



**TRANSLATING**  
vision into  
**REALITY**



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## Translating vision into reality

Two years ago, we embarked on our new strategic plan with the aim of addressing social exclusion faced by Persons with Disabilities, (PWDs) improving inclusive education for children with disabilities in schools; and building sustainable eye health systems that would impact millions, especially in the marginalised districts. The plans we had laid out a few years ago have begun to yield significant results translating vision into reality.

The year 2015 has been a year when our six national programmes post the strategic shift took shape and begun to demonstrate viable approaches that are being scaled up in over 40 more districts spread across the 12 states that Sightsavers works in India. These states consist of 8 priority states in northern and eastern India and 4 learning states in southern India. It was a year where we built on our international legacy and the strong foundations we have in place since our programmes commenced in India 50 years ago.

Our focus firmly remains on addressing avoidable blindness and ensuring the rights of the visually impaired so that they can live a life of dignity. We continue to campaign for the rights of blind children to access education and be mainstreamed in schools. We firmly believe that without quality education, children with disabilities especially the Visually Impaired are more vulnerable to a life of poverty and exploitation.

Our strategic vision aims at moving beyond just delivering quality eye health care to building sustainable systems that meet the eye health challenges in the years ahead. Our models of excellence on eye care are being endorsed both by the government and donors, motivating us to forge ahead with renewed vigour in the journey to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equality of opportunity for disabled people.



## About Sightsavers

Sightsavers is a global development organisation that works with partners in over 30 countries to eliminate avoidable blindness, and fights for the rights and needs of people who are visually impaired or blind.

In India since 1966, Sightsavers' work has enabled millions of people to lead lives of independence and dignity. We have been working with local partners to strengthen organisations and communities, and have supported the treatment of millions of people with eye disorders. We have educated, counselled, trained and rehabilitated people who are visually impaired or blind, and helped extend the reach of eye services to the least served areas of India.

**In 2015, your support made this possible:**

 **1.6 million**  
eye screenings

 **1,32,144**  
sight restoration surgeries

 **1,22,138**  
spectacles for people in need



## Our Vision & Mission

### Our Vision

Sightsavers' vision is of a world where no one is blind from avoidable causes and where visually impaired people participate equally in society.



### Our Mission

We are an international organisation working with partners in developing countries to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equality of opportunity for disabled people.

## Message from our Chairman



### **Dr. S Y Quraishi**

Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sightsavers (India); Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

As we enter the 50<sup>th</sup> year of our work in India, Sightsavers holds the same passion, fervour and commitment to our cause as when we started.

We are 50 and going strong but we are aware that we have miles to go before our vision to eliminating avoidable blindness is met. Our fundamentals are strong. As we reach the mid-way mark of our 2015-19 strategy, I am happy to say that Sightsavers' commitment to building sustainable systems for the future and striving for the rights of the disabled to lead a life of dignity and independence is yielding tangible results.

It has been a year of partnerships and collaboration with State Governments endorsing and adopting our models. Since our aim is to build sustainable systems that work at scale, we are delighted that more of our vision centres are now being integrated within the primary health centres. In Bihar, for example, our collaboration with the district hospital in Kishanganj, which saw a marked improvement in the delivery of eye health services, is now being replicated in seven other districts. This is an endorsement that our programme model works and furthermore, that it can be scaled up in other districts in our priority states.

In 2015, we conducted a series of trainings to strengthen institutional capacity towards recognising and treating eye health care as integral to primary health care. Keeping with our core commitment to eliminating avoidable blindness, Sightsavers conducted approximately 1.6 million eye screenings and performed 1,32,144 sight restoration surgeries. In all, more than 1,22,138 spectacles were given to people in need.

We continue our efforts to uphold the rights of the disabled. Our sensitisation programmes and accessibility audits have positively influenced more and more stakeholders towards social inclusion of the disabled, especially the visually impaired. In five states, we have prioritised technical support to the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for training and capacity building of teachers to address the education needs of Children with Disabilities (CWDs) with focus on children with visual impairment.

Innovation continues to be integral to our efforts to make a qualitative difference to the lives of the people we work with. Be it a device to assist the visually impaired board a bus independently or a portable eye screening device on a motorbike, we place strong emphasis on partnerships that enable us to make a positive change in the quality of lives of the visually impaired.

As our strategic vision unfolds into concrete results, the future looks promising. I would like to thank our donors, partners and supporters for being with us on this journey and believing in our vision.

## Message from our Chief Executive

In our strategic plan for 2015-2019, Sightsavers had committed to moving beyond a service delivery model to a system strengthening approach. The year 2015 has been significant when this paradigmatic shift became pronounced and the results turned positive. We have completed a District Eye Health Assessment using a custom made tool named the District Eye Health Assessment Tool (DEHAT) in 23 demonstration districts. The findings of the report will feed into action plans for strengthening systems at the district level.

Our focus has been on embedding eye health care within the primary health care framework. In this regard, we held short-term health courses for over 5,000 school teachers, 1,848 community volunteers and 1,670 primary health care workers to strengthen their capacities in eye care.

This year we focused on building persons with disabilities to access livelihood opportunities and services. Further, more PWDs were brought into the ambit of Disabled People's Organisations.

We are now present in 67 districts across 12 states demonstrating quality programmes. Our aim is to have a strong result-oriented presence in 100 districts by 2019.

We are committed to becoming a strong go-to resource in our core areas of work. In 2015, we invested in generating evidence from our programmes that will contribute to our learning, influence policy and frame our advocacy towards equitable eye care and social inclusion. Sightsavers is committed to sharing our learning with the wider development sector to facilitate innovative and improved health interventions.

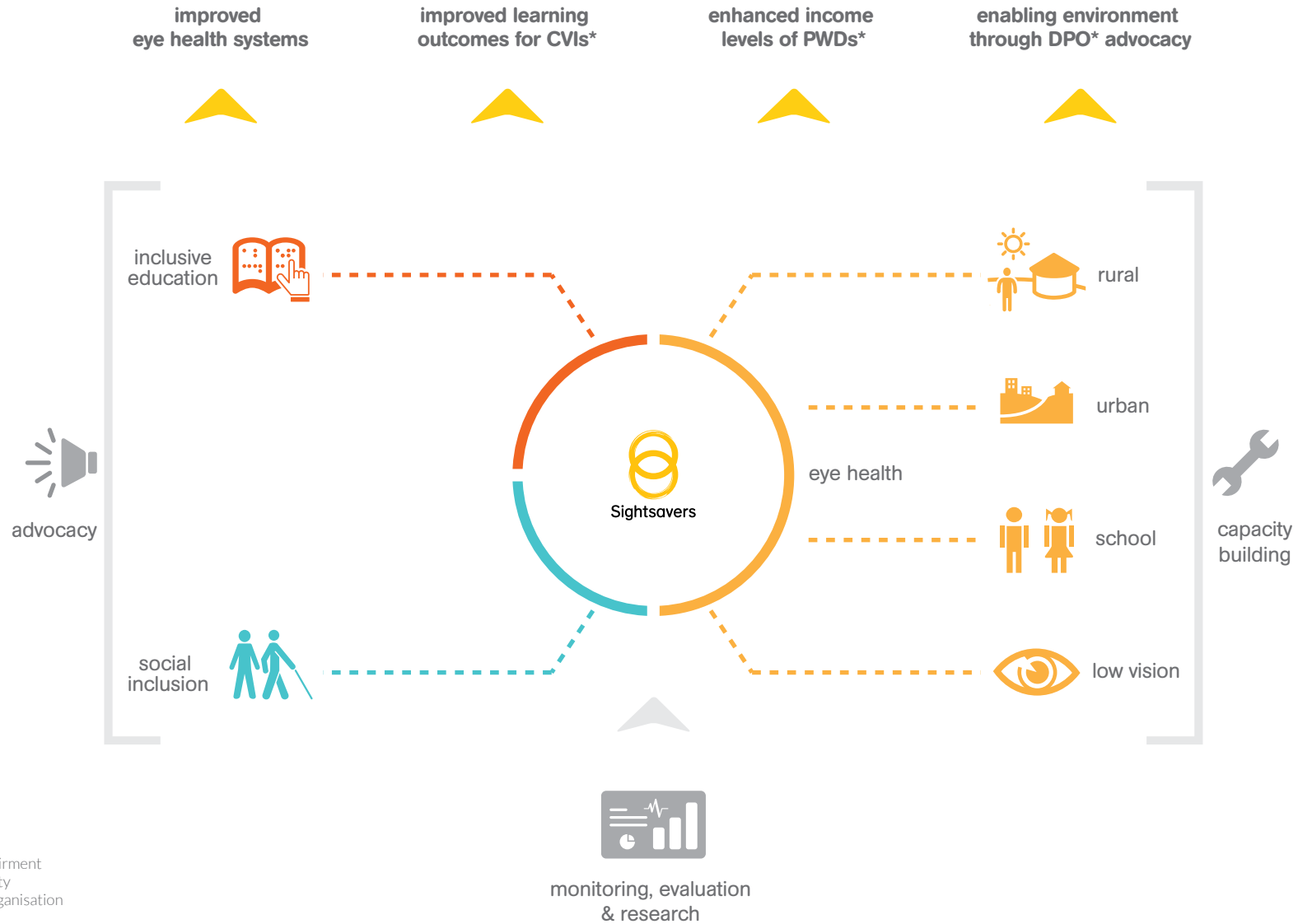
Sightsavers is committed to improve the detection and treatment of eye diseases that do not receive much attention. For example, despite the prevalence of Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) in urban India, we still do not have a cost effective screening model for DR. To address this, Sightsavers has tied up with Bosch Eye Care to install an innovative digital fundus camera in our urban vision centres to explore and understand what it takes to design an affordable cost effective DR screening operating model for the urban poor.

As we enter our 50<sup>th</sup> year of commitment to our vision to eliminating avoidable blindness, we are grateful for your unstinting support. We continue to go from strength to strength because of your faith in our work. Thank you!



**RN Mohanty**  
CEO - Sightsavers (India)

# Operational Framework



\* CVI - Child with Visual Impairment  
 \* PWD - Person With Disability  
 \* DPO - Disabled Persons Organisation





## Our Trustees



**Dr S Y Quraishi**

Former Chief Election  
Commissioner of India

Dr S Y Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner of India is known for his special contribution in social sector reforms covering health, education, population, drug abuse and civil society action



**Dr Ashok Dyalchand**

Health  
Expert

Dr Ashok Dyalchand is a healthcare professional specialising in the management of primary health care, community ophthalmology, and child and adolescent health among others



**Srila Chatterjee**

Chief Operating Officer and Executive  
Producer at Highlight Films; Founder  
Partner, Blue Frog Media

Srila Chatterjee is Chief Operating Officer and Executive Producer at Highlight Films the first Production House for advertising films in India, and a Founding Partner of Blue Frog Media. She has been Festival Director for two years at the Kala Ghoda Arts Festival (a major event in India) and is involved in design and art projects



### **Karuna Bhatia**

Head of Sustainability – India & South Asia at Standard Chartered Bank

Karuna Bhatia has been the Head of Sustainability – India & South Asia at Standard Chartered Bank since March 2009. Her role involves deep understanding of the need for CSR in sustainable development. She also provides strategic business direction to the bank's sustainability agenda and manages complex internal & external stakeholder relationships



### **Dr Garimella Subramaniam**

Senior Assistant Editor, The Hindu

Dr Garimella Subramaniam is a leading editorial commentator at The Hindu on the European Union, aspects of the global economic meltdown and the state of national and global human rights law and practice. He has been with The Hindu - a leading English daily in India since 1995



### **Sreeram Iyer**

Chief Operating Officer, Asia Pacific, Europe and America (APEA) at Australia and New Zealand Banking Group

Sreeram Iyer is Chief Operating Officer, Asia Pacific, Europe and America (APEA) with responsibility for Operations, Technology, Legal and Compliance, Property, Sourcing, Transformation and Major Programs at the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group



### **Mathew Cherian**

Chief Executive, HelpAge India

Mathew Cherian is a veteran in the development sector in India with a career spanning both programme development as well as resource mobilisation in various organisations



## Milestones Achieved

Sightsavers helps visually impaired people to see again and prevent people from going blind. We focus on improving the lives of people with disabilities, particularly the visually impaired. Our core areas of work are on improving eye health and treating avoidable blindness, advocating for social inclusion of people with disabilities and promoting inclusive education in schools.



### Eye Health

Ensure availability of affordable, quality eye health services in rural districts, urban slums and government schools



### Inclusive Education

Improve learning outcomes for Children with Visual Impairment (CVIs) within mainstream education



### Social Inclusion

Improve quality of life of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) through economic enablement and rehabilitation support



## Eye Health

In line with our strategic vision, Sightsavers focuses on raising awareness about eye health, training health care workers, school teachers and community volunteers and strengthening their capacities.

We are present in both rural districts and urban cities across 12 states in India.

### Advocacy

- The West Bengal Department of Health and Family Welfare approved the adoption of guidelines for Management of Cataract in India – developed by Vision 2020 with conceptual and financial support from Sightsavers – for implementation across all its hospitals in the state.
- The Rajasthan Government added eye health component to the training curriculum of Mahila Arogya Samitis, (groups of women formed in slums for working on community health) who will be trained on primary eye health issues across the state. This is a significant step in strengthening systems and integration of eye health in primary health care.
- While selecting ASHA workers for training under the NUHM eye health section in Rajasthan, all the ASHAs selected from Jaipur belonged to work areas of Sightsavers, demonstrating increasing support of our work and endorsement of our vision for operational integration of ASHAs in eye health advocacy.







## Case study

**Name:**

Reshma Bharade

**Location:**

Vasai, Maharashtra

As an Anganwadi worker, Reshma Bharade knew about the importance of nutrition in child survival and primary health related issues. However, the mother of two had little knowledge about eye health. Reshma's eight-year-old son, was born blind. But when her second child too began to have vision problems, Reshma was devastated. Fortunately, her second child who was six-year-old was not blind but her failing vision meant that she had difficulties coping in school.

Reshma was worried that her daughter too would gradually lose her vision completely. She came to know about the eye care services being provided by Sightsavers as part of the Netranjali Project, an initiative targeted at the urban slum population in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. The Anganwadi worker decided to attend an eye screening training programme conducted at Vasai under the project. The training not only enhanced her professional skills but taught her facts about avoidable blindness. Reshma learnt that in a majority of cases blindness is avoidable, especially when treated at an early stage. This gave her hope for her daughter.

On consultation with the Sightsavers' team, Reshma decided to bring her daughter to the community eye screening camp. Her faith and determination paid off. The child's eyes were tested and the doctor recommended spectacles for the girl. Under the Netranjali project, spectacles were provided free of cost. Now the six-year-old can see clearly what her teacher writes on the blackboard and has no problem with her vision at school. Reshma was relieved that her daughter did not have an incurable problem and was thankful to Sightsavers and our partner team for offering free spectacles and useful counselling tips.

## Amrita Drishti, our National Urban Eye Health Programme

Our National Urban Eye Health Programme (Amrita Drishti) covers eight cities at present with plans to include more focus on setting up primary eye care centres in slums. These centres are referral networks of eye hospitals and are an example of community based eye health care.

### Some key outcomes:

- With support from Fullerton India, the UEHP has expanded to Siliguri, Chennai, Patna, Raipur and Cuttack.
- The Health Minister of Rajasthan launched the joint UEHP initiative of Sightsavers and Bhoruka Charitable Trust in Jaipur. The programme, which initially covers 50 slums, aims to improve eye care services and incorporate the initiative with the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) framework in the state.
- With support from the RPG Foundation, we have launched eye screening on wheels for truck drivers in Bengaluru, Cuttack, Kolkata, Ghaziabad and Noida. The Truckers initiative is already operational in Mumbai, Pune and Nasik.
- On World Sight Day, the Bihar State Project Officer (Blindness) inaugurated Patna's first vision centre at the primary health centre in Yarpur. The centre, a joint initiative with Sri Sai Lions Netralaya, aims at ensuring that eye health is integrated within the framework of quality health services.
- Given the shortage of centres to diagnose and treat diabetic retinopathy (DR), Sightsavers has introduced DR screening services at the Kolkata, Bhopal and Bhubaneswar vision centres.







## Netra Vasant, our National Rural Eye Health Programme

Our National Rural Eye Health Programme (Netra Vasant) is now fully operational in eight states. It focuses on strengthening systems, delivery services and generating evidence for policy changes. In these states, Sightsavers was present in 22 districts to demonstrate quality programming and 50 districts were selected for scaling up models.

### Some key outcomes:

- The successful example of the collaboration in Kishanganj between the Bihar Government, Sightsavers and its partner, which improved the capacity of the district hospital to deliver eye health services, is now being replicated in seven other districts in the State. The district of Bhagalpur now has the distinction of hosting the second highest number of cataract surgeries in the state after Kishanganj.
- A rapid assessment of avoidable blindness (RAAB) study in individuals aged over 50 years was conducted in the districts of Sitapur (Uttar Pradesh), Jhabua (Madhya Pradesh) and Kalahandi (Odisha). The study, intended to collect baseline data and generate evidence on prevalence of avoidable blindness, availability and access to eye health services and the socio-economic profile of the survey areas.
- A District Eye Health Assessment using the DEHAT Tool was completed for 24 demonstration districts in 7 states. The findings of the report will feed into action plans for strengthening systems at the district level.

## Vidyajyoti, our National School Eye Health Programme

Our National School Eye Health Programme (Vidyajyoti) focuses on eye health issues among school children in the age group of 5-15 years in government schools. The programme, which is now being implemented in the two districts of Cuttack (Odisha) and Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) aims to embed eye health as part of the broader school health programme through demonstration and techno-managerial support for scaling up.

### Some key outcomes:

- The school eye health programme is being implemented in all four blocks of Bhopal covering vision screening of children in 1,200 schools in the first year. Acknowledging its relevance, the District Collector of Bhopal asked the RBSK (Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram) team to collaborate with our programme. A core group of 50 Master Trainers was formed who, in turn, trained over 1,000 teachers from 1,200 schools on conducting basic vision screening. The State Minister of School Education and Higher Education, Shri. Deepak Joshi, launched eye health IEC material developed by Sightsavers for use in schools.
- In Cuttack, health education sessions with interactive modules were organised in schools covering more than 10,000 children. Further, vision screening camps were organised in 769 schools covering 55,061 children.







## Low Vision Initiative

- In 2015, Sightsavers had set up five Low Vision clinics in the states of Bihar, Odisha and MP where gaps were identified. In Bhopal, RBSK officials were sensitised on Low Vision interventions. A State-level sensitisation workshop was organised in collaboration with the Bhopal Divisional Ophthalmic Society. Forty private ophthalmologists participated in the workshop.
- Following our interventions in 2015 for early detection and diagnosis of low vision, the Government of Rajasthan has adopted our intervention model in other regions in partnership with organisations specialising in eye health.

## Inclusive Education

The core objective of our Inclusive Education Programme is to improve learning outcomes for Children with Visual Impairment (CVIs) within mainstream education and foster a positive and enabling environment in schools, families and communities to support holistic education of CVIs.

The Inclusive Education Programme is currently being implemented in five states. The programme prioritises technical support to the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for training and capacity building of teachers to address the education needs of children with disabilities (CWDs) with focus on children with visual impairment. The programme focuses on improving quality of learning outcomes for CWDs through teacher training, ICT promotion, technical, infrastructural and, community support.

The programme has achieved broad-based partnerships with state governments and trained teachers on Children with Disability (CWD) friendly pedagogical innovations and ICT supported education. Under the SSA, assistive devices and education materials have been provided to CWDs so that they can be more involved in the classroom activities.







## Some key outcomes

- In Bihar, a MoU was signed with the Bihar Education Project Council for implementing the inclusive education programme.
- In Dumka district, Jharkhand, 106 schools now have accessibility ramps as per SSA guidelines.
- Following successful lobbying by Sightsavers, the Government of Jharkhand has made budgetary provision to distribute low vision devices and daisy players to children with visual impairment in all 24 districts of the state in 2015-16.
- Our advocacy efforts with the Odisha State Department of Education have resulted in 65 schools now having ramps and railings for CWDs.
- A MoU was signed with the Government of Rajasthan to work in four districts. Approximately 114 school teachers and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya teachers were given ICT training. SSA plans to further train 500 general school teachers.
- With support from Sightsavers, the Government trained 200 children with visual impairment on the use of screen reading software. The Government has made additional provisions for laptops as a result of our engagement with SSA.
- Jointly with Madhya Pradesh SSA, 150 education officials (DPC, APC, MRC, BRC) from three districts were oriented towards Inclusive Education and quality monitoring of education to CVIs, thus ensuring accessible and an enabling environment.



## Case study

**Name:**

Hira Kumari

**Location:**

Dumka District, Jharkhand

### Facilitating Education through Technology

Hira wishes to pursue studies and grow up to become independent but there's no school in her village. Sightsavers through its partner had conducted low vision education programmes by the help of which she was admitted at a distant school. Through skill development camps, she now receives training in house under Jharkhand Inclusive Education Project initiated by Sightsavers in Dumka. Hira can now do everything like others. She can read and write stories in Braille. Technology products like daisy players assist her in both academic and general knowledge. She now participates in State and National level quiz and cultural competitions and has won several prizes.

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I am totally blind since birth. I have never seen light and can barely imagine how nature looks like. The only way to sense is through touch and feel.







## Social Inclusion

The core objective of our Social Inclusion Programme is to improve quality of life of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs). We achieved this through economic enablement and rehabilitation support as well as by empowering PWDs to self-advocate for rights and demand equal opportunities. The Social Inclusion Programme covered eight states in 2015.

The activities during the year emphasised on capacity building for access to livelihood opportunities and services as the foundation for realising the goal of inclusion. Major highlights of this period included a vast coverage of PWDs brought into the ambit of Disabled People's Organisations, development of SHGs, sensitisation programmes and accessibility audits to influence the socio-economic environment towards inclusion.

- In Rajasthan, a livelihood mapping exercise has been completed in five districts. An accessibility audit was conducted on 15 government buildings in Jaipur, including the Disability Department, which made remedial modifications in the building infrastructure following the audit findings.
- In Odisha, social inclusion programmes were initiated in four districts. As part of our focus on economic empowerment, vocational and skill development trainings were given to 436 disabled persons, of which 179 were women. Towards facilitating financial inclusion, 142 self-help groups were formed for people with disabilities. More than 1,200 persons have become members so far. Following Sightsavers' efforts, there is a marked improvement, at times as high as 75 per cent, in the income level of the PWDs.
- In MP, CG & UP, vocational and skill development trainings were given to 471 disabled persons on different trades identified during the livelihood mapping undertaken in four blocks.





Visually impaired passengers boarding a bus in Mumbai using the Onboard device

## Innovation for Access

The visually impaired in Mumbai can now board a bus without assistance thanks to the 'Onboard' device. Sightsavers, in collaboration with Assistech at IIT Delhi, XRCVC and the BEST bus company, launched a first-of-its-kind assistive device called 'Onboard' to facilitate blind persons in identifying routes of approaching buses and board them independently. Disabled People's Organisations and visually impaired commuters have provided feedback about their experience of utilising the device and the product is being updated for better utility.

## Disability is now part of SDGs

In a landmark move, sustained lobbying by Sightsavers and other organisations led to the inclusion of disability in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030. This is a huge step as the Millennium Development Goals that ended in 2015 did not mention disability. For far too long, people with disabilities have been ignored. The SDGs are the first global goals to specifically include people with disabilities. They present an opportunity to improve the lives of 800 million people with disabilities living in developing countries so that they have the same access to education, health care and employment as their peers and the chance to live independently.



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## Case study

**Name:**  
Shankarlal

**Location:**  
Gadwala village of Bikaner District, Rajasthan

### A New Life!

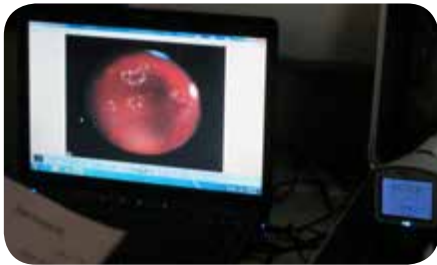
On a cold winter's morning as the rays of the warm winter sun touch the ground, Shankarlal goes about his work in his petty shop, while a few old men sit huddled together around a small fire smoking beedis. He is busy as usual handing over items to the customers and counting cash all with a smile on his face. Only a closer look will reveal that Shankarlal is blind, and blind since his teenage years having lived all his life in Gadwala village of Bikaner District. He still vividly remembers the fateful day when accidentally his hands touched his eyes when they were coated with pesticides, which gradually led to loss of his vision! His family despite poverty tried to access best of treatment but in vain.

Shankarlal would have drifted into oblivion had it not been for project DRISHTI implemented by Urmul Trust with Sightsavers support in 2008. Consistent motivation, mobility training, development of daily living skills and training on micro enterprise management transformed him from a reclusive person to an empowered individual. Today, he feels empowered and financially independent. Shankarlal is an active member of the Disabled Peoples Organisation (DPO) formed for self-advocacy under DRISHTI project. He says his life has been transformed because of the project interventions.



## Partnerships

- An innovative digital fundus camera developed by Bosch Eye Care has been installed at the vision centre in Bhopal to screen for Diabetic Retinopathy (DR). Bhopal is the second city to have the equipment following the successful experience of using the camera in slums of Bengaluru to screen for and diagnose DR. Linkages were made with health care providers to treat patients with DR.
- Bosch has agreed to install the fundus cameras at select vision centres in Sightsavers projects across India.



- Sightsavers partnered with the HIV-AIDS alliance and local network partners in Bhopal to organise eye screening camps for people living with HIV-AIDS: 106 people were screened initially.





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## Fundraising

The year 2015 witnessed Sightsavers receiving its highest individual corporate grant yet and a number of support based expansions being made.



The RPG Foundation approved a corporate grant to support the 'screening on wheels' initiative which will reach out to slum populations in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai and also truck drivers. The partnership extended support to include the initiative for truck drivers in Cuttack, Ghaziabad, Kolkata, Noida, Bengaluru, Raipur, Bhopal, Jabalpur and Lucknow.



Fullerton India, a leading non-banking financial company, has extended its support to launch vision centres in new areas - Siliguri, Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. Fullerton is already supporting the Indore Urban Eye Care initiative in the form of a mobile eye screening van.







The Piramal Foundation has entered into a partnership with Sightsavers for a period of three years starting January 2016. A robust aid from Piramal Foundation will support rural eye care interventions in Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan.

Rayban has extended their support to the urban eye health care programme in Jaipur. An expansion is planned for the next year to include rural eye health in Alwar and Banswara districts in Rajasthan.





## Campaign and Communications

### The Blind View Campaign

This is an initiative launched in partnership with Beyond Sight Foundation where nine visually impaired people were trained to use a camera. Two photography workshops were organised in Mumbai and Bengaluru and the photos taken by the participants were displayed in popular malls in the cities. The final event was held at the British Council in Delhi where Padmashri Raghu Rai (Renowned India Photographer and Photojournalist) was the Chief Guest.



### Donate a Colour

Around Holi, Sightsavers ran its 'Donate a Colour' campaign in association with Groupon India urging people to spread the colour of joy by donating spectacles to those in need.



## World Braille Day

On World Braille Day the Kalinga Car Rally was organised in Bhubaneswar with the participation of 150 blind volunteers.



## World Sight Day

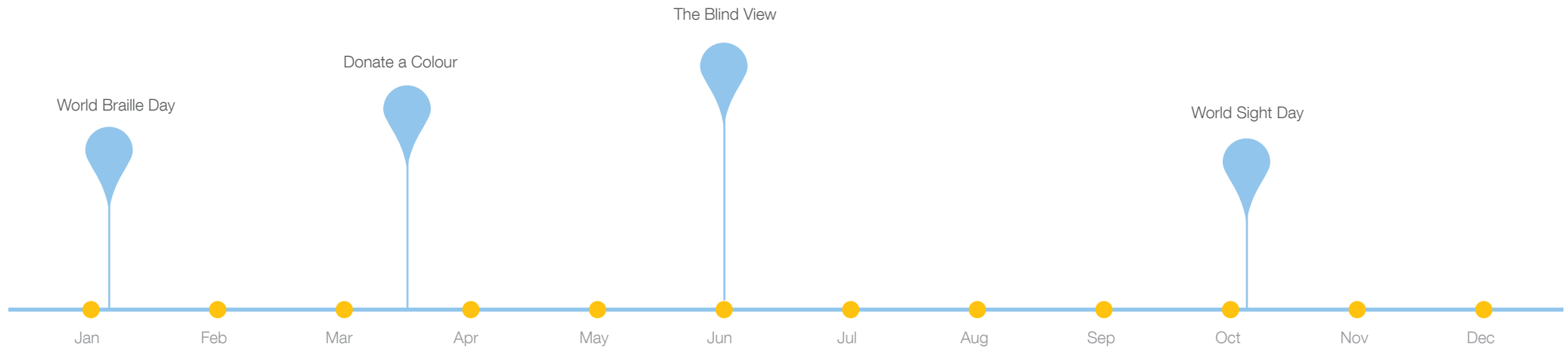
Sightsavers observed World Sight Day in Bhopal by organising the audio presentation of the movie 'Bhag Milkha Bhag' for 41 blind persons from Hoshangabad and Jabalpur districts. The event was co-sponsored by Radio Mirchi 98.3 FM.



## Sightsavers India Board Visits Primary Health Centre in Bengaluru

Honorary Chairman of the Board Sightsavers India - Dr S Y Quraishi and CEO (Sightsavers India) RN Mohanty, along with board members visited the K Narayanpura Primary Health Centre in Bengaluru to witness an Eye Screening Camp organised for local communities under Sightsavers' National Urban Eye Care Programme - Amrita Drishti. This is an initiative by Sightsavers which started in September 2014 and targets fifteen slums in and around the city. The project strives to reach out to the urban poor, especially the marginalised and underserved population in urban slums to reduce the occurrence of potential eye diseases. It aims to work in close coordination with the urban local bodies and private and public service providers to ensure quality eye health service delivery through an effective and sustained urban health system.





Digital Media in 2015





## Recognition

Sightsavers' Global CEO Dr Caroline Harper was appointed as Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the New Year Honours List issued by the Queen. The honour is in recognition of Dr Harper's services to visually impaired people abroad.

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I see this very much as an honour for Sightsavers: its staff, partners and donors who make the work of the organisation possible. So many people have been prevented from going blind, or have had their sight restored, as a result of these efforts.

# Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind

(Formerly known as Royal Commonwealth Society For the Blind - Indian Branch)

(All amounts are in Indian Rupees)

## Balance Sheet - (Schedule VIII {Vide Rule 17 (I)})

as at 31 March 2016

Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai

## Financials

Funds and Liabilities	Note	As at 31 March 2016	As at 31 March 2015	Property and Assets	Note	As at 31 March 2016	As at 31 March 2015
<b>Trust Funds</b>	3	74,137,260	31,545,835	<b>Immovable properties</b>	4		
<b>General Funds</b>				Gross block		5,195,990	5,195,990
(Created under the provisions of the trust or Scheme or out of the income)		949,940	1,575,515	Less : Accumulated depreciation		3,647,806	3,566,323
- Gift reserves		<u>949,940</u>	<u>1,575,515</u>			<u>1,548,184</u>	<u>1,629,667</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				<b>Other fixed assets</b>	5		
- For expenses		4,037,791	1,595,618	Gross block		44,156,925	25,775,049
- For statutory dues		3,196,069	1,116,910	Less : Accumulated depreciation		26,148,946	17,633,850
- For advances		18,574	488			<u>18,007,979</u>	<u>8,141,199</u>
- For earnest money deposit (Refer Note No. 15)		4,500,000	-	<b>Current assets</b>			
- For Payment to auditor		838,404	666,320	Prepaid expenses		1,568,985	870,158
- For grants		17,658,589	11,935,501	Donation receivable		3,454,790	-
- For employee benefits				Deposits and advances:			
- Provision for gratuity		5,153,871	5,345,866	- To employees	6	117,589	166,913
- Provision for compensated absences		801,371	956,547	- To others	7	4,812,133	4,925,265
- Provision for Rent Equalisation		215,351	807,834	<b>Cash and bank balances</b>	8	81,997,560	39,813,232
		<u>36,420,020</u>	<u>22,425,084</u>			<u>91,951,057</u>	<u>45,775,568</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>111,507,220</b>	<b>55,546,434</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>111,507,220</b>	<b>55,546,434</b>

Significant accounting policies 2

The notes referred to above form an integral part of the Financial Statements

The above Balance Sheet, to the best of our knowledge and belief, contains a true account of the Funds and Liabilities and of the Property and Assets of the Society as at 31 March 2016.

As per our report of even date attached.

For **B S R & Associates**

Chartered Accountants

Firm's Registration No: 116231W/W/-100024

**Sandeep Batra**

Partner

Membership No. : 093320

Place: Gurgaon

Date: 28 September, 2016



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Authorized Signatory  
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(All amounts are in Indian Rupees)

**Income and Expenditure Account - (Schedule - IX {Vide Rule 17(1)})**

as at 31 March 2016

**Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai**

Expenditure	Note	For the year ended 31 March 2016	For the year ended 31 March 2015	INCOME	Note	For the year ended 31 March 2016	For the year ended 31 March 2015
<b>To Expenditure in respect of properties:</b>				<b>By Interest (accrued / realised)</b>			
- Rates, taxes and cesses		35,971	31,864	- on bank accounts		3,549,714	1,461,484
- Repairs and maintenance		131,951	127,607				
- Insurance		3,040	3,251				
- Depreciation	4	81,483	85,772				
<b>To Establishment expenses</b>	11	70,619,859	58,741,886	<b>By Donations in cash or kind</b>	9	80,572,960	56,489,949
<b>To Legal expenses</b>		444,790	289,142	<b>By Grants from Sightsavers, UK</b>		376,927,640	300,637,316
<b>To Audit fees</b>	12	861,482	773,952				
<b>To Miscellaneous expenses</b>				<b>By Miscellaneous income</b>	10	30,299	6,769
- Consultation charges		4,962,835	4,537,030				
- Fund raising charges		71,084,233	38,151,391				
- Rent		6,884,360	5,638,401				
- Travelling and conveyance		10,408,455	6,666,474				
- Other expenses	13	12,819,107	9,436,685				
<b>To Depreciation</b>							
- on other fixed assets	5	7,942,104	3,449,930				
<b>To Expenditure on objects of the Society</b> (classification is as certified by trustees)	14						
(a) Religious							
(b) Educational		11,684,922	6,788,641				
(c) Medical and poverty relief		217,900,502	203,210,145				
<b>To Surplus transferred to Trust Funds</b>		<b>45,215,519</b>	<b>20,663,347</b>				
		<b>461,080,613</b>	<b>358,595,518</b>			<b>461,080,613</b>	<b>358,595,518</b>

Significant accounting policies

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The notes referred to above form an integral part of the Financial Statements

As per our report of even date attached

For **B S R & Associates**

Chartered Accountants

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Partner

Membership No. : 099320

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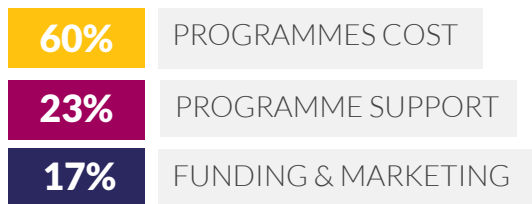
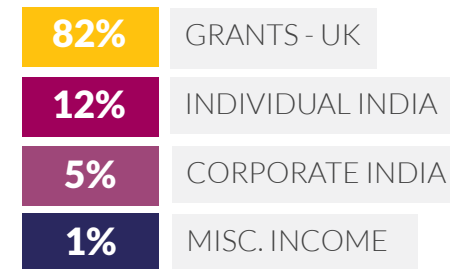
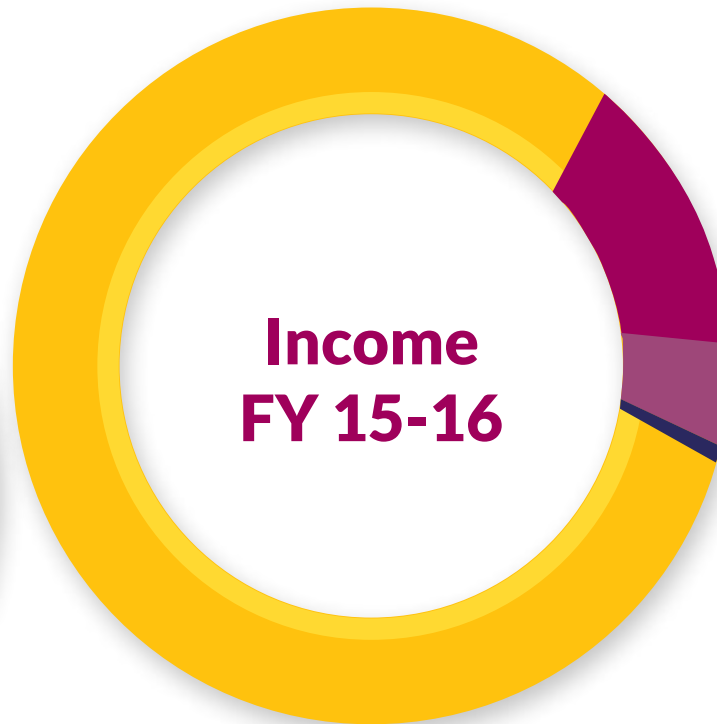
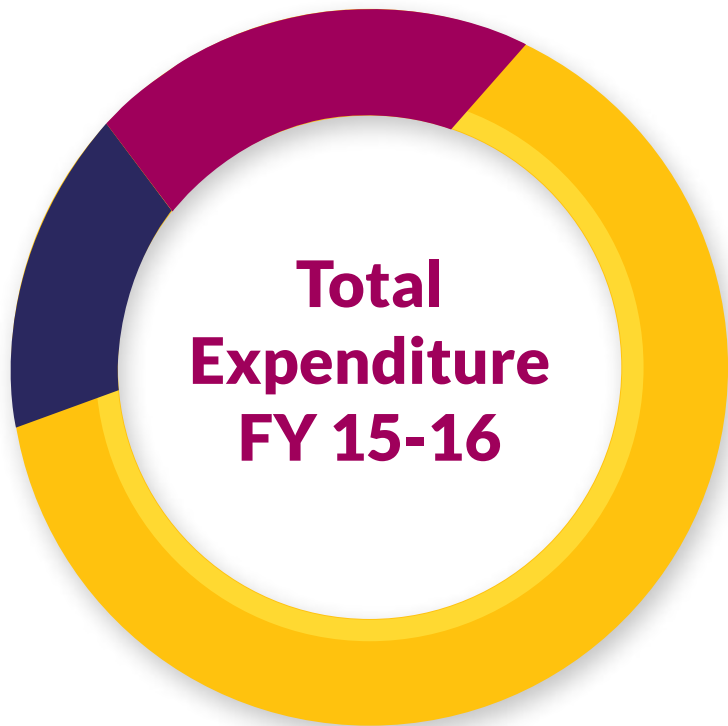
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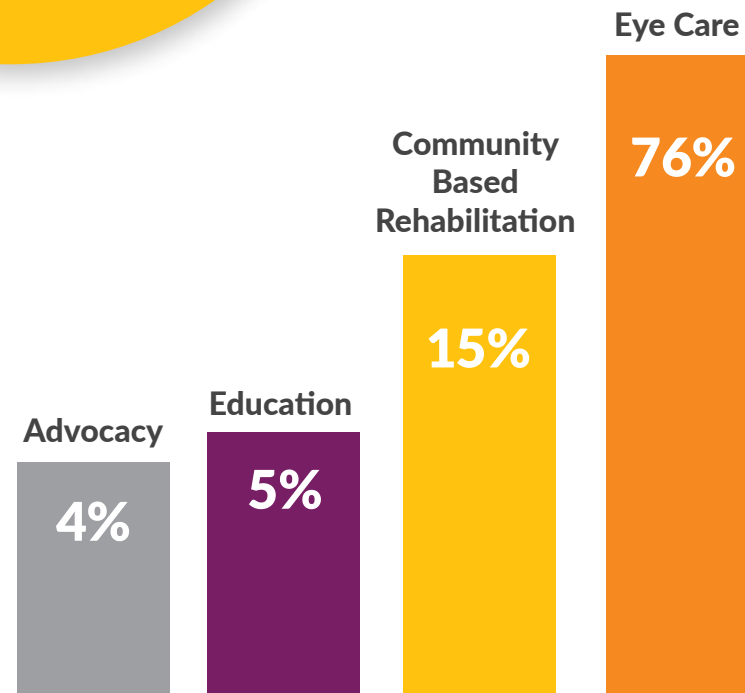
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**Thematic Utilisation**



## List of abbreviations

- CWD: Children with Disabilities
- DR: Diabetic Retinopathy
- DPOs: Disabled People's Organisations
- ICT: Information and Communications Technology
- NUHM: National Urban Health Mission
- PWD: Persons with Disabilities
- RBSK: Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram
- SSA: Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
- SMC: School Management Committee
- SHG: Self-help Group
- SDG: Sustainable Development Goals
- UEHP: Urban Eye Health Programme
- XRCVC: The Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged

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