. Understanding the critical role of eye care, Mission for Vision and our partners continued to enable quality eye care to vulnerable communities across India. We have adapted to newer methods of working in order to deliver eye care safely and minimise contagion. Along with embracing change, we have also developed resilience on this journey.

This Annual Report features some of our key interventions and projects that have not only enabled quality eye care in the backdrop of a fast-spreading pandemic but also supported the efforts of the government and civil society in response to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Dear Friends,

I am happy to share with you Mission for Vision's Annual Report for the year 2020-2021. The last one year has been unlike any other in our entire lifetime. While we celebrated two decades of saving sight and transforming lives, the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic also fostered much resilience and innovation in us as a team and sector.

As the situation around the globe continues to evolve, our focus has been to reinvent our agenda towards an integrated people-centred eye care approach. In our efforts to strengthen the access to quality eye care, we continued to strive with our partners across the country towards our mission. Despite the challenges, we managed to build stronger eye health systems in the regions we work and enabled eye services to over 2,05,000 persons from vulnerable backgrounds among whom over 50,900 surgeries were provided at no cost to these persons.

In our endeavour to support COVID-19 impacted socio-economically challenged communities, Mission for Vision lead a number of emergency relief activities that provided cooked meals, dry ration and hygiene kits in various states of India. Persons with disabilities were a key focal group. We also extended our support to eye-health personnel and frontline workers by providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), in order for them to carry out their functions with safety.

Despite the many roadblocks due to the pandemic, the team has worked brilliantly at innovating and adapting to newer methods of working in order to deliver our best to communities in need.

I am very thankful to our patrons, board and key supporters for their continued faith in our work. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our partners and staff who have worked tirelessly and with immense perseverance throughout this period. Teamed with resilience and our strong belief in Caring Capitalism®, I am certain that we will emerge much stronger in our efforts towards a world free from needless sight loss.

Thank you very much.

With best regards,

Mr Jagdish M. Chanrai

Founder, Mission for Vision

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Colleagues,

The past year has been truly unprecedented in more than one way. As an organisation, we celebrated our second decade of eradicating avoidable sight loss. At the same time, it was a period of unprecedented experiences on account of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While we faced numerous, unique experiences, our challenges also helped build resilience and innovation in reimagining strategies towards our mission. We adapted to new ways of working for each of our thematic areas and also learnt of the marvels of technology with a hybrid approach to working – from home and within the physical work environment.

While COVID-19 slowed our work significantly over the year months, we have yet been able to build our programme substantially though new hospitals and Vision Centres, run Mission Saksham and Mission Nayan programmes in new ways. PRISM has amply demonstrated our positive impact on communities. We have also built new programmes and donor partnerships.

Our communications portfolio has been more engaging and strategic. Our COVID-19 capsules, training and employee engagement activities have helped build capacity and cooperation. We are also adapting to statutory and other key policy changes in the country.

Globally, we have the very exciting opportunity to be part of ambitious plans announced at the recent World Health Assembly, and the first-ever United Nations General Assembly resolution on vision, championed by IAPB and its members. It is also heartening that we could contribute towards the alleviation of suffering through our COVID-19 relief efforts, along with our core goals. Some of us are also grappling with coming to terms with the loss of a loved one. The commitment, compassion, and courage of our team has been central to all that we have been able to achieve through all of this. We are very appreciative of our partners who have faced innumerable challenges in ensuring mission continuity despite the uncertainty and risks posed by the pandemic. The continued support from our donor partners has been immensely heartening, their generosity and belief in us refreshes our enthusiasm. We remain inspired by our founder, Mr J M Chanrai and his vision and are grateful to our board for their unstinted support and wise counsel during this period.

We now rebuild, grow and evolve with much optimism and hope towards a more integrated people-centred approach towards eye health.

Thank you very much for your support and belief, it means a lot to us. Take care and stay safe.

With warm regards,

Ms Elizabeth Kurian
CEO, Mission for Vision

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

F.Y. 2020-2021

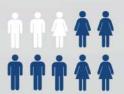
2,05,401 **EYE SERVICES ENABLED**

50,930 **EYE SURGERIES PROVIDED AT NO COST**

20 NEW VISION CENTRES **ESTABLISHED**

OVER THE YEARS

MILLION EYE SERVICES

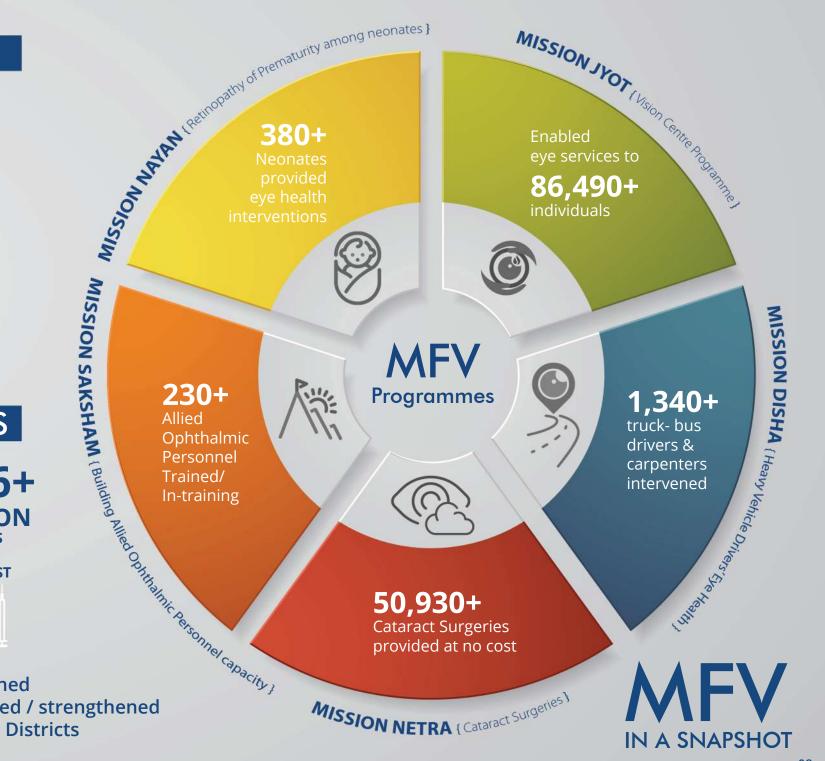


ENABLED

16.51+ 2.36+ **MILLION SURGERIES PROVIDED AT NO COST**



61 Vision Centres Established 17 Eye Hospitals established / strengthened Presence in 20 States, 148 Districts



ADAPTING TO THE NEW NORMAL



Within months of its inauguration in January 2020, the team at Lok Nayak Jai Prakash (LNJP) Eye Hospital in Gaya witnessed unprecedented challenges levied by the pandemic. With eye camps and large gatherings suspended due to the pandemic, the LNJP hospital was attending to only emergency cases during the months of March until May 2020. However, in order to ensure that the community was not bereft of eye health services, the hospital team adapted to the new ways of working by proactively reaching out to the communities. The door-to-door visits and follow-up by calls to the patients ensured that there was no backlog of cases and the vulnerable populations of this region received adequate access to eye care. Despite the onset of the pandemic within months of its launch, the LNJP Eye Hospital has relentlessly worked towards enabling eye care to communities in need.

The hospital covers a population of 70 lakhs around Gaya, Nawada and Jehanabad districts that are within 50 kms radial distance. Over the last one year, the hospital has provided eye-screening for 3,647 people and has enabled 3,559 surgeries at no cost to the patient.



PROGRAMMES

In order to enable high-quality, comprehensive eye care to underserved communities across different geographies, Mission for Vision has developed robust programmes that provide a sustained impact.

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mission for Vision has developed adaptation guidelines that serve as an easy reference tool and guides eye health personnel to deliver eye care services and at the same time minimise the risk of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) transmission to our patients and staff.

All the adaptation guidelines are available on the website here:

http://missionforvision.org.in/covid19



MISSION DISHA

Disha: दिशा

Means direction, path or a road.

An eye health programme that promotes road safety and good eye health among heavy vehicle drivers and skilled workforce.

Heavy vehicle drivers often spend long hours behind the wheel and their work requires utmost concentration day and night. Good visual function is a necessity in order to avert accidents and promote road safety. 60% of traffic accidents in India are attributed to impaired vision and about 68% of heavy vehicle drivers admitted that they have never had their eyes tested for their driver's license renewal.² Another study found that nearly 43% of truckers had some form of refractive errors that included presbyopia, myopia and hyperopia.³

Our Mission Disha programme proactively enables eye health interventions for heavy vehicle drivers, bus drivers and skilled workers such as carpenters. Through this programme, we provide timely eye testing; individuals identified with refractive errors are provided spectacles at no cost and those in need of advanced treatment or surgery are referred to higher tertiary care.





13,800+

TRUCK / BUS-DRIVERS
& CARPENTERS INTERVENED

From inception till March 2021

² Vision Impact Institute Study 2017

³ Mission for Vision Study

MISSION JYOT

Jyot : ज्योत Means light or divine light.

This initiative delivers primary eye care to the remotest locations via its Vision Centre approach.



Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, our **Mission Jyot's** "Vision Centre (VC)" approach has been found to be uniquely effective and relevant. Local lockdown protocols, compounded by fractured transport facilities and the fear of infection have prevented communities from accessing eye health care in hospitals that are usually based in cities or larger towns at considerable distances. Communities served by VCs on the other hand had a continuous source of eye health care and were not bereft of services.

We noticed stark differences in the uptake of services between eye hospitals and VCs run by the same institution during the pandemic. For example, while a VC in rural Maharashtra saw 638 patients during the first phase of the pandemic during June to September 2020, its base hospital, among the largest eye facilities in Western India saw just 34 outpatients during the same period. Likewise, a VC in a remote part of North East India saw 705 persons, while its base hospital was closed during that period. These VCs are at a distance of 65 to 93 kms. from the base hospital. We observed a similar scenario in other parts of the country.

These VCs act as primary eye care centres that offer services by trained optometrists at affordable rates and this globally proven model is in complete sync with the integrated people-centred eye care (IPEC) approach, as recommended by WHO in its World Report on Vision.

MISSION JYOT

61
VISION CENTRES
ESTABLISHED

5,52,153
PEOPLE AVAILED
EYE HEALTH SERVICES
AT THE VISION CENTRE

1,14,633
SPECTACLES PROVIDED
(From inception till March 2021)

20 NEW VISION CENTRES ESTABLISHED (in F.Y. 2020-2021)

RESTORING SIGHT TO RESTART BUSINESS

Mr Rehmat Ali (name changed) resides in Dhanaura, Amroha District of Uttar Pradesh. He is a street vendor selling jari work and dress materials. Mr Ali is the only breadwinner to a family of six members. He usually sets up his stall in the market area close to the Dhanaura Vision Centre (VC) established in partnership with CL Gupta Eye Institute and Standard Chartered Bank India. While business was going smoothly for Mr Ali, he noticed that the vision in his left eye was deteriorating gradually. Over a period of six months, his vision got blurry and he was finding it difficult to maintain balance with his daily activities and this affected his business as well. He was unable to identify colours of the cloth materials and was also unable to see the cash amounts clearly. Lot of customers started complaining and this caused a dip in his income as well. The next unexpected setback was the COVID-19 pandemic and he had to abide by the nationwide lockdown rules. Along with the drying up of finances, his vision was getting worse over time. He approached a few hospitals to get his eyes tested, but most of them had turned into COVID-19 treatment centres.

As the lockdown restrictions eased out, he decided to resume his business. However, he soon realised that his eyesight was worse than before. Luckily, an awareness drive was being conducted by the Dhanaura Vision Centre staff. He shared his plight with the staff, who advised him to visit the centre for a thorough examination. The team conducted a thorough eye examination and found his vision to be 6/9 in the right eye and a mature cataract in his left eye. The Vision Centre staff referred him for an immediate surgery for his left eye cataract at MFV's partner C.L. Gupta Eye Hospital in Moradabad.



Considering the current financial hardships, Mr Ali was informed that the surgery would be done at no cost. They immediately booked an appointment for the surgery. Post his complete rest and recovery, his vision improved significantly and he returned to his stall in the market right away. Mr Ali and his family are elated that the timely intervention helped restore his vision and they are confident that their financial situation will also improve over time. They shared their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped in the restoration of his sight.



Nayan:नयन

Means eyes and often associated with gentle eyes

Interventions focusing on Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) among neonates.



Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) is a blinding disorder caused by abnormal development of retinal blood vessels in premature neonates. About 30% of the neonates in a neonatal intensive care units (NICU) can be affected with ROP and nearly 10% of them can go completely blind if they do not reach an eye specialist within 30 days of birth for the required treatment. Aside of ROP screening, premature children need other medical treatments as well. This often poses as a huge burden for families from financially-challenged backgrounds.

Factoring the situation, the **Mission Nayan** programme provides ROP screening and treatment at no cost to these families. The programme also focuses on generating awareness among the masses and builds the capacity of health workers, so that we are able to address this issue in a holistic manner.

900+
NEONATES
PROVIDED
EYE HEALTH
INTERVENTIONS

HOSPITALS / HEALTH
CENTRES THAT PROVIDE
ROP SCREENING

(From inception till March 2021)

STORIES OF HOPE



THE DOUBLE BUNDLE OF JOY

Mrs Khan (name changed) a resident of Mumbra, Thane opened her eyes to the happiest news of her life when the nurse informed her that she had given birth to twins, a boy and a girl. Hearing this, she was overjoyed and forgot all the pain that she had endured during the pregnancy. However, her happiness was short-lived, as both babies were pre-term and underweight (born in 27 weeks). The family already had a lot of financial challenges. Mr Khan who works as a contractor for civil work (painting, electricity, etc.) was under a lot of stress, as his earnings had reduced to half because of the pandemic.

Due to the early delivery, the twins required artificial support for survival. The twins were admitted for 1.5 months at the NICU of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj hospital (CSMH), Kalwa, Thane. During their stay at CSMH, the on-duty doctor advised both the neonates to be screened for Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP). Luckily, CSMH was one of the hospitals covered by MFV's partner K. B. Haji Bachooali Hospital (KBHB) for ROP screening, supported by Givaudan and Mission for Vision. On the designated day, the team visited the hospital and screened the neonates for ROP. Both were found to be ROP positive. The parents were counselled about the need for further evaluation and the team requested the parents to bring the neonates to the base hospital. At KBHB hospital, the paediatric ophthalmologist advised laser treatment for both eyes for the boy (the girl required further observation and follow-up). The family was burdened enough and to make things worse, when they learnt about the consequences of ROP, they were traumatised. Mr Khan started pondering about the arrangements he would have to make to meet the treatment costs. However, when the doctor informed him that they would not have to pay anything, he was extremely gratified. On 13th March 2021, the baby boy underwent bilateral laser treatment. The family is extremely thankful to the entire team for the screening and treatment. The baby boy is improving after the laser treatment and the girl is under regular follow up. If need be, she would also be given the necessary treatment at KBHB hospital, of course, at no cost to the family.

MISSION NETRA

Netra : नेत्र

Means eyes or another term used synonymously with vision

Eye health interventions focused on screening and treating adults with cataract



Among the major causes of visual impairment in those above the age of 50 years, 71% is due to cataract. Cataract can hamper the quality of life of an individual and can lead to other issues such as loss of productivity, mobility and also lead to anxiety and depression in some.

In order to address the issue of cataract among socio-economically challenged communities, the Mission Netra programme provides timely eye health interventions. The programme enables high quality cataract surgeries and provides medicines, transportation, hospital stay and nutritious meals for individuals from marginalised communities, at no cost to the patient. The cataract surgery provided under Mission Netra programme enables a higher quality of life for persons provided with this service.

A recent study⁴ found that USD 4 of economic gain can be made for every USD 1 spent on eye healthcare in developing countries. Evidence also suggests that eye health boosts the broader economy and provides other benefits such as freeing women and young girls from the time they would have otherwise spent on caring for visually impaired family members.

2.36+ MILLION

SURGERIES PROVIDED AT NO COST

(From inception till March 2021)



RESTORING SIGHT REGAINING EMPLOYMENT

71-year-old Ms Renu (name changed) is a resident of Shangpung village of West Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya. She works as a house-help for a well-to-do family in the same village. Ms Renu who is known for her impeccable work and cleaning skills started receiving a lot of complaints from her employers. The main cause for this situation was her deteriorating sight which she had ignored for far too long. Ms Renu could not see clearly, so she often missed some dusty spots in the house. Her employers who were particular about cleanliness began scolding her for these mistakes and even accused her of being lazy and complacent. Eventually, Ms Renu decided to quit her job, as she was unable to bear the constant complaints from her employers.

However, her decision of leaving the job led to affecting the family income and they were burdened with more work. During the earlier part of March 2020, an eye check-up camp was held at Shangpung village by MFV's partner Hospital -Bansara Eye Care Centre. She got her eyes examined at the camp and was diagnosed with a cataract. Ms Renu informed the team about her financial situation and the team assured her that she would not be charged for the surgery and she would also receive complimentary transport services to the hospital. While the team was ready to make all the arrangements, the COVID-19 virus started spreading rapidly in India. With the announcement of the lockdown, the surgery had to be postponed. As things started normalising after a few months, she was approached by the hospital once again and she agreed for the surgery. She underwent the cataract removal surgery for her right eye. A month after the surgery, her vision was found to be 6/9 in the operated eye. Post her complete recovery, Ms Renu could see clearly and this boosted her confidence greatly. Thanks to the timely surgery and restoration of sight, Ms Renu was re-employed at the same house where she worked before. The improved vision has minimised the work-errors. Alongside, she has started farming in her small plot of land where she grows turmeric and sweet potatoes with the help of her daughter. Ms Renu expressed her gratitude to all the people who made it possible for her to see clearly and get back to her normal life.



Saksham: सक्षम

Means capable, competent or self-sustaining.

A programme for skill-development and training for Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP).



Lack of Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) in India is hampering delivery of quality eye care services, especially in rural regions of India. The AOP cadre play a critical role in providing primary level eye care; rendering the ophthalmologists and optometrists' practice more productive; and enhancing the patient eye care standards. The World Health Organization (WHO) Action Plan 2014–2019 emphasizes on the role of allied ophthalmic personnel and has documented their crucial role in the workforce, which is a key component to universal eye care.

Through the Mission Saksham programme, we enable training and capacity building for AOP candidates across India. Candidates from social-economically challenged communities are selected for scholarship and first preference is given to female candidates. Alongside the course skills and technical knowledge, the programme also improves the candidates' soft skills, builds their confidence and empowers them with transferable skills that are useful for their career ahead. Thanks to the unstinted support from Wen Giving Foundation, we have been able to multiply our impact and build the manpower and resources towards delivering comprehensive eye care for all.

230+

ALLIED OPHTHALMIC PERSONNEL

TRAINED/IN-TRAINING

(From inception till March 2021)

TRANSFORMING SELF TO TRANSFORM OTHERS

Mr Meenaketan Kandori hails from a remote village of Badakhilapadar in Rayagada. His family belongs to one of India's Scheduled Tribes, which is economically and socially limited. His father passed away when he was 6 months old and his mother took care of his upbringing solely. Meenaketan studied in a Government School initially and later shifted to another school at a distance of over 40 km from his home. He had to stay in a hostel, where his lodging and food was taken care of. It was not easy for him as a child to stay away from his mother, as she was the only person he called "family".

With all these hardships, Meenaketan completed his schooling. During this time, a school teacher from Balasore promised him that he would take him under his wing and help Meenaketan with his further studies. Happiness knew no bounds and he went to his teacher's house. At first, he was asked to help with minor household work for the family and as days passed, he was burdened with the responsibility of cleaning rooms, washing clothes, cooking food, washing dishes, etc. After three months of waiting, Meenaketan decided to return home.

Due to this deceit by his teacher, he could not go for higher studies. He then opted for a computer course at a centre where he could work as a helper and he would not have to pay anything for the course. He was happy with this arrangement, as all he cared was for learning. After a year of stay and learning at the centre, Meenaketan returned home and took admission at a Higher Secondary School in Kailashpur and had to stay in a hostel. The hostel did not provide free food and he did not have sufficient money. He had countless nights where he went to bed on an empty stomach. His mother then made an arrangement with a distant relative who provided free meals for two years.

After completing his higher education, Meenaketan enrolled for Bachelor of Science at a college nearby to his place. Unfortunately, he had to drop-out within four months, as he had no money to pay for college. He returned home and started working on the farm and taking up manual labour work. He did not want his mother to be working at her age, therefore, he took all the responsibilities on his own.

It was February 2018, when he took one of his relatives to MFV's partner hospital LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Rayagada, for an eye examination. One of his family relatives who was working there informed him about a Vision Technician course provided by LVPEI in unison with MFV's Mission Saksham programme supported by Wen Giving Foundation that focuses on youth from marginalised backgrounds. The relative introduced Meenaketan to the admin of that centre and he was briefed about the course. Later that year, Meenaketan appeared for the entrance examination, and he enrolled for the course.

He feels more than blessed to be a part of one of India's premier institutes. This journey at LVPEI has been really joyful for Meenaketan and the learning process has been life-changing for him. Besides academics, this course has inculcated soft skills, personality development and ethical standards. He is very grateful for this fantastic opportunity and is confident that he will be able to change his future and ensure that his future generations do not have to endure all the struggles he had to go through.







Givaudan's partnership with Mission for Vision has been towards enabling affordable eye care to vulnerable communities. It has created a significant momentum towards eliminating needless blindness across the country. Inspite of the roadblocks created by the pandemic, the commitment and passion to serve the communities has been unbound and relentless. The exemplary work undertaken by Mission for Vision on behalf of Givaudan towards the Mission Nayan (Retinopathy of Prematurity), Mission Roshni (School Eye Health) and Mission Seva (Community Eye Health) programmes gives us the confidence that a lot can be achieved through the power of collaboration.

Mr Shanmugam Karthikeyan

Regional Ops Support Mgr,APAC & Ops Director Givaudan (India)

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Since its inception, MFV is committed to quality comprehensive eye care that reaches out to many communities. The partnership with MFV is value based with a firm resolve to reduce the avoidable blindness in the region with data-based evidence. This partnership has enabled the poor, women, children and others to avail eye care including surgeries to many through the vision centres. We need MFV partnership to grow in the future to serve more needy areas. MFV is a service with quality, care, compassion and concern to face the challenges of reducing burden of avoidable blindness.

Dr Col. (Retd) M. Deshpande

Chief Medical Director H.V. Desai Eye Hospital

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Dr R.V. RamaniFounder & Managing Trustee, Sankara Eye Foundation

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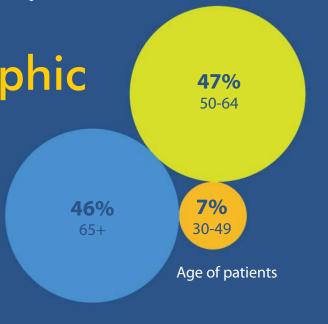
Dr Rajesh Saini *CEO, Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital*

PROGRAMME IMPACT

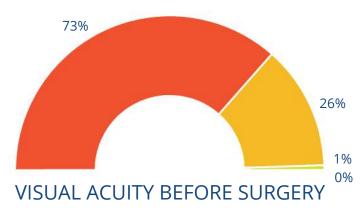
In order to better understand the impact of the eye health programmes on the lives of individuals and communities, MFV's Programme Impact team undertakes assessment activities at the partner hospitals and also conducts various studies at different project locations. A team of field investigators conduct visual outcome assessment, study impact on quality of life due to surgery and provision of spectacles, research interviews, patient satisfaction surveys, camp and hospital facility assessments to ensure high quality service delivery for all.

Demographic profile of patients

(N=7,670)



Visual Acuity of Cataract Patients (N=7,670)





VISUAL ACUITY AFTER SURGERY

Very good 6/6 - 6/12

Good < 6/12 - 6/18

Borderline < 6/18 - 6/60

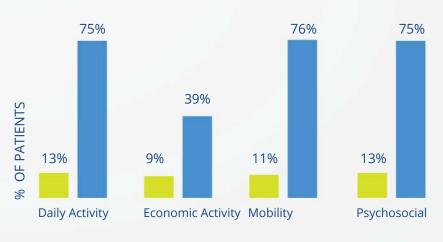
Poor < 6/60

After the surgery, 79% patients had visual acuity in the "Very Good" category, thus meeting the standards set by the World Health Organization. Before surgery, merely 1% of patients reported to have "Good" vision and none of them were categorised to have "Very Good" vision. This evidence highlights the impact and effectiveness of the quality surgery offered by MFV's partner eye hospitals.

CHANGE IN QUALITY OF LIFE DUE TO CATARACT SURGERY (QOL)

The impact of first eye cataract surgery on beneficiaries was found to be extremely positive. A large majority reported significantly less difficulty in carrying out daily activities, economic activities, in mobility and psycho-social parameters after cataract surgery than before the intervention.

Level of no difficulty/anxiety before and after surgery



QoL Parameters

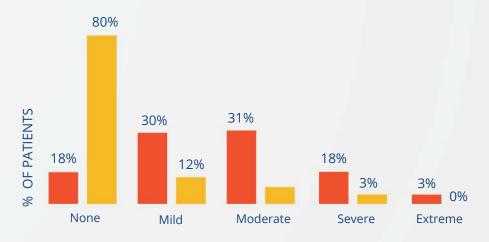
- Before Surgery
- 6 Months After Surgery

A DEEPER DIVE IN QUALITY OF LIFE

During our QoL study, we ask a set of curated questions to understand the impact of our eye health interventions. Here are some of the study results that provide a deeper insight into the different parameters of the QoL study.

Impact on Daily Activities

Among the many study topics on daily activities, here is one of the assessments that analyses the impact of cataract surgery on daily activities such as household chores, bathing, cleaning, feeding animals, etc.



Level of difficulty

- Before Surgery
 - After Surgery



Impact on Income Generation

In our QoL study, we also analysed the impact of cataract surgery on income generation and we found that there was a significant improvement post the surgery.

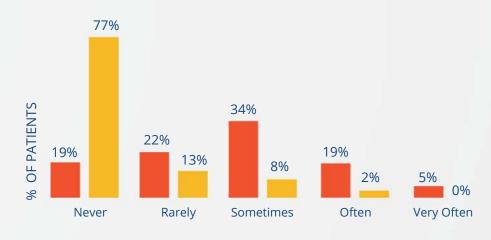


Level of difficulty

- **Before Surgery**
- **After Surgery**

Dependence on others

Cataract or other serious eye health issues often compel the person to depend on someone else for their daily activities. This creates a feeling of being a burden on others and eventually has a bearing on their mental health. We studied the impact of cataract surgery on this aspect and the study found that there was a reduced need to depend on others post the surgery.



Level of difficulty

- **Before Surgery**
- After Surgery



STORIES OF HOPE

COVID PERSPECTIVE: THE MFV STORY

As the COVID-19 pandemic ravaged the country, everyone reeled under the unprecedented challenges put forth by this situation. In such a grim situation, it was refreshing to see stories of hope and we did not have to look far or even outside of our own organisation. We had our own staff members who inspired us to do more for vulnerable communities and simultaneously stay motivated in these difficult times.

Among the many moving stories, here is the story of L Dhanalakshmi, who is a Hospital Supervisor with Mission for Vision. Dhanalakshmi is based out of Chennai and has completed eight years of service at Mission for Vision. She is highly respected by the community members and she has built a connection so strong that even the pandemic could not hamper it in any manner. All throughout the lockdown, she kept the communication channels open and community members called her for eye health advice and some seeking emergency services. She swiftly responded to these calls and referred the emergency cases to nearby eye hospitals.

Dhanalakshmi also made sure to follow-up with some of the community members to check on them for their well-being. During this proactive approach, she also educated community members on the COVID-19 safety protocols to be followed by them, especially hand-washing, mask-wearing and physical distancing. While rumours and misinformation were rife on social media platforms, Dhanalakshmi took it upon herself to read more about the COVID-19 virus through verified government portals and then passed on the information to communities and team members for their benefit.

Her selfless acts of service were rewarded by the numerous calls by community members, who not only appreciated her work during this period but were mainly calling to enquire about her well-being and health. We salute the efforts of Dhanalakshmi and several other staff members at Mission for Vision who have served and cared for those in need during these trying times.

RESEARCH

Mission for Vision has been actively involved in primary research to identify the gaps in delivery of primary eve-care services and determine workable solutions for appropriate eye health care. With the help of MFV's technological innovation PRISM - Patient Related **Impact Studying** Mechanism, we have been able to gather evidence on various dimensions of eye health systems. This data is particularly useful to understand the effectiveness of our programmes and mould the eye health interventions based on the needs of the community.



Women Healthcare Providers and Uptake of Primary **Eye Care Services**

We conducted this study with the aim of understanding whether a dedicated vision centre (VC), managed exclusively by women staff, would improve access to primary eye health services amongst women and girls in tribal and remote rural communities in Maharashtra. The uptake of primary eye care services and other regular parameters at an all-women VC were assessed and compared with the standard VC model.

VISION CENTRES

(operated by female staff)

Out of the total

Out of the total

at the two VCs.

(5,563) were women and girls.

patients screened at the two VCs,

VISION CENTRES

(operated by male staff)

(12,531) were men.

The refractions done and cataract cases identified were

15.7%

(1,527) and

6% (582)

respectively, of which over

were women.

The refractions done and cataract cases identified were

8.3%

(1,706) and

2.2% (462) of which about

were men.

On the whole, the uptake of screening services and identification of refractive errors and cataract cases were significantly higher amongst women clients at the VC that were manned and operated by female staff as compared to the standard VC, where the uptake of screening services was significantly highest for the male subjects.



Eye Care Needs of Commercial Taxi Drivers

We conducted this research to assess the prevalence of refractive errors (RE) and its association with road traffic accidents (RTA) and the subsequent long-term spectacle compliance and suggest appropriate strategies. The study was conducted at five major taxi hubs in Shillong city and 382 commercial taxi drivers were interviewed and gross eye examinations conducted.

28.8% (95% CI 24.3% – 33.6%) Prevalence of any refractive error in the worst eye

21.7% (95% CI 17.7% – 26.2%) Presbyopia with or without distance vision

Drivers with RE were nearly

two times

(OR: 2.6; 95% CI: 1.4–5.1) more likely to be involved in road traffic accidents compared to those without any RE.

40.9%
Long-term spectacle compliance was observed

Our Research Work



http://tiny.cc/mfvresearch1



https://bit.ly/2ZCSS5m



http://tiny.cc/mfvresearch2

MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

https://idronline.org/the-link-between-blindness-and-poverty/

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

January 12, 2021



The invisible link between blindness and poverty

Ninety percent of vision loss is avoidable, yet a majority of people lack access to or the ability to pay for eye health services.

5 min read

by ELIZABETH KURIAN, SHRIKANT AYYANGAR

Blindness is a major public health issue, both in India and across the world. It is estimated that 1.1 billion people globally live with a vision impairment and that 90 percent of these are concentrated in low- and middle-income countries. For instance, India is home to more than 137 million people who have near vision loss and 79 million who suffer from impairment. According to the National Blindness & Visual Impairment Survey 2015-19, cataract (71 percent) and refractive error (13.4 percent) were the major causes of visual impairment among those above the age of 50 years. Cataract, a form of age-related vision loss, is responsible for nearly 51 percent of blindness globally, as per the World report on vision by the World Health Organization (WHO).



Sewa Sadan Eye hosp refilling 02 cylinders. giving food packets to poor Covid patients

Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital
Swith the support of
International NGO Mission
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हिरदाराम नगर। सेवासदन नेत्र चिकित्सालय द्वारा इन्दौर में 108 महिला कैब डाइवरों की आंखों की जांच की गई। अंतरराष्ट्रीय एनजीओ मिशन फार विजन और ब्रिजस्टोन टायर कम्पनी के सहयोग से यह जांच सविधा इन्दौर के पिपलिया हाना की स्कीम क 140 की बसाहट में उपलब्ध कराई

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Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital launches 'Vision Centres' at Itarsi, Seoni Malwa

Friday, 28 August 2020 | Staff Reporter | Bhopal



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Standard Chartered Bank India to open 200 vision centres

These centres, which will offer eye care services, will be set up with leading partners operating in this segment



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People pass by the logo of Standard Chartered. Credit: Reuters Photo

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Drivers with poor eyesight have 81% road crash involvement rate

30% Indians with driving licences wouldn't satisfy international vision standards



By Mini P Thomas

Updated: October 05, 2020 11:49 IST



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SABIC Enables Less Privileged Children to Pursue **Education by Addressing Infrastructure Needs and Vision Related Challenges**

09 October 2020 Last Updated at 11:43 am | Source: PTI

Outlook

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MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



EYE HEALTH HERO ASITKUMAR JADHAV

The Eye Health Heroes Award by IAPB celebrates frontline staff and managers whose work and engagement with the community makes a real difference in restoring sight. Asitkumar Jadhav from Mission for Vision received this prestigious award this year under the category of "Change-makers".



VISION EXCELLENCE AWARD ELIZABETH KURIAN

The Vision Excellence Awards celebrates individuals who have made notable contributions to the eye health sector & given impetus to the VISION 2020 agenda. Mission for Vision's CEO Elizabeth Kurian received this prestigious award this year for her significant contributions.



APPRECIATION AWARD MISSION FOR VISION

Our efforts to enable eye care and eliminate avoidable blindness were recognised by Cognizant Foundation on their 15th Anniversary. Mission for Vision was felicitated with an award acknowledging the partnership and the eye health interventions that have touched many lives.

ADVOCACY



A new VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - India Board was elected at the 16th Annual General Body Meeting held online on 13th June 2020. Mission for Vision was elected as a Treasurer for the new executive committee.



The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) announced its new Board of Trustees composition for the next four years. Mission for Vision's CEO, Ms Elizabeth Kurian has been elected as IAPB Group C Trustee of the Board.

FUTURE PLANS

As we all continue to battle the uncertainty caused by this global health crisis, Mission for Vision remains committed towards strengthening quality eye care systems for communities in need. In line with the World Health Organization's (WHO) commitment towards integrated people-centred eye care (IPEC), we plan to establish 250 Vision Centres under the Mission Jyot umbrella. The Vision Centre approach has significant potential in seamlessly reaching out to communities in remote locations and will help reinforce the global strategy on vision

On the similar vein of IPEC, Mission for Vision has joined hands with several partners to establish eye health centres that will provide quality affordable eye care and help us in eradicating avoidable blindness among these vulnerable groups. Some of the upcoming projects are:

- R Jhunjhunwala Sankara Eye Hospital in Panvel, Maharashtra in partnership with Sankara Eye Foundation, Wen Giving Foundation and several others.
- Establishment of operation theatre complex at Balasore, Odisha and Sircilla, Telangana in partnership with L.V. Prasad Eye Institute and Wen Giving Foundation.
- Secondary eye hospital in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with Dr. Shroff Charity Eye Hospital and Israni Investments Co Ltd.
- Training centre for Allied Ophthalmic Personnel in partnership with Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital and Wen Giving Foundation.
- Initiate a new programme to address the issue of retinoblastoma (a form of eye cancer) among young children; new-born infants to 6 years of age.

All of these initiatives take us closer to the goal of eliminating needless blindness and reinvent our agenda towards eye care in a resilient manner.

SCHEDULE - VIII

The Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950 Name of the Public Trust: MISSION FOR VISION

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021



Registration No. E 18696(MUMBAI)

FUNDS & LIABILITIES	AMOUNT Rs.	AMOUNT Rs.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	AMOUNT Rs.	AMOUNT Rs.
Trusts Funds or Corpus :-			Immovable Properties :-		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	25,549	25.540	Balance as per last Balance Sheet	-	
Additions during the year	-	25,549	Additions during the year	-	
			Less: Sales during the year	-	
Other Earmarked Funds :-			Depreciation for the year	-	-
(Created under the provisions of the trust deed					
or scheme or out of the Income)			Investments :-		-
Depreciation Fund	-				
Sinking Fund	-		Movable Properties :- (Annexure A)		
Reserve Fund	-		Balance as per last Balance Sheet	12,00,912	
Any other Fund	-	-	Additions during the year	7,18,794	
			Less: Sales during the year	-	
			Less: Loss /(Profit) on sale / discard of Assets	58,043	
			Less: Depreciation for the year	4,82,990	13,78,673
Loans (Secured or Unsecured) :-					
From Trustees	-		Loans (Secured or Unsecured): Good / doubtful		
From Others	-	-	Loans Scholarships	-	
			Other Loans	-	-
Liabilities :-					
For Expenses	-		Advances :- (Annexure B)		
For Advances	-		To Trustees	-	
For Rent and Other Deposits	-		To Employees	-	
For Sundry Credit Balances	-	-	To Contractors	-	
			To Lawyers	-	
			To Others	3,60,328	3,60,328
			Income Outstanding :-		
			Rent		
			Accrued Interest	-	
				-	
			Other Income	-	-
			Cook and Donly Bolones (American C)		
Income and Expenditure Account :-			Cash and Bank Balance :- (Annexure C)	1,05,17,504	
	3,05,68,054		(a) (i) In Savings Bank Account		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	3,03,06,034		(ii) In Fixed Deposit Account	2,27,07,900	
Less: Appropriation, if any	44,23,807		(b) With the Trustee	-	2 22 70 460
Add: Surplus as per Income and Expenditure A/c	44,23,807	2 40 01 061	(c) With the Manager	53,005	3,32,78,409
Balance Carried Forward	-	3,49,91,861			
		0.5045.44			2 50 17 110
Total		3,50,17,410	Total		3,50,17,410

 $As per our report of even date For Bhagwagar \, Dalal \, \& \, Doshi \, Chartered \, Accountants \, Firm \, Reg. \, No. \, 128093W$

The above Balance sheet to the best of my/our belief contains a true account of the funds and liabilities and of the property and assets of the Trust.

Income Outstanding: (If accounts are kept on cash basis)

FOR MISSION FOR VISION

 Rent
 :
 Nil

 Jatin V. Dalal
 Interest
 :
 32,509

Partner Place : Mumbai Other Income : Nil Mr. Jagdish M. Chanrai Place : Mumbai Mr. Sivaramakrishnan Subramonian

Membership No. 124528 Date: 10 November 2021 Total Rs. : Nil Trustee Dated: 10 November 2021 Trustee

Note: The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure account are an abstract of the Audited Financial Statements of Financial Year 2020-21.

The Annexures and Other Notes to the said Audited Financial Statements and reference thereof in the Balance Sheet & Income & Expenditure Account have not been printed in the Annual Report.

SCHEDULE - IX

The Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950

Name of the Public Trust: MISSION FOR VISION

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2021



Registration No. E 18696(MUMBAI)

	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT Rs.	AMOUNT Rs.	INCOME	AMOUNT Rs.	AMOUNT Rs.
То	Expenditure in respect of properties:- Rates, Taxes, Cesses Repairs and maintenance Salaries			(accrued) By Rent + (realised)		-
	Salaries Insurance Depreciation (by way of provision of adjustments) Other Expenses	- - -	_	By Interest+ (realised)		
То	Establishment Expenses (Annexure D)		2,32,77,226	On Securities On Loans On Fixed Deposit with Banks	- - 8,81,239	
То	Remuneration to Trustees		-	On Savings Bank Account	6,94,763	15,76,002
То	Remuneration (in the case of a math) to the head of the math, including his household expenditure, if any		-	Du Danationa in Cash as Viad (Annaurus F)		15 20 04 022
То	Legal Expenses		-	By Donations in Cash or Kind (Annexure F) By Grants		15,38,94,823
То	Audit Fees		1,44,550	By Income from Other Sources		_
То	Contribution and Fees			By Interest on TDS Refund		153
То	Amount written off: (a) Bad Debts (b) Loan Scholarship (c) Irrecoverable Rents (d) Other Items	- - -	- -	5,c.c		.55
То	Miscellaneous Expenses		-			
То	Depreciation (Annexure A)	_	4,82,990			
То	Amount transferred to Reserve or Specific Funds	-				
То	(a) Religious (b) Educational					
	(c) Medical Relief (Annexure E)(d) Relief of Poverty(e) Other Charitable Objects	11,41,11,522 1,30,30,883 -	12,71,42,405	By Transfer from Reserve Funds		-
То	Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet		44,23,807			
Tot	tal		15,54,70,978	Total		15,54,70,978

 $As per our report of even date For Bhagwagar Dalal \& Doshi Chartered Accountants Firm Reg. \, No. \, 128093W$

FOR MISSION FOR VISION

Jatin V. Dalal

Partner Place : Mumbai Mr. Jagdish M. Charnai Place : Mumbai Mr. Sivaramakrishnan Subramonian Membership No. 124528 Date : 10 November 2021 Trustee Dated : 10 November 2021 Trustee

MAJOR DONORS

- Mrs Bharati Jagdish Chanrai
- Bridgestone India Pvt. Ltd.
- Chapparal Housing Pvt. Ltd.
- Cognizant Foundation
- Disha Medical Services Pvt. Ltd.
- Enpee Group
- Fairfreight Lines Pvt. Ltd.
- Fullerton India Credit Company Ltd.
- Givaudan (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- Greenply Foundation
- Israni Investments Co Ltd.
- Mr Jagdish M Chanrai
- Jaslok Hospital
- Kayin Holdings SDN. BHD
- Kewalram Chanrai Group
- Naraindas Morbai Budhrani Trust (NMBT)
- OAHU Management Pvt. Ltd.
- SABIC India Pvt. Ltd.
- Savitri Waney Charitable Foundation
- Seth Bhojraj Hassomal Charitable Trust
- Sightsavers/Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind
- Standard Chartered Bank
- United Way of Mumbai
- Wen Giving Foundation



TECHNICAL PARTNERS

- Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkling Little Eyes, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Blind People Association, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- C L Gupta Eye Institute, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh
- Committed Communities Development Trust (CCDT), Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Divyajyoti Trust, Mandvi, Gujarat
- Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, New Delhi
- Greater Lions Seva Nidhi (Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital), Siliguri, West Bengal
- Hyderabad Eye Institute LV Prasad Eye Institute (4 centres)
 - Bhubaneshwar, Odisha
 - Brahmapur, Odisha
 - Hyderabad, Telangana
 - Rayagada, Odisha
- KB Haji Bachooali Charitable Ophthalmic and ENT Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Medical Research Foundation (Sankara Nethralaya 3 centres)
 - Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Kolkata, West Bengal
- Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
- Miki Memorial Trust [MGM Eye Institute], Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Mizoram Presbyterian Church (Synod Hospital), Aizawl, Mizoram
- National Association for the Blind, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra, Gaya, Bihar
- Nirmal Ashram Eye Institute, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- Optometric Education Society (Lotus College of Optometry), Mumbai, Maharashtra
- PBMA's HV Desai Eye Hospital, Pune, Maharashtra

TECHNICAL PARTNERS

- Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- Roti Foundation, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Shija Eye Foundation, Imphal, Manipur
- Shri Sadguru Seva Sangh Trust, Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh
- Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Medical Trust (Sankara Eye Foundation India - 10 centres)
- Anand, Gujarat
- Bengaluru and Shimoga, Karnataka
- Coimbatore and Krishnankoil, Tamil Nadu
- Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
- Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- Ludhiana, Punjab
- Sri Kanchi Sankara Health & Educational Foundation (Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya), Guwahati, Assam
- Society for Promotion of Eye Care and Sight (SPECS, a unit of Bansara Eye Care Centre), Shillong, Meghalaya
- Sundarban Social Development Centre (SSDC), South 24 Parganas, West Bengal
- Tulsi Eye Hospital, Nashik, Maharashtra
- Tulsi Rural Development Trust, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Vikas Sahyog Pratishthan, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Vivekananda Mission Ashram, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal
- Voice Foundation, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

- International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)
- Public Health Foundation of India
- Vision 2020: The Right to Sight India
- Optometry Council of India

A SPECIAL THANKS

The Savitri Waney Charitable Foundation and Mission for Vision's partnership has significantly helped in enabling eye care to vulnerable communities residing in remote corners of India. Thanks to Savitri Waney Charitable Foundation's continued support, we have been able to promote good eye health among communities, particularly in the north eastern states of India. Our partnership has resulted in the delivery of eye health interventions to 1,87,645 individuals and has enabled 34,214 eye surgeries, which were provided at no cost to these families.

When there was a severe shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) last year, Savitri Waney Charitable Foundation came forward to support eye health personnel, Vision Centre staff and field workers by providing them with PPE support. This support was provided to staff and eye health professionals working in the regions of Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram.



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As we reflect on the six years of partnership with Mission for Vision and its partners, we believe that together we have achieved miracle, we believe the partnership demonstrated how effective planning and implementation can change lives of thousands of people. Moreover, the excellent monitoring and evaluation systems put in place by Mission for Vision has ensured quality eye care services in the north-eastern States. At a time when the whole World is facing one of its most difficult times, we wish Mission for Vision and its partners all the best in reaching out to everyone who needs quality eyecare.

Savitri Waney Charitable Foundation

(Image courtesy - The Savitri Waney Charitable Foundation)



A SPECIAL THANKS





The commitment and partnership between Standard Chartered and Mission for Vision has strengthened the efforts towards eliminating avoidable blindness in the country. Thanks to Standard Chartered Bank's Seeing is Believing initiative, we have been able to reach underserved populations and enable easy access to affordable eye care for low- and middle-income communities. The generous support has allowed Mission for Vision to scale-up its Mission Jyot programme and establish 15 Vision Centres. Through this partnership, we have enabled eye care services to 72,169 individuals residing in remote parts of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. These were particularly important in context of the pandemic. In the absence of transport services and the fast-spreading infection, these VCs were the first point of contact for accessing eye health services.

In addition to their support towards eye-health interventions, Standard Chartered also provided Personal Protective Equipment support for Vision Centre staff & eye health personnel, so that they can deliver eye care to communities without any interruption. The PPE support was provided to the staff of 41 Vision Centres and 25 Mission for Vision field staff working in distant locations of India.



COVID-19 RELIEF AND SUPPORT

As a part of the emergency response, Mission for Vision implemented a number of initiatives to support communities by supplying free cooked meals, ration kits and soaps with a special focus on people with visual and other disabilities. With the help of our on-ground partner organisations, we provided the following relief materials.

1,72,700+
COOKED MEALS

59,900+
RATION KITS
PROVIDED

4,000+
MIGRANT COMMUNITY
MEMBERS SUPPORTED THROUGH FOOD KITS

11,00,000+
PPE SUPPORT
FOR EYE-HEALTH PERSONNEL & MFV STAFF

A COVID-19 resources and Information page has also been developed with an intention to provide genuine and verified information. The links and resources are specific for audience groups such as eye-health professionals, health workers and people with visual impairment.

http://missionforvision.org.in/covid19

CYCLONE AMPHAN RELIEF

In addition to the COVID-19 relief measures, Mission for Vision also provided relief materials to areas affected by Cyclone Amphan.

17,400+
FOOD AND RATION KITS
FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CYCLONE AMPHAN

500+
RELIEF MATERIALS
FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CYCLONE AMPHAN





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