



Sightsavers

# Insight

How your support is making a difference | October 2021

January – September 2021



28,53,197

Number of Eye Screenings



1,92,081

Sight Restoration Surgeries



3,90,145

Spectacles Distribution

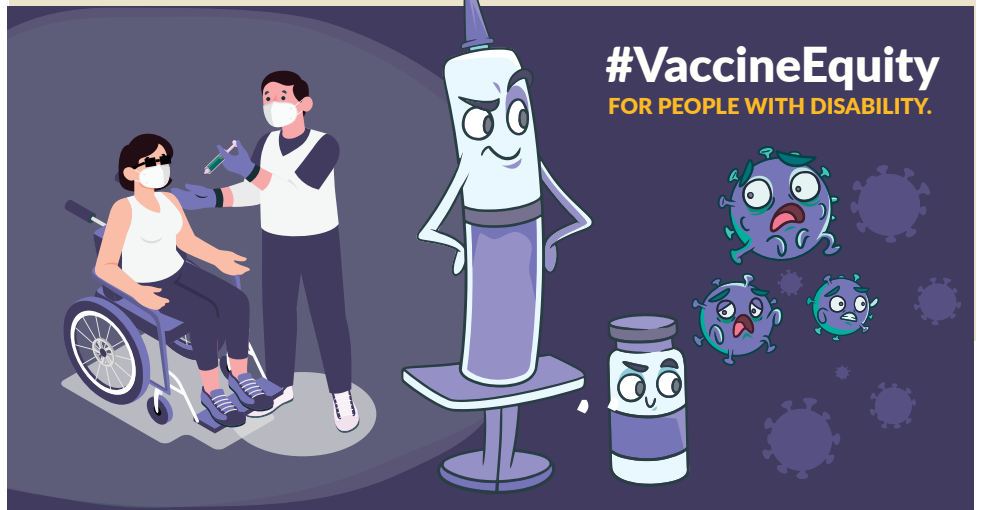


13,22,465

Number of People Refracted

## Vaccine equity, an initiative by Sightsavers for people with disabilities

Sightsavers, an organisation that works for people with disabilities, has decided to take up the cause of ensuring vaccine equity. There are about 2.68 crore people with disabilities in India who constitute 2.21 percent of the total population. Sightsavers in its Equal World Vaccine Equity manifesto, requested the Government of India and all state governments to ensure equity in the vaccination of persons with disabilities for COVID-19.



#VaccineEquity  
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY.

## Empowering eye health grassroot champions

Training of more than 300 Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHAs) and Anganwadi workers (AWWs) was conducted in Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh on early identification and referral of cataract. They were provided referrals cards for ensuring proper referral of patients to nearest health facility. Likewise, 768 frontline workers including auxiliary nurse midwife (ANMs), ASHAs and AWWs were trained in Jhabua, Alirajpur, Umaria, Katni and Bhopal districts of MP.



## Gaya Bai's Story

Fifty-nine-year-old Gaya Bai from Katni, Madhya Pradesh manages her household expenses from the meagre pension of her retired Police constable husband. The family doesn't have much resources and is financially not doing well. Since retirement, her husband has also not been keeping well and the responsibility to look after the house has completely fallen upon Gaya Bai. Earlier in the year, she complained of vision problems but was unable to get an eye health check-up owing to bare resources. This impacted her daily life and ability to perform everyday basic chores.

Due to her already poor financial condition and with her reducing vision, she lived in constant fear of becoming dependent on others for helping herself and her husband. It was through one of the neighbours she got to know about Sightsavers Netra Vasant Rural Eye Health programme. Thereafter, under the programme, she got her eyes examined at the SNC City Centre at Katni where she was diagnosed with cataract. In May, this year she got her cataract sight restoration surgery done at Base Hospital in Chitrakoot. Gaya Bai is happy to have her sight and independence back.



## Mission Roshni - A promise to reduce preventable blindness

Sightsavers launched Mission Roshni in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh with a goal to reduce prevalence of blindness amongst the rural population of the district. MISSION ROSHNI focuses on developing Master trainers who in return will provide training to frontline health workers on Vision screening, identification of cataract & other eye conditions and referrals in Jhabua.

## Sightsavers celebrates World Sight Day with the launch of #LoveYourEyes campaign

On World Sight Day, Sightsavers seeks to raise awareness on eye health for those who don't have easy access to vision care.



<https://loveyoureyes.sightsaversindia.in/>



In India since 1966, Sightsavers works to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equal opportunities for disabled people.

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