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On the cover:

An elderly lady during Rapid assessment of avoidable blindness (RAAB) study conducted in Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh.

ABOUT US

Sightsavers is a 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.

As of now, we work in 100 districts across 8 states of 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 a development organisation working with partners 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.





Major Highlights

of the Year

01 Sightsavers India gets Great Place to Work Certified for second year in a row

Sightsavers India also known as Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind has been once more certified as Great Place to Work-Certified™ from June 2020 until May 2021. The certification was awarded under the category ‘Non-profit and Charity Organizations’.

02 Sightsavers India recognised as one of India’s Best NGOs to work for in 2020

Sightsavers has been recognised as one among “India’s 10 Best NGOs to Work for” by Great Place to Work Institute India. Every year, more than 10,000 organisations from over 62 countries partner with Great Place to Work® Institute for assessment, benchmarking and planning actions to strengthen their workplace culture.

03 Sightsavers receives Grand Thornton Sabera 2020 Award in the “Shiksha” category

Sightsavers India has received the third edition of Grant Thornton Sabera 2020 Award in the “Shiksha” category for its effort in the field of education amidst the ongoing pandemic.

04 Sightsavers India and Standard Chartered join hands to prevent avoidable blindness in two major cities of Uttar Pradesh

Sightsavers with the support of Standard Chartered Bank launched the Urban Eye Health Programme also known as Amrita Drishti in Kanpur and Prayagraj of Uttar Pradesh. The intervention primarily focusses on increasing uptake of eye health services through setting up of vision centres in the slum communities, provisioning of eye health services as part of health systems and developing a favourable policy environment through engagement of urban local bodies. The Bank’s participation is under the Seeing is Believing by Standard Chartered, a global initiative to tackle avoidable blindness and visual impairment.

05 Sightsavers, EU and EDF launch Rising Voices: A Paper on women with disabilities

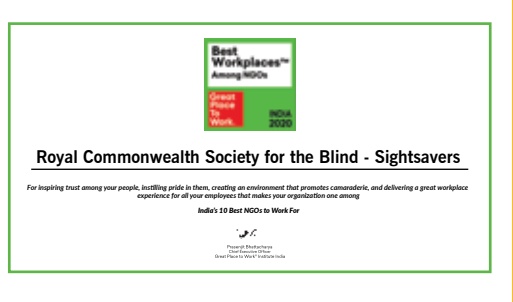
Sightsavers, a global development organisation and European Disability Forum (EDF) are jointly implementing project ‘Building Partnerships for Sustainable development Goals – Empowering Disabled People’s Organisations’ which is supported by European Union. The project supports people with disabilities to engage in, shape and monitor the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

06 Sightsavers India launches film on COVID Response on International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The film highlights the goal of Sightsavers during the pandemic, to ensure that people receive their income, food supplies, medical help, continuing education and psycho-social support to remain strong as they continue to fight the pandemic. It also brings forth the intervention with respect to online education for visually impaired children in Bihar known as Sankalp. A model of tele-education was adapted in 36 districts in Bihar which involves teaching children through the mobile telephonic network using calls to children through resource personnel. Additionally, the film showcases the plan of action for hospital partners and ensure safety in operations for the eye-health workers and patients. (Watch on Sightsavers India’s YouTube channel)



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Message from the Chairman



Dr SY Quraishi

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

Since the pandemic, the world has been going through a significant global challenge. Every individual's life was disrupted due to COVID-19 outbreak. We went through some major personal and professional changes in life. Amidst this turmoil, as a responsible development organisation, Sightsavers India ensured the safety and security of its employees, partners and beneficiaries.

By working closely with the state governments and following Covid-19 safety protocols, Sightsavers in India ensured that eye care services were provided to those in need of it. Through its partner organisations, Sightsavers took care of the well being of the Disabled People's Organisations' members. With Sightsavers' support, people with disabilities were included in all Covid-19 response activities both by the state and non-state players.

Even in the time of global crisis, Sightsavers performed some ground breaking work in the arena of eye health, social inclusion and inclusive education for which it also received recognition through felicitation and awards. Sightsavers India was recognised as one of India's best NGOs to work for in 2020. I would like to extend my immense appreciation and gratitude to everyone who has been associated with Sightsavers and supported the work that we do.

In this new normal, Sightsavers India will continue to work towards eliminating avoidable blindness and ensuring that persons with disabilities lead a life of independence and dignity.

The year 2020 tested us beyond measure. It was a year in which each of us faced difficult personal challenges, and many of us lost loved ones due to the pandemic.

Despite going through numerous challenges both on personal and professional front, we, as an organisation received massive recognition for our work and commitment to advance Sightsavers' cause in India. The good news started with Sightsavers being awarded the APPI grant for Alipurduar in West Bengal, followed by the big news of being once again certified as a Great Place To Work from June 2020 to May 2021. Sightsavers was recognised in the top 10 NGOs list of GPTW which is a great recognition of our work. We came across some great news such as Sightsavers India receiving the third edition of Grant Thornton Sabera 2020 Award in the "Shiksha" category for its effort in the field of education amidst the ongoing pandemic. Awards reaffirm and gratify the consistent hard work of the team and refinement of the process. We released the film on Sightsavers' intervention during Covid19. We also had our film, Breaking Barriers, released on World Sight Day.

Amid the ongoing pandemic, our programmes in various states were resumed with the required protocols and safety measures in place. Cataract surgeries were conducted in Sightsavers' partner hospitals. Through our programmes, we made sure that no one was left behind in this pandemic.

I am proud of the entire team of Sightsavers India for working together to achieve our goals and make it what it is today. We hope to continue working dedicatedly and standing by our motto.



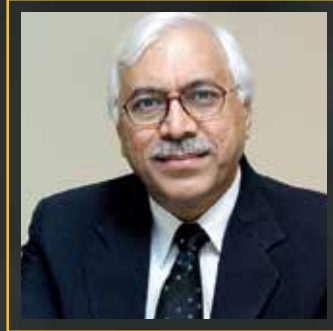
RN Mohanty
CEO, Sightsavers India.

Message from the CEO

OUR TRUSTEES

Dr SY Quraishi Honorary Chairman of the Board

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, 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 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.





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Rati Forbes is Director at Forbes Marshall Ltd – a company which has been, for over six decades, building steam engineering and control instrumentation solutions that work for the process industry. Rati is responsible for the Social Initiatives, which the company supports in the areas of community health, education and women’s issues.



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EYE HEALTH



NETRA VASANT
RURAL EYE HEALTH
PROGRAMME (REH)



AMRITA DRISHTI
URBAN EYE HEALTH
PROGRAMME (UEH)



VIDYA JYOTI
SCHOOL EYE HEALTH
PROGRAMME (SEH)



RAAHI
NATIONAL TRUCKERS EYE
HEALTH PROGRAMME

April 2020 - March 2021

IMPACT

4,16,900
Number of Spectacles Dispensed



14,49,342
Number of People Refracted



32,16,609
Number of Eye Screenings



2,16,894
Number of Sight Restoration Surgeries



Netra Vasant

Rural Eye Health Programme

The objective of Rural Eye Health Programme is 'improving vision-related quality of life through strengthened eye health systems' with a focus on poor and deprived sections of the society. The year witnessed system strengthening amidst COVID-19 pandemic situation, service delivery, multi-level advocacy, partnerships development and evidence generation. With Netra Vasant, we seek to increase the Cataract Surgical Rate (CSR) in the selected districts in order to contribute to a reduction in the prevalence of blindness.



Key Highlights

- ▶ Frontline workers (ASHAs and Anganwadi workers) felicitated from intervention districts of Madhya Pradesh for their relentless efforts in creating awareness for eye care, educating the rural community, identifying and referring patients with different eye conditions to the vision centres and the outreach camps. On the occasion, around 500 front line workers along with 800 other women from the rural communities were screened and 150 were dispensed spectacles.
- ▶ Sightsavers' partners Urmul Khejari and CUTS in Rajasthan have started Door to Door (D2D) screening instead of outreach camps from June 2020 onwards. D2D teams go to pre-identified locations of a village designated to particular team. One team consists of two persons – Optometrist and Camp organiser/Coordinator. Team do screening, Refraction, provide glasses and medicine if required. They also refer patients who require surgeries to base hospital.
- ▶ The eye care practice set up in the Mahatma Gandhi Eye Hospital was changed in adherence to COVID regulations. The Ophthalmologists on PPE restricted their patient appointment by 50% at OPD and at OT. With such curtailments from Sightsavers' partner base hospital, the OPD elective patients along with screened patients from the villages, 68 number sight restoration surgeries were carried out in June out of which 70% were female beneficiaries.
- ▶ Fullerton India Credit Co. Ltd. (FICCL) supported Sightsavers started the Rural Eye Health Programme in REH programmes started in two new districts of Bihar- Araria and Sitamarhi, under which 2 vision centres have been established. The programme is by FICCL in the districts.
- ▶ Sightsavers launched the High Impact Rural Eye Health Programme in Hazaribagh district in March 2021.
- ▶ Sightsavers in association with Christian Fellowship organised door-to-door screening in Kanker and Kawardha, Chhattisgarh. The intervention was successful in gradual increase of screening numbers. In the month of July and August 1,255 persons were screened in these districts.
- ▶ Sightsavers in collaboration with the Health Department of Madhya Pradesh, organised "Kill Corona campaign" and initiated door-to-door awareness on COVID preventions along with eye care information in more than 500 villages of 8 districts in Madhya Pradesh.
- ▶ International Women's day was observed jointly with NRLM & Health Department in districts of Raisen, Rajgarh, Katni, Umaria, Jhabua, Alirajpur and Ashok Nagar, screenings were conducted for Corona warriors such as ASHA's, Anganwadi workers, community volunteers, Self-Help Group members and exclusively for women. In total 862 women were screened and 414 were provided with spectacles and 60 were identified & referred for cataract surgery. COVID warriors were felicitated for their hard work during COVID pandemic.
- ▶ NABH accreditation is a hallmark on quality of services and assures certain standards (Standards for patient care, medication management, consent process, patient safety). With the support of Sightsavers, Junagarh Netra Chikitsalaya, LEpra Society (PPP mode of Hospital) has been qualified for NABH entry level certification. This is a herculean task for qualifying for the NABH accreditation from a Hospital which is in the remote rural area of Kalahandi, Odisha. This is the first rural sub divisional hospital to get the certification in the state.

Chronicles from the field...

Seventy-year-old Sukhro is a member of an isolated tribe called the Toto residing in Totopara in the Alipurduar district of West Bengal, India. Totopara is a small enclave located at the foot of the Himalayas just to the south of the borderline between Bhutan and West Bengal.

Sukhro had bilateral mature cataract which prevented him from seeing for almost 19 years. His condition had taken a huge toll. With the intervention of Sightsavers, Sukhro got his eyes operated under the Rural Eye Health Programme. Sukhro enjoyed every aspect of the treatment because he knew it would lead to him having his vision restored. When Sightsavers team met Sukhro in December 2020, they were amazed to find him making 'Tukri', a basket made from bamboo. The transformation in Sukhro's life was a delight for everyone.

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Thanks to Sightsavers, I can see again after almost 19 years. Today, I am making 'Tukris' on my own and selling them too.



AMRITA DRISHTI

Urban Eye Health Programme

Amrita Drishti - Urban Eye Health Programme (UEHP) focuses on eye health of urban poor living in slums and aims at establishing system of primary eye care through community resource building and strengthening National Health Mission (NHM).

Key Highlights

- ▶ Director of Sightsavers partner hospital in U.P. Vanshidhar Chikaska Seva Sanasthan, Dr Sharad Bajpayee awarded COVID19 Warrior by the U.P governor honourable Anandiben Patel. This award was given because of door-to-door screening services provided by the partner under the Sightsavers Urban Eye Health Programme during COVID 19.
- ▶ Sightsavers in association with the Government of West Bengal launched Universal Eye Health - Chokher Alo in the state. The inauguration of the programme was done by West Bengal's Honourable Chief Minister, Ms Mamta Banerjee at Nabanna. The goal of the programme is to strengthen the efforts to prevent avoidable blindness in West Bengal and provide equitable health services to all citizens of the state.
- ▶ Sightsavers entered into partnership with SCB for Urban Eye Health Programme in the slums of Kanpur, Prayagraj and Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh.
- ▶ Sightsavers in association with Women & Child welfare department Madhya Pradesh initiated eye screenings at Anganwadi Centres (AWCs): An Eye Care Outreach initiative in COVID-19: The COVID-19 pandemic is having a devastating impact on people, communities, and economies, including health care and eye care. It has brought enormous challenges to health care system. To address this issue, Sightsavers along with partner adopted the strategy to integrate with the AWCs as an accessible place in the slum and the vulnerable groups like women

and children are familiar with it. Thorough this strategy, it is ensured to reach to the vulnerable and weaker sections/ group (women, children, adolescents, senior citizens, etc.) and cover peripheral slums of the city, where reach of eye care facilities are negligible. During the quarter 103 AWCs have been covered reaching out to 7640 slum dwellers. 58% of them are females and 282 have been referred to base hospital for cataract surgery.

- ▶ Sightsavers' eye health camps have been integrated in the regular health camps by the Government of Rajasthan.
- ▶ Sightsavers' Urban Eye Health Programme in Bihar was felicitated with ICC Social Impact Award from Indian Chamber of Commerce in the Large Project Category.

Chronicles from the field...

Bhanwar Kanwar has been an Anganwadi helper for over 16 years in an Anganwadi Centre in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Furthermore, she is a member of Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS).

Bhanwar, along with her husband, was identified with cataract under Sightsavers' Urban Eye Health Programme. Thereafter, the couple went through cataract surgery at Sightsavers' partner hospital in Jaipur.

Bhanwar is a leader in her own right. She is hard working and completely dedicated to her work. Being an Anganwadi helper and a MAS member at 65, Bhanwar has received lot of attention and support from people in her locality.

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Work is important for women. All women should work for themselves. Women are not meant to work only for families.



VIDYA JYOTI

National School Eye Health Programme

Vidya Jyoti - National School Eye Health programme aims to screen children in Government school to identify and prevent eye diseases and vision impairments among children that affect learning outcomes.

Key Highlights

- ▶ A webinar on “Post COVID do’s and don’ts of Eye screening in schools” was organised by Sightsavers by a renowned speaker Dr. Asim Sil, Medical Director, Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan (VMANNN), West Bengal where 70 participants belonging to different groups like project coordinators, optometrists, vision technicians, health educators and Sightsavers staff across Sightsavers School eye health implementation states attended the webinar.
- ▶ Sightsavers’ School Eye Health programme in the Kalahandi district continued by adopting screening at both school and community level.

RAAHI

National Truckers

Eye Health Programme

Sightsavers realises the importance of eye health for the overworked truckers' community in ensuring road safety. Since drivers can't get to eye care services, Sightsavers in India have created a system which takes the services directly to them. RAAHI is one of the biggest eye health programmes in the country for the overworked truck drivers' community.

Key Highlights

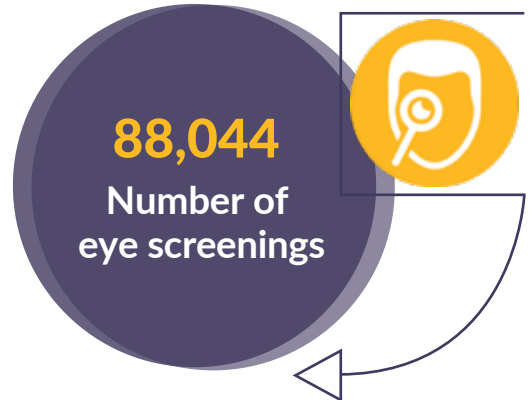
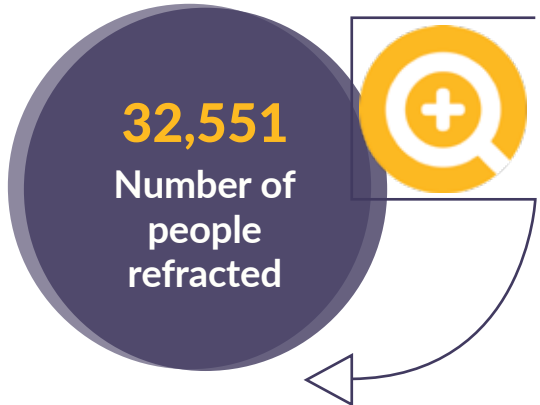
- ▶ During Road Safety week, Sightsavers in collaboration with Jhabua police, organised special camps and screened for occupational drivers in Madhya Pradesh.
- ▶ March 2020 until September 2020, RAAHI vision centres were not functional due to multiple lockdowns during COVID-19 pandemic. Jamshedpur, in Jharkhand was the first centre to resume services in October 2020 for truck drivers keeping in mind the COVID-19 protocols.



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IMPACT



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

The Inclusive Education Programme is implemented in five states. The programme prioritises technical support to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for training and capacity building of general teachers to address education needs of the Children with Disabilities (CWDs) with special focus on children with visual impairment. The programme aims to demonstrate scalable approaches to strengthen systems and build a cogent institutional response. The thematic focus of the programme is to expedite quality of learning outcomes for the CWDs and secure enablement through teacher training, information and communications technology (ICT) promotion, technical, infrastructural and community support.

Key Highlights

- ▶ UDYAM* scaled up in Odisha - The module “UDYAM” designed by Sightsavers Odisha was supported by SCERT & School & Mass Education Department to assist teachers who want to ensure that the children with disabilities receive quality education in an inclusive setting. Sightsavers with the support of Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA), Odisha, conducted two batches of training program for teachers and resource persons. Five-day training programmes were organised by respective District Office, Samagra Sikshya in 28 out of the 30 districts of the state.
- ▶ Sightsavers in West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha & Jharkhand initiated Online education of children with visual impairment to ensure that the children get access to education as they are promoted to new classes during this time of the year. In Jharkhand total 218 children were provided training at online platform. On the other hand, in Bihar, this approach has been piloted and tested for its efficacy by Sightsavers and later on scaled-up by the Government of Bihar across the State for all children with visual impairment with the support of Government staff/teachers.

- ▶ During the lockdown period, Odisha Team has stressed more on advocacy efforts as field-related activities were restricted. Number of telephonic/web-based discussions were made with the state Inclusive Education team of Odisha Primary Education Programme Authority (OPEPA) regarding inclusion of inclusive education related activities in annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) for this year. As a result, the government has agreed to include activities like Low vision assessment and support of ICT devices for visually impaired children in all districts in the annual PIP.

*Udyam Registration, also called MSME Registration, is a government registration for MSMEs providing them with a unique Identity Number and a recognition certificate, to certify them as (remove “a”) micro/small/medium enterprises.

► In Madhya Pradesh, Sightsavers jointly with National Institute of Empowering People with Visual Impairment (NIEPVD) developed a guideline on creating Inclusive online learning contents for content developers and shared with Rajya Shiksha Kendra (RSK). With this initiative, the course materials will benefit to 103,413 CWSN including 15,814 visually impaired children in the State.

► Sightsavers demonstrated & developed Model Inclusive Radio script in Madhya Pradesh. Sightsavers collected radio programmes from RSK which were already broadcasted and analysed it with visually impaired (VI) child's learning viewpoint. This task was done in collaboration with NIEPVD.

► Sightsavers has developed two self-learning modules on IE & Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) for teachers and shared with Government of Madhya Pradesh to be uploaded on government's Diksha Portal benefitting around 3 lakh teachers of the State who will get self-trained & certified. Both the modules will be adopted by RSK to include in their training portals.

► In Rajasthan, a three-day online teacher's training on inclusive pedagogies was organised by Sightsavers for government schoolteachers. Approximately 100 government teachers participated in the online training. The training covered a range of topics such as CRPD, SDG 4, legal provisions for children with disabilities and RPWD Act, types of disabilities, educational model for children with disabilities, concept of inclusive education, identification of CVIs and classification, learning methods of CVIs, plus curriculum, principle of curriculum adaptation.

► Apart from the tele-education programme under IE project in Jharkhand, Sightsavers in association with Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) conducted ICT based skill training for children with visual impairment in Hazaribag, Dumka, Deoghar and Jamtara Districts of Jharkhand.

2,159
Visually impaired children who received assistive devices



10,734
Visually impaired children who received education materials



40,254
Number of teachers trained



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Portraits From The Front Lines...

Eleven year old **Vibha** studies in a government school for economically weaker sections in Jehanabad, Bihar. Vibha is visually impaired since birth and is supported by Sightsavers under its Inclusive Education Programme. Vibha has been trained and provided with accessible devices which assist her in studies.

After signing the MoU with the Government of Bihar, Sightsavers is allocating all kinds of accessible devices required by children with visual impairment for educational, recreational and mobility purposes in the government schools of the state.

As far as first impressions go, Vibha comes across as shy and an introvert. But when faced with a mathematical challenge, her shyness quickly evaporates. While she might be just another 11-year-old going through the rigmaroles of middle school, her teachers feel that Vibha has mathematical aptitude way beyond her years.

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Maths is my favourite subject. My friends and classmates always come to me for help if they find any difficulty in solving a math equation. In future, I see myself teaching this subject in big colleges and universities.



SOCIAL INCLUSION

To enable social inclusion of people with disabilities, Sightsavers has concentrated its focus around three core areas: economic empowerment, strengthening Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) and creating an enabling environment. Sightsavers thus supports people with disability through livelihood interventions and facilitates the formation and capacity building of DPOs to carry out effective advocacy for their rights on all platforms and levels.

Key Highlights

- ▶ Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) supported by Sightsavers were able to get the following suggestions incorporated by The Election Commission of India:
 - Voter IDs of person with disability will be made accessible to Persons with severe visual impairment and blindness
 - The physical information provided to the visually impaired during the election campaign will be braille enabled
 - Visually impaired will be allowed to cast vote through postal order which was earlier applicable only government employees
- ▶ Amidst the pandemic, women with disabilities supported by Sightsavers have been providing masks to those in need. With support from the government of Rajasthan, they are running three food canteens in the city of Chittaurgarh.
- ▶ Members of Disabled People's Organisations supported by Sightsavers organised POSHAN month in Sultanpur. The activities in POSHAN month focussed on Social Behavioural Change and Communication (SBCC).

▶ MoU between Sightsavers India and West Bengal State Rural Livelihood Mission was renewed and extended for another year in the month of July till June 2021. Along with the extension of time, another 5 new blocks were included in the MoU where Sightsavers will play a technical support role in strengthening persons with disabilities.

▶ The Disabled People Organisations (DPOs) supported by Sightsavers in Primary States like Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Odisha, were engaged in providing support to the severely disabled persons. They are supplying food materials and other required household items. DPOs have also taken the responsibility to telephonically call persons with disabilities and provide required information regarding the preventive measures on COVID-19.

▶ Impact of lockdown on Women with Disabilities: Sightsavers in collaboration with Rising Flame undertook a short-term project to understand the situation of women with disabilities during COVID lockdown.

2,933

Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) Trained in Livelihood



7,488

Total PwDs Trained on Rights and Entitlements



7,275

DPO Members Supported



531

Number of SHGs Engaged in Livelihood Activities



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Portraits From The Front Lines...

Savita is 24 years old and has physical disability. She comes from a remote village in Chhattisgarh, India. Savita had always wanted to study and after graduating from college, she turned her focus towards working for the rights of people with disabilities. In 2019, Savita joined a Disabled People's Organisation (DPO), supported by Sightsavers, where she was elected as the Group's President.

Savita's efforts during the COVID-19 crisis have been amazing. She has been making cloth masks for people in need of protection from the pandemic. Savita has donated one month of her disability pension to the StateCOVID-19 relief fund. She has been working with other DPO leaders to provide financial assistance to people with serious and multiple disabilities in her region amidst the lockdown. Under Savita's leadership, the DPO members have also helped the local administration in identifying people in need of support (particularly people with disabilities) and providing them with relief supplies.

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My contribution may seem small, however, I am hopeful that the donation made by me will definitely contribute to fulfilling someone's needs. I will continue to help and spread the awareness on COVID-19 to persons with disabilities for as long as it is required



OUTREACH & RESOURCE MOBILISATION

▶ Sightsavers formed new partnership with APPI, JSPL, Piaggio, Syndiora & DXC Technology.

▶ Among new business from corporates:

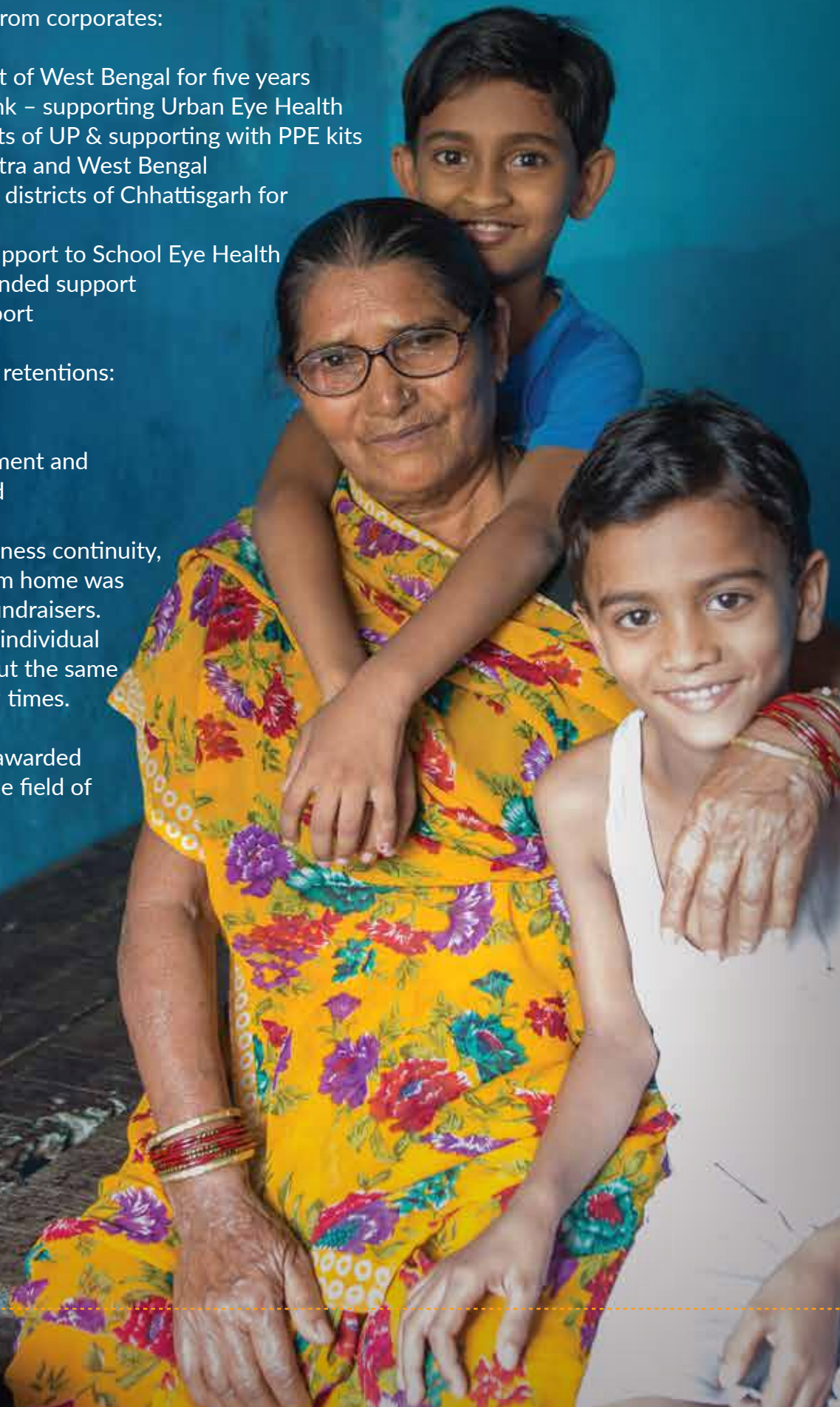
- o APPI – funding a district of West Bengal for five years
- o Standard Chartered Bank – supporting Urban Eye Health Programme in two districts of UP & supporting with PPE kits in the states of Maharashtra and West Bengal
- o Alcon – supporting two districts of Chhattisgarh for Rural Eye Health
- o Ray-Ban – extending support to School Eye Health
- o RPG Foundation – extended support
- o Baxter – extended support

▶ Corporate partnership retentions:

- o Fullerton
- o Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

▶ In order to ensure business continuity, the practice of calling from home was employed by individual fundraisers. The face-to-face team of individual fundraisers also carried out the same activity during COVID-19 times.

▶ Sightsavers India was awarded the large APPI Grant in the field of eye health in Alipurduar, West Bengal.



SIGHTSAVERS' COVERAGE IN THE MEDIA

Sightsavers, European Union, & European Disability Forum launch paper on disabled women in India

Accessibility November 4, 2020



Global development organisation Sightsavers along with European Disability Forum (EDF) is implementing a project for empowering people with disabilities. This project is being supported by the European Union.

Disabled women around the globe are more marginalised economically than disabled men or non-disabled women. This is based on both their gender and disability but not much is known about the significance or scale of this double discrimination.

Rising Voices: A Paper on women with disabilities, a joint paper released by global development organisation Sightsavers and European Disability Forum (EDF) brings the voices of women with disabilities to the fore. It also details how supporting women with disabilities to know their rights has helped them to stand up for themselves, gain independence and support others.



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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୨୫/୧୧ (ସାମ୍ବାଦକ): ବିଜୁ ବନୋପାଡ଼ିଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଆହ୍ୱାନ ଦେଇ ପୁରୀରେ ଚଳିଥିବା ନିର୍ବାଚନ କମିସନର ପଦାଧିକାରୀଙ୍କ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କରାଯାଇଥିଲା। ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କରାଯାଇଥିବା ନିର୍ବାଚନ କମିସନର ପଦାଧିକାରୀଙ୍କ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କରାଯାଇଥିଲା। ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କରାଯାଇଥିବା ନିର୍ବାଚନ କମିସନର ପଦାଧିକାରୀଙ୍କ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କରାଯାଇଥିଲା।



ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କରାଯାଇଥିବା ନିର୍ବାଚନ କମିସନର ପଦାଧିକାରୀଙ୍କ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କରାଯାଇଥିଲା। ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କରାଯାଇଥିବା ନିର୍ବାଚନ କମିସନର ପଦାଧିକାରୀଙ୍କ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନା କରାଯାଇଥିଲା।

'Keep Sight India' drive kicks off in Ganjam

Joint Initiative of Allergan, Sightsavers, IAPB

The Allergan, Sightsavers and IAPB joint initiative aims to improve the lives of people with vision impairment in Ganjam district. The drive will focus on providing low vision aids and training to people with vision impairment.



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Sightsavers India | India Fellowship Program 2020 के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित किए हैं, 5 भावुक नेत्र रोग विशेषज्ञों के लिए एक खास

सिखावट (दिल्ली)। यहाँ सत्र में एक महत्वपूर्ण कार्यक्रम देखने और तीन उद्घाटन और समन सत्र के लिए विशेषज्ञों को आमंत्रित करने के लिए एक प्रमुख विशेषज्ञ विकास कार्यक्रम, सिखावट इंडिया। 'विश्वविद्यालय इंडिया फेलोशिप प्रोग्राम 2020' के लिए आवेदन का खोज है। इस फेलोशिप के लिए विज्ञान का एक वर्ष है। आवेदन को देखभाल के लिए विज्ञान का एक वर्ष है। आवेदन को देखभाल के लिए विज्ञान का एक वर्ष है।



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24 महीने की अवधि में, आवेदन को एक सत्र के दौरान शुरू और प्रारंभिक प्रक्रिया का अनुभव होगा जो वे विकास विशेषज्ञ और विशेषज्ञ नेत्र विशेषज्ञों को आमंत्रित करेगा। इस प्रक्रिया में आवेदन को देखभाल और विकास के लिए प्रशिक्षण देना है। यह कार्यक्रम के लिए आवेदन को देखभाल और विकास के लिए प्रशिक्षण देना है।

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Lighting the Way

RN Mohanty on how the sight-impaired in India are affected by the pandemic

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage across the world, people from all walks of life, including the disabled, are gravely impacted by the new normal. We speak to RN Mohanty, CEO of Sightsavers in India, on the kind of impact the pandemic has had on the sight-impaired in India.

How did Sightsavers begin? What was the mission then, and how it changed over time?

After being founded in 1971, the Sightsavers began to establish a long-term vision for the prevention of blindness and provide rehabilitation for those who were sight-impaired. And so, on January 1, 2010, the Sightsavers India was established as a separate entity. Sightsavers has been working to eliminate avoidable blindness and that the progressively blind people and people with low vision and people with visual impairment are empowered to live lives of independence and dignity. Sightsavers is collaborating with various state government departments to scale up sight-impaired people who are at risk of work, eye health, inclusive education and social inclusion.

How are the facilities for the sight-impaired in India, especially compared to other countries?

India is home to a third of the world's blind population. The country has about 22 million sight-impaired with small investments in the global field of 20 million, according to a report published by the International Programme on the Blindness (IPB) in 2019. Despite this, when it comes to accessibility of education, healthcare and employment, the visually impaired are still only 20% percent of the blind in India are part of the education system or get a job. People with disabilities are often excluded from the education system.

How can the authorities help address the needs of the sight-impaired in the pandemic?

People with disabilities are at a greater risk of death and disability because of barriers to implementing health and social measures, such as handwashing. They may face difficulty in receiving social distancing because of additional support needs, barriers to accessing public health information.

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RN Mohanty, CEO of Sightsavers in India

साइटसेवर्सने भारत में पाँच वर्षों में 1 मिलियन साइटरेस्टोरेशन सर्जरी सफलतापूर्वक पूरी की



संवाददाता (दिल्ली) वैश्विक विकास समन्वयक साइटसेवर्स, 2015 से 2019 के बीच आठ देश भर में सफलतापूर्वक 1 मिलियन रॉडि ब्यारी सर्जरी प्रदान करा है। इस उपलब्धि को साहजना करने के लिए, श्री रंजन कुमार सांग्राने, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय रेत फलककार ने ओडिशा में स्थित योगापुर बीच पर एक सुंदर रेत की मुक्तिता को नक्काशी को रॉडि कलकृति को प्रदर्शित किया। मुक्तिता एक बड़ी खुले हवा की एक अर्थ के साथ एक संदेश के साथ टागवै नवा है जिसमें कहा गया है कि 1 मिलियन उपहार का स्वयं। वह संदेश रचनात्मक के तल पर निश्चय है।

भारत में, 8 मिलियन से अधिक लोग अंधे हैं और एक बड़ी आबादी नेत्र संबंधी समस्याओं जैसे मोतियाबिंद के खर में

विताजनक रूप से अपनी चिंताओं को उठाती रही है। इनमें से अधिकांश लोग देश के सबसे गरीब हिस्सों में रहते हैं, यहाँ तक कि बुनियादी स्वास्थ्य देखभाल सुविधाओं तक बहुत कम या कोई पहुंच नहीं है। साइटसेवर्स 1966 से भारत में काम कर रहा है, लोगों को अंधों की स्थिति का इलाज कर रहा है और देश के सबसे दुर्गम के इलाकों में अंधों को स्वास्थ्य सेवाएं ला रहा है। पिछले पांच वर्षों में, संयुक्त ने देश भर में कुल्लतापूर्वक 10,181,48 मोतियाबिंद सर्जरी की है। संयुक्त एक ऐसा वादावरण बनाने को दिखाने में सफल रहा है जो समाज में इच्छित नेत्र समस्याओं को सही को समझने में सक्षम बनाने के लिए। 1 मिलियन सर्जरी के पूरा होने पर, साइटसेवर्सभारतके कोई अंधे, अज्ञान मोटी

ने कहा, भारत के साथ दुनिया में सबसे बड़ी वैश्वीय आबादी होने के कारण, यह उपलब्धि एक बड़ी उपलब्धि के रूप में है। यह केवल साइटसेवर्सकी पूरी टीम द्वारा किए गए अथक प्रयास के कारण ही संभव हो पाया है। मैं ऐसे महान कारण के साथ जुड़कर गर्व महसूस करता हूँ। हम इस उपदेश के लिए सज्ज हैं से काम करते रहेंगे और देश में रहते से संबंधित मुद्दों पर अंकुश लगाने के लिए अपना बहुत अच्छा कदम रखेंगे।

क्रिएटिव क्रूसेडर

संवाददाता (दिल्ली) देश के नगरों के सर्वाधिकारण युवावर्गों को जलकारी देश लोगों तक पहुंचने के लिए क्रिएटिव क्रूसेडर ने युवाओं को अपना संकलन पोर्टफोलियो इंटरएक्टिव लाय किया। इंटरएक्टिव एप्लिकेशन का लक्ष्य पूरी दुनिया में परिवर्तित परिवर्तित को परत कराना है। इसका सिद्धांत यह है कि निपट और न्यायपूर्ण समाज के लिए, सर्वोत्तम प्रेरणा है और यह जिस जगह को सेवा में है उसे भी इस स्वयंसेवा का समर्थन करवा पाए। इस मिशन को सफल बनाने के लिए यह फंडाईंग में इन्वेस्ट, पत्रकारिता में निष्ठा का साथ करना है, प्रकाशक समुदाय के विकास, और न्याय के लिए सक्षम प्रकाश पर जोर देना है। यह एप्लिकेशन अब एंड्रॉइड और आईओएस एप्लिकेशन स्टोर पर डाउनलोड के लिए उपलब्ध है। एप्लिकेशन के बारे में इंटरएक्टिव के संस्थापक राज साहय ने बताया इंटरएक्टिव नेटवर्क पर नागरिकों का

Sightsavers receives Grant Thornton Sabera 2020 Award in the 'Shiksha' category

By The CSR Journal | December 31, 2020

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NEWS18 NEWS LIFESTYLE WORLD SIGHT DAY: KABIR BEDI GIVES A TOUR OF MUMBAI TO VISUALLY IMPAIRED KIDS

World Sight Day: Kabir Bedi Gives a Tour of Mumbai to Visually Impaired Kids



On the occasion of World Sight Day 2020, a documentary short film about veteran actor Kabir Bedi taking six visually impaired children across Mumbai in September last year, was released.

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R N Mohanty
CEO
Sightsavers India

RN Mohanty has spent more than three decades in the social sector with assignments involving programmes, finance, and enabling fundraising for various social and economic causes. RN, as he is fondly addressed by his peers, has held leadership positions at various development sector organisations. Prior to joining operations at Sightsavers India, he worked with Care India as its Chief Operating Officer. Health and education are key areas wherein Mohanty would like to bring about a change. For Sightsavers, his immediate vision is of transforming 100 districts in the country in the areas of eye health and disability. Mohanty brings to the table a rich experience of strengthening and managing teams and raising their capabilities.

Sightsavers' vision is of a world where no one is blind from avoidable causes, and where people with disabilities participate equally in society. A large number of People with Disabilities (PWDs), especially those who suffer from visual disability, are feeling under poverty, economic and educational deprivation, and are concentrated in the most under-served parts of the country. Sightsavers in India, through its thematic portfolio of Eye Health, Inclusive Education for visually impaired children and Social Inclusion of People with Disabilities, aims to have a significant impact on the lives of the economically and socially marginalised communities and also seeks to influence the policies and practices with regard to disabilities in India.

Systemic social work is at the core of Sightsavers as a not-for-profit organisation. We are committed to building sustainable programme models, which have been endorsed and adopted by the government in our states of operation. Sightsavers focuses on collaborating with various departments of the state governments to scale up operations for its programme.

Target Population & Geography
Blindness is an important cause and the effect of poverty. We work with poor and marginalised communities. Sightsavers has 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. We work with disabled people and others to promote equal rights and opportunities.

Sightsavers India works in 14 states, extending eye services to the least served areas and enabling people to lead lives of independence and dignity. Our Priority States consists of Bihar, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The Learning States are Delhi, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu.

Scale of Impact
These figures would help one understand how Sightsavers positively impacted the lives of people.

Impact (Jan 2019-Dec 2019)	
Eye Health	
Number of Spectacles Dispensed	4,60,899
Number of People Refracted	31,01,275
Number of Eye Screenings	54,20,617
Sight Restoration Surgeries	2,79,249



Right to sight

Extending eye services to the least served areas, Sightsavers India is enabling people to live lives of independence and dignity

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Balance Sheet - (Schedule VIII {Vide Rule 17 (I)}) as at 31st March 2021

Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	Note	As at 31 March 2021	As at 31 March 2020	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Note	As at 31 March 2021	As at 31 March 2020
Trust Fund	3	3,56,32,497	2,21,83,955	Immovable properties	5(A)		
				Gross block		37,85,188	37,85,188
Retained Fund		2,00,00,000	2,00,00,000	Less : Accumulated depreciation		29,25,552	28,80,308
						8,59,636	9,04,880
Earmarked Fund				Other fixed assets	5(B)		
Deferred Income	4	11,53,26,956	7,57,94,103	Gross block		3,42,31,068	3,39,43,915
				Less : Accumulated depreciation		2,72,14,996	2,54,61,616
General Fund		-	-			70,16,072	84,82,299
(Created under the provisions of the trust-deed or Scheme or out of the income)				Other Project fixed assets	5(C)		
Project Fixed Assets Fund	6	14,37,762	12,35,940	Gross block		35,59,176	27,93,849
				Less : Accumulated depreciation		21,51,170	15,57,909
- Gift reserves	7	75,007	1,21,362			14,08,006	12,35,940
		17,24,72,222	11,93,35,360				
Liabilities						92,83,714	1,06,23,119
- For expenses	8	47,48,056	48,17,143				
				Advances			
-For statutory dues		37,43,653	45,07,987				
- For payment to auditor		7,37,500	8,26,000	Prepaid expenses		17,54,217	35,35,359
				Grant receivable		38,79,511	26,27,322
				Deposits and advances:			
- For programme expenses payable		1,08,94,584	1,32,17,873	- To employees	9	1,62,788	2,62,759
				- To others	10	2,92,94,169	2,83,96,694
- For employee benefits							
- Provision for gratuity		97,78,444	87,52,694	Cash and bank balances	11	15,91,77,832	10,71,01,138
- Provision for compensated absences		11,77,772	10,89,334			19,42,68,517	14,19,23,272
		3,10,80,009	3,32,11,031				
TOTAL		20,35,52,231	15,25,46,391	TOTAL		20,35,52,231	15,25,46,391

Significant accounting policies and notes forming part of the financial statements 1-2

The notes referred to above form an integral part of the financial statements.

For **Walker Chandlok & Co LLP**
Chartered Accountants
Firm's Registration No: 001076N/N500013

Nalini Jain
Partner
Membership No : 503498
Place: Gurugram
Date: 28th December 2021



For **Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind**

Dr. S Y Quraishi
Chairman

Place: New Delhi
Date: 28th December 2021

R N Mohanty
Chief Executive Officer

Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (All amounts are in Indian Rupees unless otherwise stated)
Income and Expenditure Account - (Schedule - IX {Vide Rule 17(1)}) for the year ended 31st March 2021
Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai

EXPENDITURE	Note	For the year ended 31 March 2021	For the year ended 31 March 2020	INCOME	Note	For the year ended 31 March 2021	For the year ended 31 March 2020
To Expenses in respect of properties:				By Interest			
- Rates, taxes and cesses		5,623	12,245	- On bank accounts	12	47,80,283	38,96,699
- Repairs and maintenance		82,274	78,869				
- Insurance		-	1,736	By Donations	13		
- Depreciation	5	45,244	47,625	- From individuals		17,05,85,862	23,55,46,417
				- From corporates		8,78,31,396	8,40,86,751
To Establishment expenses	15	4,61,78,097	6,19,52,109				
				By Grants from Sightsavers, UK		23,58,55,525	34,96,45,705
To Legal expenses		3,60,000	3,38,850	By Miscellaneous income	14	-	9,112
To Audit fees	16	7,37,500	8,26,000	By Deficit transferred to trust fund		-	55,31,998
To Miscellaneous expenses							
- Consultation charges		21,08,820	40,88,518				
- Rent		74,80,911	1,08,32,646				
- Travelling and conveyance		85,762	1,44,01,475				
- Other expenses	17	67,08,282	1,72,38,954				
To Depreciation							
- on other fixed assets	5	29,07,304	35,39,304				
To Expenditure on objects of the Society	18						
(classification is as certified by trustees)							
(a) Religious		-	-				
(b) Educational		2,60,33,593	3,44,13,368				
(c) Medical and poverty relief		39,28,71,114	53,09,44,983				
To Surplus transferred to Trust Funds		1,34,48,542	-				
		49,90,53,066	67,87,16,682			49,90,53,066	67,87,16,682

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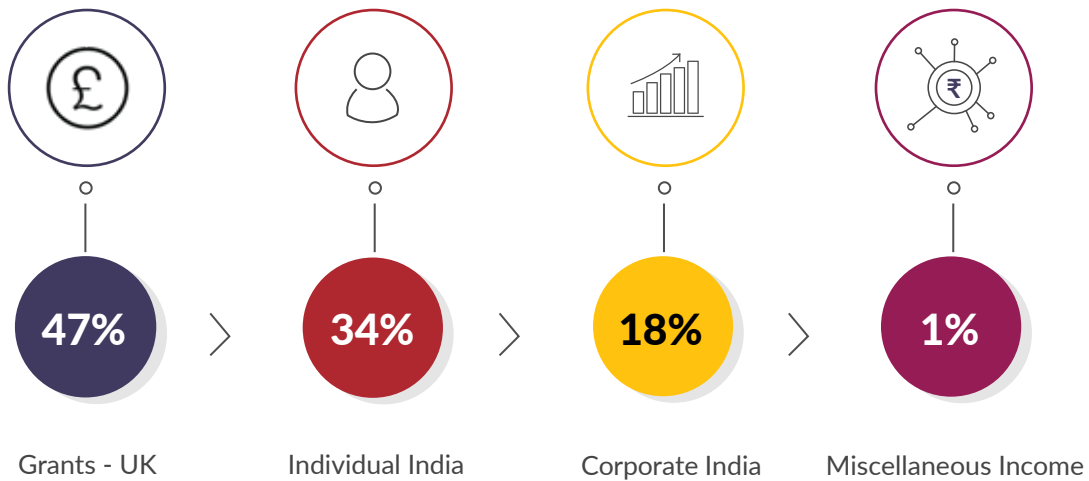
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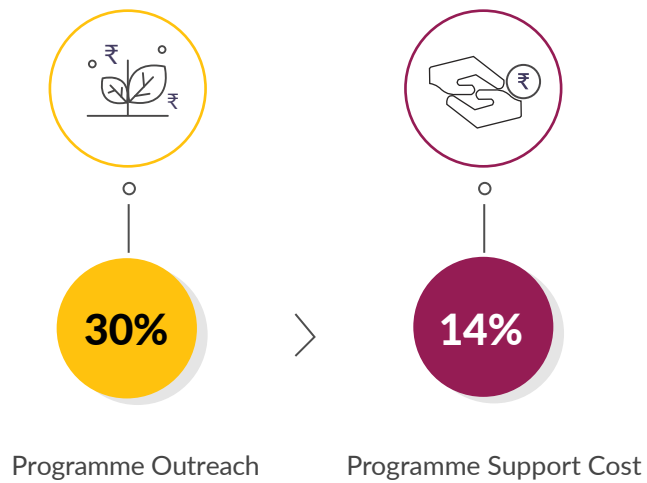
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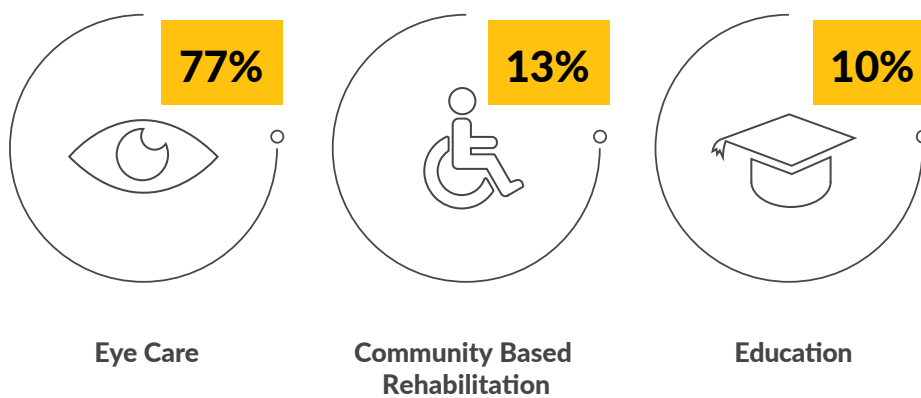
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COVID-19 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES



Members of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities supported by Sightsavers distributed food and essentials in their villages in Uttar Pradesh.



Organisations of Persons with Disabilities supported by Sightsavers making masks for protection from Covid-19.



Sightsavers' partner staff distributed masks and sanitisers in various districts of Jharkhand.



Srinu, a member of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities supported by Sightsavers making masks for protection from Covid-19 and providing it to the people in need.

List of Abbreviations

- CWD: Children with Disabilities
- DR: Diabetic Retinopathy
- OPDs : Organisations of Persons with Disabilities
- 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
- DPG: Disabled People Group
- LV: Low Vision
- EVM: Electronic Voting Machines
- VVPAT: Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail
- DDRC: District Disability Rehabilitation Centres



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