

# LIGHT SPEED VOYAGE

JOURNEY into 100 DISTRICTS



Sightsavers

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17



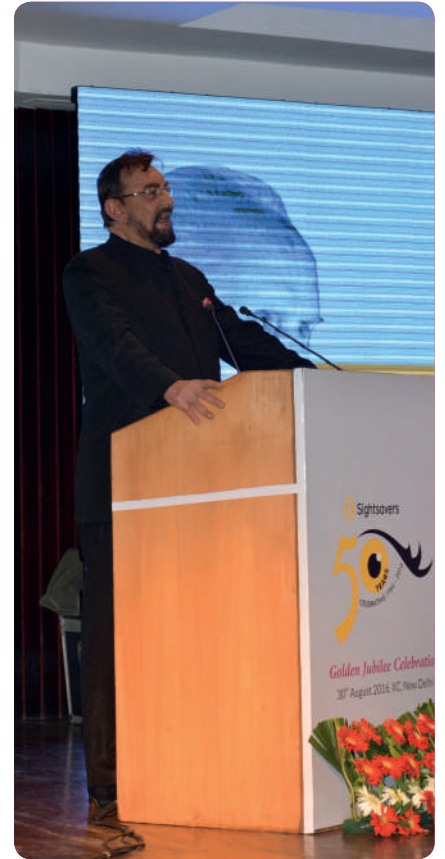
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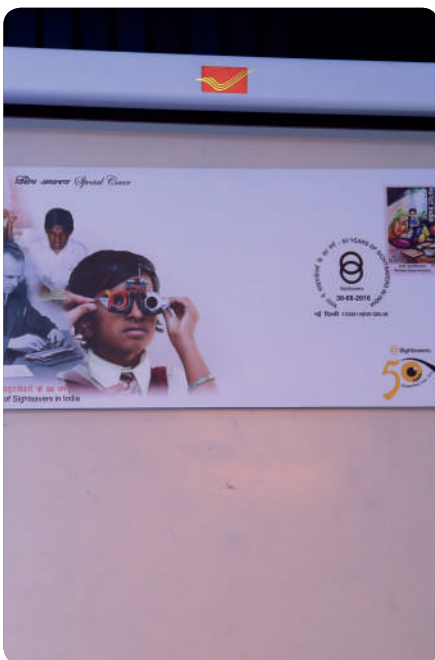
## Look closer...

Take a closer look  
at our Golden Jubilee  
Celebration.



### *Golden Jubilee Celebration*

Commemorating 50 years of eliminating  
avoidable blindness and promoting equal  
opportunities for the disabled

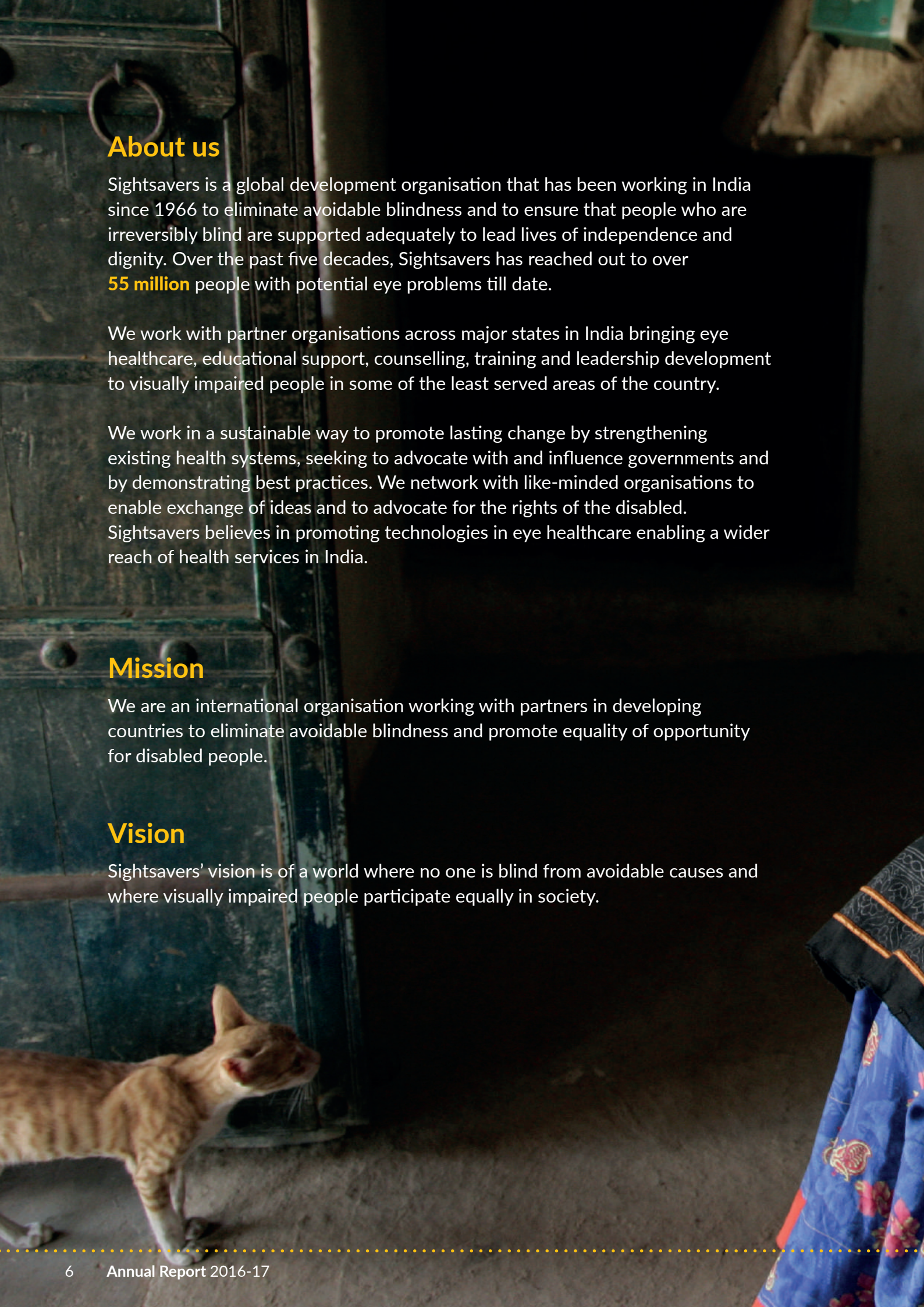




# GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Sightsavers marked its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in India in the month of September, 2016. The golden jubilee gala in Delhi was attended by VIPs, dignitaries and beneficiaries. The prelude to finale celebrations were held in Ranchi, Jaipur and Bhubaneswar during the previous months. The Indian Postal Department issued a first day postal cover as a recognition of Sightsavers' contribution in the country for half a century.

Sightsavers launched a booklet highlighting the key role in the field of eye health and disability and released a film showcasing its journey in the country. The occasion was widely covered by several coveted newspapers and magazines including The Hindu, The Indian Express, Deccan Herald and The Week among others.



## About us

Sightsavers is a global development organisation that has been working in India since 1966 to eliminate avoidable blindness and to ensure that people who are irreversibly blind are supported adequately to lead lives of independence and dignity. Over the past five decades, Sightsavers has reached out to over **55 million** people with potential eye problems till date.

We work with partner organisations across major states in India bringing eye healthcare, educational support, counselling, training and leadership development to visually impaired people in some of the least served areas of the country.

We work in a sustainable way to promote lasting change by strengthening existing health systems, seeking to advocate with and influence governments and by demonstrating best practices. We network with like-minded organisations to enable exchange of ideas and to advocate for the rights of the disabled. Sightsavers believes in promoting technologies in eye healthcare enabling a wider reach of health services in India.

## Mission

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

## Vision

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









## Message from the Chairman

Success is a journey and not a destination. And for a successful organisation, improvement is a continuous journey. The organisations that practice continuous self-improvement, live longer.

To reach the zenith of excellence, organisations need to carefully formulate strategies and effectively implement them in order to arrive at the desired destination. Sightsavers has been doing exactly the same thing. Sightsavers continues to hold the same passion, fervour and commitment since the very beginning of its journey.

Year 2016-17 has been a year of intense action on the ground post the previous two years of conceptualisation and initiation, wherein some of the key achievements have been the consolidation of our Urban Eye Health programme and commencement of interventions in new cities. Our Social Inclusion programme has expanded into all the districts and has even completed the livelihood mapping and formation of many of the SHGs as planned. The systems strengthening process has taken off in the Rural Eye Health programme with the completion of the District Eye Health Assessment process using DEHAT.

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. And finally, I cannot thank my India team enough for their enormous dedication and commitment towards the organisation.



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

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



## Light Speed Voyage - Journey into 100 Districts

Sightsavers has a long and proud history of promoting eye health around the world. Our role in eye health has changed over the past 50 years and this change has been both a reflection of, and a reaction to, the expanding scope of global priorities in eye health. As Sightsavers moves into the next phase of its work in India, it is going to have a greater impact and reach more people in need.

A large proportion of People with Disabilities (PWDs), especially those who suffer from visual disability, are reeling under poverty, economic and educational deprivation and are concentrated in the most under-served parts of the country. Through its thematic valice of Eye Health, Social Inclusion and Inclusive Education, Sightsavers aims to have a significant impact on the lives of the underprivileged by influencing the policies and practices with regard to eye health and disabilities in India.

Based on the clearly defined focus areas in each theme, strategic actions were prioritised and plans developed. The interventions are taking place in eight high focus states i.e, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, in districts selected on the basis of extent of the need. With the district being the intended unit of interventions significant changes were introduced in 100 districts of these eight priority states.

Year 2016-17 can be considered as the year in which the programmes gained strength; expanded into more districts; innovations and demonstration have took; scale up is has planned and necessary resources were mobilised for implementing the programmes.



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





## Our Trustees



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 S Y Quraishi**

Former Chief Election Commissioner of India



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

### **Dr Ashok Dyalchand**

Health Expert



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.

### **Dr Garimella Subramaniam**

Senior Assistant Editor,  
The Hindu



Srila Chatterjee is the 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.

### **Srila Chatterjee**

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





# EYE HEALTH



# SOCIAL INCLUSION



# INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

# EYE HEALTH



RURAL EYE HEALTH  
PROGRAMME (REH)



URBAN EYE HEALTH  
PROGRAMME (UEH)



SCHOOL EYE HEALTH  
PROGRAMME (SEH)

Sightsavers ensures availability of affordable, quality eye health services in rural districts, urban slums and government schools. We focus on raising awareness about eye health, training health care workers, school teachers and community volunteers and strengthening their capacities.



Successful expansion of School Eye Health Programme to West Bengal.

ASHA's trained as Master trainers to orient peer HR on eye health and monitor, support and aid referral mechanisms under Rural Eye Health Programme.

Low Vision Programme in Jharkhand selected as Best Practice by Ministry of Human Resource Development, GOI.

## District Eye Health Assessment

The District level interventions in the Demonstration Districts were planned and implemented in 2016 based on the assessment conducted in the year 2015 using DEHAT. The findings in the form of district level reports were shared with the respective State Governments for the demonstration districts. In Uttar Pradesh, the DEHAT findings helped Sightsavers in developing good working relationship with the NHM as part of an MoU in which a joint Review Committee with Sightsavers on board, was set up to oversee programme implementation. A similar MoU was also signed with NHM in West Bengal.

District Eye Health Assessment Tool (DEHAT), a custom made tool developed by Sightsavers India to assess gaps in existing health systems based on which interventions can be planned for any given district.



# IMPACT

## IN 2016



**22,01,134**

Number of Eye Screenings



**1,55,986**

Sight Restoration Surgeries



**2,18,690**

Spectacles Distributed



**6,47,007**

Number of People  
Refracted

Nearly  
**0.23 million**  
children screened  
under School Eye Health  
in over 2,800 schools



## An Anecdote

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60-year-old Gulab Devi, from Jawahar Nagar slum of Jaipur City had developed poor vision in the last 2-3 years. This had affected her life adversely. She was unable to do her daily chores. Life had gotten tough for Gulab Devi as she had to depend on others even for the smallest of things.

Gulab Devi had met a link worker, Anju Devi, who convinced her to visit one of the eye screening camps initiated by Sightsavers. There, she was diagnosed with cataract. After some amount of counselling, she went through the cataract surgery.

Since the operation, Gulab Devi has motivated more people from her neighbourhood to visit the screening camp for eye check-up.



**Gulab Devi**  
Jaipur, Rajasthan

# NETRA VASANT

## RURAL EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME

Sightsavers' National Rural Eye Health (REH) programme began implementation in 8 states of India – Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal in partnership with over 30 partners working in around 76 districts consisting of both demonstration and scale up approach.



### Some Key Outcomes:

- In Uttar Pradesh (UP), the District Eye Health Assessment Tool findings helped Sightsavers in developing good working relationship with the NHM as part of an MoU in which a joint Review Committee with Sightsavers on board, was set up to oversee programme implementation. A similar MoU was also signed with NHM in West Bengal.
- The programme baselines using RAAB<sup>1</sup> tool along with EMT<sup>2</sup> and WG<sup>3</sup> questions were completed in Jhabua (MP), Sitapur (UP), Kalahandi (Odisha) districts. Key highlights of the baseline suggest in Kalahandi, Jhabua and Sitapur the prevalence of blindness as per the WHO definition was 5.4%, 1.3%, and 4.8%, respectively. The CSC<sup>4</sup> was 47.5%, 58% and 58.7% in Kalahandi, Jhabua and Sitapur respectively. Cataract blindness is common in all the three districts and would remain a priority for elimination of avoidable blindness in India.
- Forty-seven Vision Centres were operational under the REH programme. Largely, the service delivery in the REH programmes have taken place at primary, secondary and tertiary level through Vision Centres (VC), Camps and Base hospitals. Despite the immense focus on strengthening primary eye care, secondary/tertiary level still remains a major point of contact for patients.

Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness (RAAB)<sup>1</sup>  
Equity Measurement Tool<sup>2</sup>  
Washington Group Question on Disability<sup>3</sup>  
Cataract Surgical Coverage<sup>4</sup>



# AMRITA DRISHTI

## URBAN EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME

The programme aims to demonstrate linkages between services and the slum population. It constitutes models for prevention, screening and detection for disease-specific interventions as well as access to subsidised quality services by the poor. With NGO, hospital and NHM partnership, the programme in 2016 was implemented in 14 cities spread across 11 states – Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Lucknow, Jaipur, Raipur, Delhi, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Patna, Bangalore, Chennai and Mumbai.



### Some Key Outcomes:

- Vision Centre (VC) : The programme uses Vision Centres as the key service delivery mechanism in the slums with referral mechanisms established between Vision Centres, camps and the base hospital. The Vision Centres, provide services like screening, refraction, identification of patients requiring surgeries, treatment and referral services.
- Camps are conducted to reach out to those sections of the slum population who are less aware of the services at the Vision Centres and the hospitals. The equipment like Trinetra are used during these camps in order to identify with Diabetic Retinopathy.
- Netranjali – truckers' component: During the years 2016 and 2017, Sightsavers commenced working with the Driving community in National Capital Region (NCR), Mumbai, Lucknow, Kolkata, Jabalpur, Bhopal, Indore, Bangalore, Chennai, Jaipur, Khordha and Ganjam.

Trinetra- An equipment used by end-users in testing and analysis.

# VIDYA JYOTI

## SCHOOL EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME

Sightsavers launched Vidyajyoti School Eye Health Programme in Bhopal and Cuttack in September 2014 with the goal - *“good and maintained eye health is optimised in school children so the improved learning outcomes in government schools are evident”*.



### Some Key Outcomes:

- In the year 2016, Sightsavers with support from Qatar Development Foundation (QDF) in which Orbis is the principal agency commenced implementation of this programme in more districts of Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh thereby taking this programme to a larger scale.
- As part of the scale up district, the Khordha District Administration has adopted and printed 6,000 primary eye screening kits under the technical guidance of Sightsavers. These screening kits will be distributed to all schools and will be utilised by the school teachers in undertaking the vision screening of their students. In a notable achievement, Khordha district has been awarded as the **“Best district in the field of eye care”** with a cash prize of 10 lakhs from the Chief Minister of Odisha. The achievements of our interventions in the district largely contribute to this.



# INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

The key objective of our Inclusive Education Programme is to raise learning outcomes of Children with Visual Impairment through mainstream education. On the ground, Sightsavers aims to promote a positive and enabling environment in schools, families as well as communities to support the holistic education of Children with Visual Impairment. Sightsavers has been running its Inclusive Education Programme since the past two decades. The programme is being run in five states namely, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan with district as unit of intervention.

## Some Key Outcomes:

- Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has been promoting an exemplar handbook (published by NCERT two years back) for training classroom teachers on teaching children with disabilities. Sightsavers has developed a self-learning resource pack on inclusive pedagogies and classroom practices. The resource pack can be used by the teachers on their own with minimum training/support for engaging with children with disabilities. The training is being cascaded to classroom teachers through a pool of national and state level master trainers.
- Sightsavers has started an intervention within the programme to reach out to visually impaired children and training them on using ICT as a means to enhance learning outcomes.
- Children have been provided and trained on using Tablets and DAISY players with the help of a state level ICT resource centre set up in collaboration with the state government.



# IMPRESSIONS



**1,203**

Resource teachers trained  
in supporting Children  
with Visual  
Impairment (CVI) in use of  
ICT for learning.

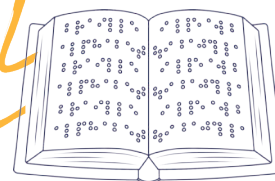
**50,534**

General teachers trained  
in inclusive teaching practices  
for Children with Visual  
Impairment (CVI) at  
district/block levels.



**358**

School Management  
Committee (SMC)/parents  
members trained on inclusion of  
children with disabilities.





## An Anecdote

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Visually impaired since birth, Simpi and her parents could never imagine that she could get an education. Coming from a small district called Dumka (Jharkhand), Simpi had never attended any school till she was 10. Sightsavers identified Simpi and counselled her parents to send her to school.

With Sightsavers intervention under its Inclusive Education Programme, Simpi received Braille and other large print material for studies. Simpi was enrolled in class five directly and since then she had been very persistent to continue her education. She was given a telescope and a tablet from Sightsavers which would enhance her learning capabilities. In class X boards, Simpi scored 71 percent making the entire village proud.

The teenager is determined to continue on the path of literacy—a world of light.



**Simpi**  
Dumka, Jharkhand

## An Anecdote

14-year-old, Arjun Penthia has been blind since birth. He lives with his parents and two siblings in a village named Bododubli in Koraput district, Odisha. When Arjun was intervened by SOVA (South Orissa Voluntary Action) in association with Sightsavers, an initial assessment followed by counselling of his parents took place. It was found that Arjun was completely dependent on others for daily work.

Arjun received skill development training programme from SOVA and Sightsavers. He learnt the skill of managing his day-to-day work. He was also oriented on mobility. Arjun learnt the use of Braille Kit, Abacus and other teaching materials. After repeated counselling of his parents, Arjun was regularised in a school. The emphasis was given on his educational assessment through educational aids and appliances. His school teachers were sensitised on the usage of different teaching materials. Arjun was also granted the Disability pension and Banishree Scholarship (Scholarship to children with special needs). Today, Arjun's learning ability has elevated and he has become socially more active. Arjun's family is pleased to see the development in him. Arjun wishes to pursue higher studies and support his family in the future.



**Arjun Penthia**  
Odisha



# SOCIAL INCLUSION

Sightsavers' national social inclusion programme is being implemented in all the 8 priority states as well as Tamil Nadu in partnership with 20 NGO partners. Over a decade ago, this programme was known as the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programme which later on evolved into the existing social inclusion programme. The overall change statement of the programme is, "Persons with disabilities have equal right and opportunities in an inclusive environment".



## Some Key Outcomes:

- In some states, house-to-house surveys were conducted to identify PWDs while in those districts where the programmes were existing before the current strategic period, the programme shifted gear with ease. In Gaya district, a comprehensive house-to-house survey was conducted in a formal MoU based partnership with the Government livelihood programme known as 'Jeevika'. Similar actions were undertaken in the districts of MP too while in the rest of the states the older such surveys were updated.
- A detailed baseline survey was also conducted in the 12 demonstration districts during the year 2015 and 2016 which covered a sample size of over 1,100 persons with disabilities. The survey covered questions on existing livelihood patterns, linkages to financial institutions, changes in livelihood patterns post accessing any financial support, their empowerment level and participation in any DPO movements.
- Livelihood mapping exercises were also undertaken to identify prevalent and economically viable livelihood options in which PWDs can be engaged. This exercise was undertaken in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh. In other states like Bihar and Jharkhand this activity was undertaken with the support of the State Livelihood Mission – Jeevika and Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society.

# IMPRESSIONS



52,972

People with Disability (PWD) identified



936

PWDs trained on laws, legislations and other provision for disability



310

PWDs trained on livelihood/vocational skills/entrepreneurial training



1,118

Disabled People Organisation (DPO) members in the intervention districts



## An Anecdote

### The Change Maker

It is not every day that one comes across such feisty leaders who have the courage and intent to inspire many more to lead a life of dignity. Meet Archana Mehra, 38, of Hoshangabad district in Madhya Pradesh. She lost her complete vision when she was 3 years old. Married to Shankar Lal Mehra, a farmer, Archana lives happily with their eight year old son. She has led a life of independence, successfully doing all household chores without any hindrance.

Archana wanted to do a lot more, and a perfect opportunity came when Sightsavers Social Inclusion programme in her district was implemented by our NGO partner Dalit Sangh. Community mobilisers met Archana in Lakhanpur village of Sohagpur block, 08 kilometres away from Sohagpur. She got to know about the organisation's work with PWDs in different villages and decided to attend the disabled people organisation (DPO) meeting at Sohagpur. There she interacted with many other PWDs of different villages, everyone discussing their problems and making action plans. This motivated Archana and hence she decided to link more PWDs under this Programme.

She motivated 12 more PWDs of her area to join the DPO. She has also participated in 'Sensitisation of PWDs about their rights and entitlements' and trained other PWDs in her village about the rights she learnt. She participated in 'Leadership, Advocacy and DPO formation training' and 'Training on SHG formation and strengthening' which really moved her. After the training Archana formed exclusive self-help group (SHG) of PWDs at Lakhanpur village with 5 PWDs and named it Monika. The SHG regularly saves a small sum of money, which Archana has planned to use for inter-lending.

The change maker at grassroots, Archana participates in the awareness programmes and spreads a word to others about rights, entitlements, preventive and curative measures for PWDs.



**Archana Mehra**  
Hoshangabad,  
Madhya Pradesh





## Meet our Brand Ambassador

“One-fourth of the world’s blind population lives in India, and 75% of this blindness is avoidable.

Pledge to value the importance of sight and join hands with the global development organisation to prevent avoidable blindness and promote equality of opportunity for disabled people.



### KABIR BEDI

Honorary Brand Ambassador  
Sightsavers India







## Funding & Marketing

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The Funding & Marketing team upped the ante in the digital space. The year 2016 was one of innovations, with the team venturing into face-to-face fundraising, event planning and execution.

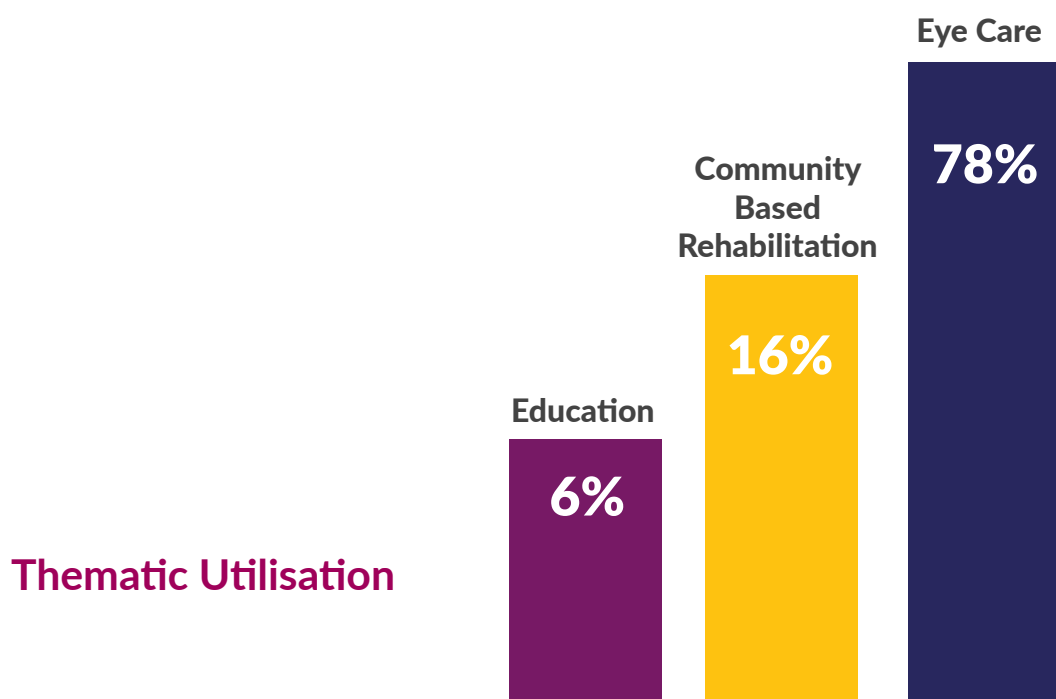
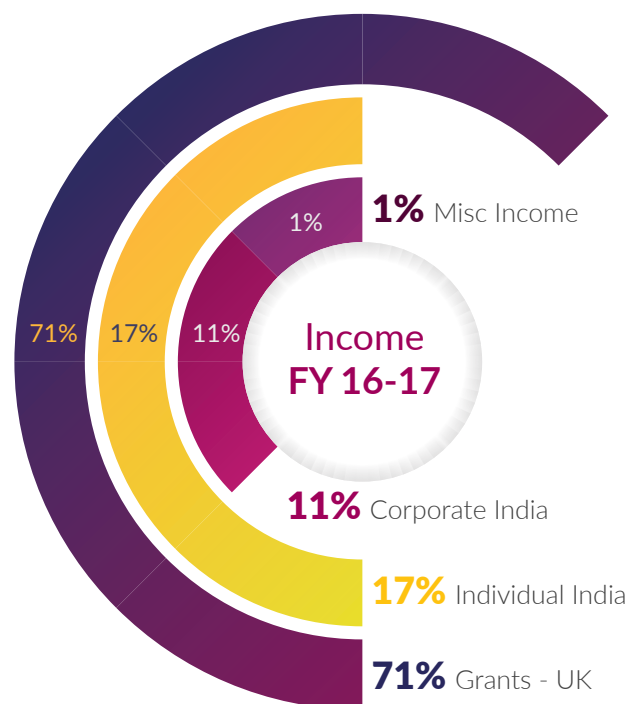
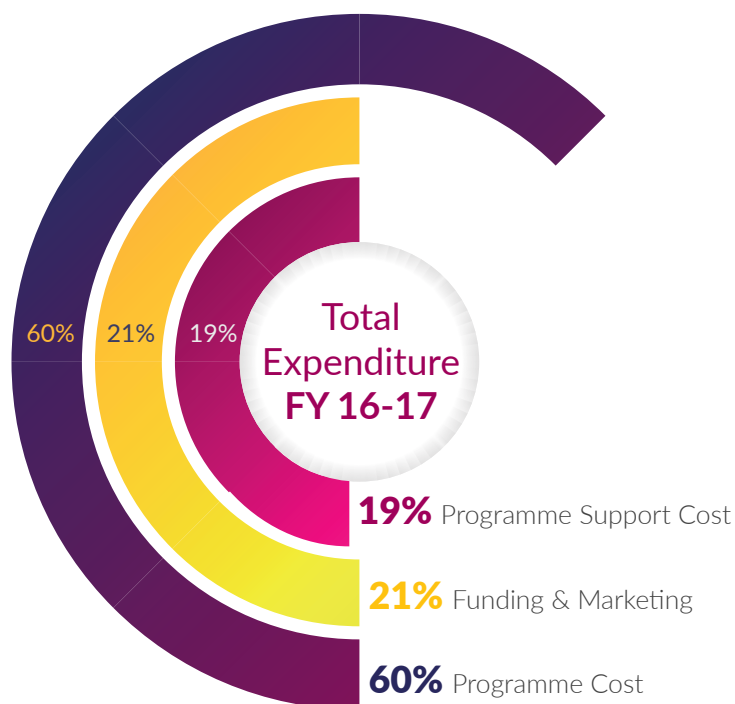
The F&M team got a digital boost with the launch of donor portal. A face-to-face fundraising in Bengaluru was introduced to reach out to the community.

Corporates continued to lend Sightsavers their exemplary support in 2016 with RPG Foundation, Rotork, Urvi Ashok Piramal Foundation, Fullerton, Oracle and Innoven renewing their grant.

New donors came on board to support various programmes of Sightsavers. These included Rayban, SKS (BFIL), Cholamadalam and Parthenon.

## Advocacy

We were successful in advocating with and influencing the government, a testimony of which was the logical completion of our copyright success wherein Government of India opened an online accessible library called '**Sugamya Pustakalaya**' of accessible books and publications.





# Financials

## Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (All amounts are in Indian Rupees) Income and Expenditure Account - (Schedule - IX {Vide Rule 17(1)}) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai

EXPENDITURE	Note	For the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	For the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	INCOME	Note	For the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	For the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016
<b>To Expenses in respect of properties:</b>				<b>By Interest</b>			
- Rates, taxes and cesses		41,341	35,971	- On bank accounts		6,493,670	3,549,714
- Repairs and maintenance		634,182	131,951				
- Insurance		3,040	3,040	<b>By Donations in cash</b>			
- Depreciation	5	77,409	81,483	- From individuals	9	100,769,747	56,022,861
				- From corporates		63,568,676	24,550,099
<b>To Establishment expenses</b>	11	56,715,360	49,398,229				
				<b>By Grants from Sightsavers, UK</b>		409,868,016	376,927,640
				<b>By Miscellaneous income</b>		10	174,765
<b>To Legal expenses</b>		597,720	444,790				30,299
<b>To Audit fees</b>	12	853,720	861,482				
<b>To Miscellaneous expenses</b>							
- Consultation charges		7,440,060	4,962,835				
- Fund raising charges		114,401,288	71,084,233				
- Rent		9,365,689	6,884,360				
- Travelling and conveyance		14,564,721	10,408,455				
- Other expenses	13	20,108,692	12,819,107				
<b>To Depreciation</b>							
- on other fixed assets	5	5,611,668	7,942,104				
<b>To Expenditure on objects of the Society</b>							
(classification is as certified by trustees)							
(a) Religious		-	-				
(b) Educational		14,889,245	11,684,922				
(c) Medical and poverty relief		275,574,402	239,122,132				
<b>To Surplus transferred to Trust Funds</b>		59,996,337	45,215,519				
		<b>580,874,874</b>	<b>461,080,613</b>			<b>580,874,874</b>	<b>461,080,613</b>

Significant accounting policies 2


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 LLP**

Chartered Accountants

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

  
Sandeep Batra

Partner

Membership No :093320

Place: Gurgaon

Date: 29 September 2017





Dr. S Y Quraishi  
Chairman

Place: Delhi

Date: 29 September 2017



R N Mohanty  
Chief Executive Officer

Place: Gurgaon

Date: 29 September 2017

**Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (All amounts are in Indian Rupees)**  
**Balance Sheet - (Schedule VIII {Vide Rule 17 (I)}) as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**  
**Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai**

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	Note	As at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	As at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Note	As at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	As at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016
<b>Trust Funds</b>	3	134,133,597	74,137,260	<b>Immovable properties</b>	5(A)		
				Gross block		5,195,990	5,195,990
				Less : Accumulated depreciation		3,725,215	3,647,806
						<u>1,470,775</u>	<u>1,548,184</u>
<b>General Funds</b>							
(Created under the provisions of the trust-deed or Scheme or out of the income)				<b>Other fixed assets</b>	5(B)		
- Gift reserves		573,951	949,940	Gross block		46,232,246	44,156,925
		<u>573,951</u>	<u>949,940</u>	Less : Accumulated depreciation		31,289,508	26,148,946
						<u>14,942,738</u>	<u>18,007,979</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
- For expenses	4	7,478,945	4,056,365			<u>16,413,513</u>	<u>19,556,163</u>
-For statutory dues		3,271,397	3,196,069				
- For earnest money deposit (Refer Note No. 15)		4,500,000	4,500,000				
				<b>Current assets</b>			
- For payment to auditor		776,087	838,404	Prepaid expenses		1,488,807	1,568,985
				Donation receivable		-	3,454,790
				Deposits and advances:			
- For grants		8,743,255	17,658,589	- To employees	6	231,246	117,589
				- To others	7	4,867,285	4,812,133
- For employee benefits							
- Provision for gratuity		5,178,131	5,153,871				
- Provision for compensated absences		773,319	801,371	<b>Cash and bank balances</b>	8	142,501,540	81,997,560
- Provision for rent equalisation		73,709	215,351				
		<u>30,794,843</u>	<u>36,420,020</u>			<u>149,088,878</u>	<u>91,951,057</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>165,502,391</u>	<u>111,507,220</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>165,502,391</u>	<u>111,507,220</u>

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<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

As per our report of even date attached.

For **B S R & Associates LLP**

Chartered Accountants

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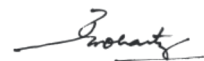
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## List of Abbreviations

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- 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
- CRC: Cluster Resource Centre
- NHM: National Health Mission

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