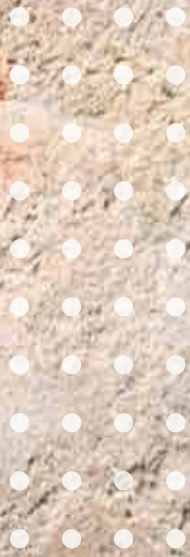


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On the cover:

Bunti is all smiles post his cataract surgery conducted under our Rural Eye Health Programme.

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 an 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 in collaboration with National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) organized a national consultation ahead of Global Disability Summit

02

Sightsavers India and JSLPS organized an inclusive employment campaign for people with disabilities in Jharkhand.

03

Sightsavers and SBI Capital Markets Limited joined hands to prevent avoidable blindness in the cities of Chennai, Pune & Kolkata; launched mobile eye health vans.

04

Sightsavers with the support of HCL and the Rajasthan state government, contributed to making “Mission Gyan” app inclusive to cater to the needs of children with visual impairment.

05

The government of Rajasthan launched Mission Samarth state-wide for the education of children with disabilities, under which class-wise education materials are released in accessible formats on the YouTube application online. This was a major step towards continuity of education of CVI during the lockdown.

06

Sightsavers wins ICC Social Impact Award for Urban Eye Health Programme in Bihar.

07

Sightsavers promotes social inclusion of people with disabilities through its vaccine equity drive.

Message from the Chairman

Coping with the catastrophic pandemic has been the primary challenge for people and organizations worldwide during 2021-22. Sightsavers India rose to the occasion and went from strength to strength in its mission to eliminate avoidable blindness and ensure that people who are irreversibly blind are supported adequately to lead lives of independence and dignity. It has performed remarkably in advancing the cause of eye health and social inclusion.

Working with government and private sector partners, Sightsavers has strived tirelessly to provide eye care services to people in need across India. It has launched an inclusive employment campaign for people with disabilities and worked with relevant stakeholders to make technology more accessible to the needs of visually impaired children.

India's road to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic was aided in no small measure by access to vaccines. Sightsavers played a stellar part by promoting the inclusion of people with disabilities through its vaccine equity drive. I am delighted to see the recognition Sightsavers has received for our role as a champion of vision health and social inclusion.

I commend the dedication and effort of each and everyone in Sightsavers and those associated with us. I am grateful for the support of our partners. As we move forward to another year with hope and determination, Sightsavers India will build upon its achievements to work towards preventing avoidable blindness and ensuring that people with disabilities lead independent and dignified lives.



Dr. SY Quraishi

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

This year has been one of tireless efforts and well-earned achievements for Sightsavers India. We were tested by the daunting task of dealing with the pandemic and its impact on the country's public health and eye care system. Sightsavers ensured that no stone is left unturned in making quality eye care available to those in need and ensuring that society's most underprivileged and disenfranchised sections were not left behind. Although it was by no means easy, I am proud that we came through with some significant achievements.

Together, and with the support of our sponsors and partners, Team Sightsavers worked across India during 2021 to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equality of opportunity for disabled people. We joined hands with SBI Capital Markets Ltd. to prevent avoidable blindness in Chennai, Kolkata and Pune by launching mobile eye health vans. Social inclusion has been a consistent theme in our work over the years. Sightsavers collaborated with the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) to organize a national consultation ahead of the Global Disability Summit. We also partnered with JSLPS to organize an inclusive employment campaign for people with disabilities in Jharkhand.

Education for children with disabilities is a key focus area for Sightsavers. With support from the Government of Rajasthan and HCL, we contributed to making the 'Mission Gyan' app more inclusive and responsive to the needs of visually impaired children. We also contributed to Rajasthan's 'Mission Samarth,' a state-wide programme for the education of children with disabilities. As a recognition, we received the prestigious ICC Social Impact Award for our eye health programme in Bihar.

It is with a sense of immense gratitude that I look back at 2021-22. Gratitude, for the work put in by the entire team of Sightsavers India, without whose spirit of endeavour and service we would not have been able to make the organization what it is today. We hope to take our momentum forward into the coming year and continue to live up to our motto.



RN Mohanty
CEO, Sightsavers India.

Message from the CEO

OUR TRUSTEES

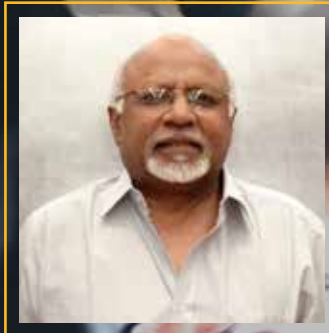
Dr. SY Quraishi Honorary Chairman of the Board

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.



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

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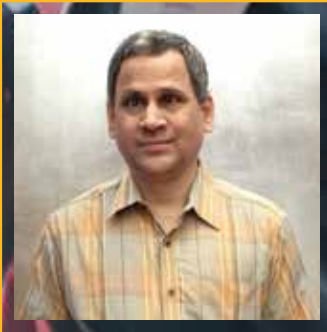


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EYE HEALTH



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





4,05,201
Number of
Spectacles
Dispensed



17,11,099
Number of
People
Refracted



44,66,688
Number of
Eye Screenings



2,58,339
Number of
Sight Restoration
Surgeries



Netra Vasant

Rural Eye Health Programme

A large part of our country still resides in villages. In most rural communities, eye health, even if available, is limited to cataract screening with little to no attention given to other eye ailments. Our Rural Eye Health Programme aims to prevent blindness by focusing on universal coverage of eye health services in rural communities across 100 select districts in India. It focuses on three areas: reducing the prevalence of blindness, ensuring equitable coverage, and ensuring financial and programmatic sustainability.



Key Highlights

- ▶ Totopara of Madarihat Block - Alipurduar was declared Cataract Blindness Backlog Free (CBBF) by Zilla Sabhadhipati and District Health Department. It was the 1st Gram Panchayat to get declared as CBBF in West Bengal under Sightsavers' new strategy.
- ▶ Mega Comprehensive Eye Screening Camps- Two such camps were organized by Sightsavers with the help of the Textiles Department, the Government of Odisha, and partner Lepira Society. 227 persons of the Weavers Community were provided Ocular Health service at the outreach. 165 Glasses for correcting refractive errors were prescribed and the medicines were distributed on spot. 40 persons having cataract were referred for further evaluation and management at Base hospital.
- ▶ Under the joint initiative of Sightsavers and Madhya Pradesh Blindness Control Programme, 86 new Community Health Officers (CHOs) were recruited at Health Wellness Centres in Primary Health Centres & Sub Centres of Katni district and were oriented towards High Impact District Vision plan on eye health and Referral Mechanisms. Flipbooks and E- charts were provided by Sightsavers as these are going to be the referral point persons for referral of Bilateral blinding cataracts.
- ▶ Two Eye Hospital partners (LEPRA Junagarh Eye Hospital in Kalahandi & Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal) in Odisha have secured NABH accreditation with technical support from Sightsavers. Junagarh is the 1st sub-divisional-level rural eye hospital to secure this quality certificate.
- ▶ In Jharkhand, the High Impact strategy has been launched in Hazaribagh. There has been an expansion of Rural Eye Health partner in HI district Saraikela.
- ▶ Sightsavers jointly with NRLM & Health Department in districts of Raisen, Rajgarh, Katni, Umaria, Jhabua, Alirajpur and Ashok Nagar conducted eye screenings for women COVID warriors such as ASHA's, Anganwadi workers, community volunteers, Self-Help Group members. 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 the COVID pandemic.
- ▶ Sightsavers signed an MoU with National Health Mission, Madhya Pradesh under the Rural Eye Health Programme for the year 2021-2023.

Stories from the Field

Rohitas' Story

Sixty-year-old Rohitas lives in the Alwar district of Rajasthan. His eyesight problem began in 2020 when the pandemic was at its peak. The world had come to a halt then. Rohitas' could hardly see anything after dark. Due to his poor vision, he faced difficulty in cooking. It was quite frustrating for him to cook half-burnt food. Getting the eyes checked was not an option, as Rohitas didn't have enough money for it. He became extremely worried about spending his life with bad vision and less money.

In September, Rohitas heard an announcement from a moving van that was about a camp for the screening of eyes. He made up his mind to get his eyes tested. A free check-up was the only reason that encouraged him to go to the camp because shelling out even 30 to 40 bucks at this point was painful for him. After the screening was done, it was found that Rohitas had cataracts in both eyes and would require surgery for vision. Before he could ask about the expenses, the hospital staff told them that the surgery will be done for free. That was a very big relief for Rohitas. After his blood pressure and sugar tests he was cleared for surgery and along with a few more patients he was taken to Shroff hospital.

Rohitas shares, "Now after surgery, I can see very clearly when I wear spectacles. If I remove the spectacles everything is blurry. I feel better now because my eyesight is back. I am earning better now. I left farming when I was suffering from cataracts. But now I am back to crop farming along with goat farming. I make a profit from the farming that I am doing. Without good eyesight how can anyone do any work? But after surgery, I can work now."



AMRITA DRISHTI

Urban Eye Health Programme

A substantially large number of impoverished urban pockets do not receive any health, education, or livelihood support. Sightsavers work in 20 major cities of India with the objective to corroborate comprehensive and equitable eye health services to the people living in urban slums and other underserved areas of the country. We work closely with the Ministry of Health and the National Urban Health Mission to put in place a holistic eye care system.

Key Highlights

▶ A special eye screening camp was organized by Sightsavers for the Idol makers community in collaboration with the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Kolkata. Free spectacles were distributed to those in need, and surgeries were supported by the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Kolkata, free of cost.

▶ Under Sightsavers Eye Health Programme, a new vision center was inaugurated by the Mayor of Kolkata- Janab Firhad Hakim.

▶ Jointly in collaboration with Women Child Welfare Dept (WCD), Bhopal, Sightsavers undertook eye screening in the Anganwadi centers of 2 WCD Pariyojana area. Around 19 eye screening camps were held and about 2,255 slum dwellers were screened through the Anganwadi centers.

▶ Mobile Eye Health Van Project started in the new city of Nagpur under the Sightsavers Urban Eye Health project. The project is supported by Fullerton India and will be implemented by SM Mahatme Eye Hospital. The mobile van was inaugurated on 25th March 2021 both virtually and physically in

the presence of Fullerton Vice President CSR and other team members, the Sightsavers team and, SMM trustees and team.

▶ Two new Mobile Eye Health Van Projects supported by SBI Capital have been approved for Pune and Chennai.

▶ Urban Eye Health programme in Ranchi in collaboration with National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) was operationalised.

▶ Universal Eye Health initiative launched in West Bengal on January 4th by the Honourable Chief Minister. Sightsavers is a key technical partner. MoU signed with Kolkata Municipal Corporation (renewed) for 3 more years - Amrita Drishti.

▶ Sightsavers successfully advocated with the NUHM, State Health Society, Bihar for cataract surgery to be performed under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) scheme from UEH Programme. We got an official letter from the Civil Surgeon of the Bihar Health Department addressed to all eye hospitals - Corporate, Private and NGOs, to conduct cataract surgery under the PMJAY scheme.

▶ Jointly with Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC), ICDS, Health department and WaterAid India, Women's day was observed by recognising the noble work of the female corona warriors who stepped out of their comfort zone and accepted the challenge to work in the urban slum areas for community health, hygiene, and infection prevention during COVID Pandemic. 113 Sanitation workers, Anganwadi workers and ASHA's were screened, and 76 spectacles were dispensed.

▶ Sightsavers partnered with Health and Wellness Centre (HWC) and National Urban Health Mission (NUHM), under National Health Mission, Government of Rajasthan to celebrate International Women's Day: Eye screening camps were organized at different government appointed locations. Health Minister of

Rajasthan Dr. Raghu Sharma along with the Mission Director, NHM and State Nodal Officer, HWC (Health and Wellness Centre) and NUHM visited the Sightsavers screening kiosk. The screening camp received huge media attention and it was covered on the New 18 channel live on television. Other than this, two more camps were organized in two different PHC locations near marginalized communities.

▶ MoU signed with NUHM under the Jaipur Amrita Drishti Project of Rajasthan. Five Vision Centers are integrated into UPHCs and are operational. Eye OPD will be integrated into the government camps to cover 21 UPHCs for eye health services.

▶ UEH Bhopal has initiated Tele Nayan Mitr consultation where the project team members are conducting tele calls and as per need provide counseling & advice by an optometrist. In case of advance check-ups, patients are referred to the base hospital- Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital (SSEH). During the month of April, 706 persons have been contacted telephonically; out of which, 158 persons provided eye health consultancy. This programme plans to connect patients having serious eye conditions to the Ophthalmologist at SSEH through video calling.

Stories from the Field

Shanti's Story

Shanti Devi, a 65 years old widow, lives alone in the city of Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. She works in a private school as a cleaning lady. She started facing trouble in dusting and mopping classrooms, managing files, dropping children off the bus and even doing house chores. Eventually, the school administration sent a notice for expelling her because of inefficient work.

As she could barely make ends meet, eye treatment cost was not manageable owing to the high fees in private eye clinics in her locality. One day, her son-in-law who is a delivery boy, saw Sightsavers and Standard Chartered Bank-supported vision center (VC) in Anand Bagh. He came to the VC and enquired about service and fees.

After being assured of good quality services at a low cost, he brought his mother-in-law to the VC. Shanti Devi underwent a complete examination of her eyes by the optometrist. Cataract was the significant cause of her decreased vision, hence she was referred for surgery at a subsidized cost in Kannika Hospital. At first, Shanti Devi felt scared and hesitant about surgery, but the staff took her in confidence and assured her of getting high-quality service. Post-Surgery her vision improved. Although patients are always happy with increased vision and function after cataract surgery, in this case, it was quite emotional as she won her independence and dignity back. Now Shanti Devi can perform all her daily tasks efficiently and has re-joined school. She was pleased and thankful for the low-cost and high-quality service provided at the vision center. She joyfully stated that she would spread awareness regarding the vision center services in her locality so that needy people can get their treatment on time. "Where there is hope, there is always a way," she said.



Vidya Jyoti

National School Eye Health Programme

Sightsavers Vidyajyoti Programme, the National School Eye Health Programme with the goal of optimizing 'good and maintained eye health' in school children, resulting in improved learning outcomes in government schools. This intervention aims to screen children in public schools in order to detect and prevent eye diseases and vision impairments in children.

It has 8 components- Health education, health services, nutritional services, counseling, healthy school environment, health promotion for staff, family/ community involvement and impact assessment.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we were not able to get it started. But we hope to relaunch it in 2022-23.

During the year our team kept in touch and visited the schools and the concerned government authorities to discuss the revival of the programme.

RAAHI

National Truckers Eye Health Programme

Sightsavers realize the importance of eye health for the 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

► In accordance, the COVID-19 vaccine drive was organized at the Truckers' vision center in Bangalore, supported by the Cholamandalam, for providing free vaccination to drivers, cleaners, mechanics, and other underprivileged transport community members in and around the Karnataka Goods Transporters Association (KGTA) transport area. This was done with local partner Nayonika Eye Care Charitable Trust (NECT) in collaboration with KGTA, who helped mobilize the drivers for the vaccination.

► As a part of the UN Sustainable Global Transport Conference, Beijing 2021, Sightsavers in association with Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited and Essilor, organized a webinar side event titled "Truckers Eye Health Programme in India and Sustainable Transport".

► An exclusive three-wheeler driver eye screening programme has been launched in 42 locations in the South. The project is supported by Piaggio and it covers seven states in both the south & western part of India. The project takes care of the eye health needs of three-wheeler drivers in these locations.

► During Road Safety week, in collaboration with Jhabua police, special eye screening camps were organized. There were 381 occupational drivers who were screened and 174 spectacles were dispensed in Madhya Pradesh.

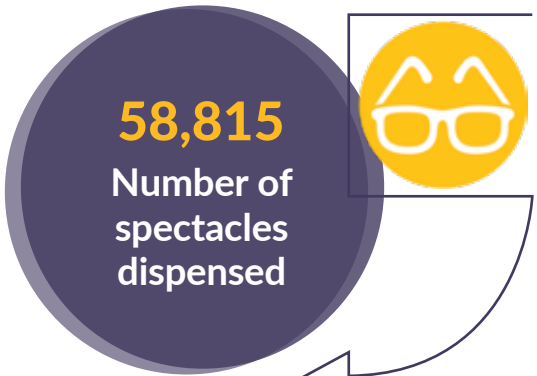
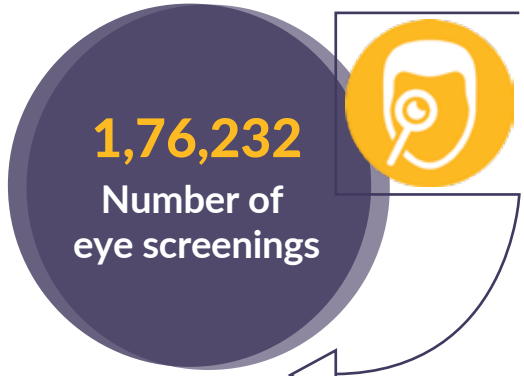
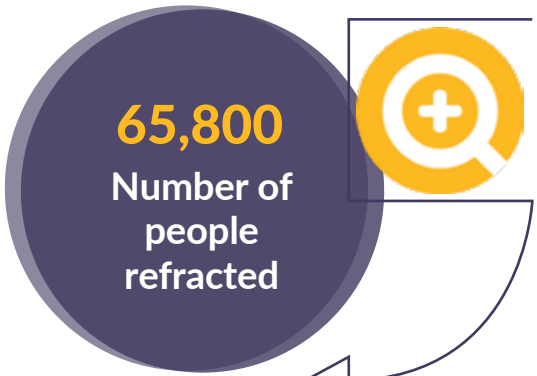


Stories from the Field

Asit's Story

Asit is 60 years old. He makes the bodies of the trucks and he has been doing it for 20 years. Asit had his eyes tested for the second time. The first time he got spectacles and he saw everything very clearly, but gradually his eyes started giving him trouble again. It was difficult to read or write anything. When he received the bills at work, he couldn't see them. And if he was doing some work and a screw got misplaced he couldn't find it, especially in darkness. It was difficult for Asit to do his work without spectacles.

When Sightsavers' eye screening camp was organized for truckers, Asit thought it was better to get his eyes checked. He received glasses for refractive error. "Now I can see the images clearly. The doctors explained to me that If I didn't wear spectacles I would land into much deeper problems with my eyes. I can't afford expensive doctors so I'm grateful for the services provided by Sightsavers," he said.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

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. We ensure that all the children with disabilities receive a quality education in an inclusive environment across government schools.

Key Highlights

- ▶ Sightsavers' Module developed for guiding parents to support children with visual impairment was scaled up in 52 districts of Madhya Pradesh.
- ▶ Sightsavers trained nearly 80 teachers on the UDYAM classroom transaction module in Odisha.
- ▶ Training of Master Trainers was conducted by Sightsavers in Bihar to expedite the learning process of children with visual impairment through braille training.
- ▶ E-content preparation and registration of Sugamya Pustakalaya were conducted by Sightsavers in Bihar.
- ▶ Sightsavers shared the Tele Education model and its past work on inclusive curriculum development which was well recognized, and the concept was incorporated in the Mission Samarth campaign for reaching out to the children with disabilities.
- ▶ Successful advocacy with the government of Rajasthan resulted in the provision of training programmes for the Teachers on Plus Curriculum to further support the children with visual impairment.

► The government of Rajasthan launched Mission Samarth state-wide for the education of children with disabilities under which class-wise education materials are released in accessible formats on the YouTube application online. Sightsavers extended technical support in the development of the curriculum and worksheets with a special focus on children with visual impairment (CVI) and continued advocacy with SMSA, Education Department to ensure continuity of education of CVI during the lockdown.

► An application called 'Divya' (Developing Inclusive Vision for Yielding Assessment) has been developed by Bihar Education Project Council to ensure quality education to the students benefiting from the Inclusive Education Programme. The software is developed with Sightsavers support.

► In the Udaipur and Jhalawar districts of Rajasthan, children with visual impairment (CVI) received residential training by Sightsavers on ICT. In Udaipur, the inauguration of the training and distribution of mobile phones to the CVIs was done by the District Collector of Udaipur.

► Sightsavers gave an orientation to all Content developers/ Faculties of Rajya Shiksha Kendra in Madhya Pradesh on the Guidelines prepared for Inclusive online teaching resources. This has enabled the content developers to develop inclusive resources to enable 15000+ children with visual impairment to learn better.

► Sightsavers is the only NGO member of the core committee for the development of accessible curriculum constituted by the Rajasthan Council of School Education, Government of Rajasthan. We shared the Tele Education model and its past work on inclusive curriculum development, which was well recognized.

18,442

Visually impaired children who received assistive devices



15,324

Visually impaired children who received education materials



4,110

Number of teachers trained



Stories from the Field

Manu's Story

Manu is an 18-year-old girl, blind since birth. She lives in a joint family of eight people in a village, in the Katni district of Madhya Pradesh. Her parents are daily wage earners with a meager income to support the large family.

Manu finished her primary school education at the local school. From class VI onward, she was enrolled in the publicly funded school for blind children. Because of a lack of resources and financial support, she left school after finishing class VIII. Manu was forced to stay at home as a result and developed depression.

Sightsavers reached out to Manu when it launched its Social Inclusion Programme in Katni. Manu, who comes across as shy and introverted, went to a training on the "Rights of Women, Girls, and Persons with Disability." Manu's journey with Sightsavers was just getting started.

She was enrolled in a series of Sightsavers interventions after the training. She was inspired to enroll in Tanya, a Sightsavers programme supported by Madison Resource Foundation. It is a computer training center. She enthusiastically picked up beginner and intermediate computer skills throughout the course. She took part in personality development classes, which helped her become more fluent in the English language. Manu continued to participate in all the classes and learn everything. She was one of the 20 people who signed up for Sightsavers' 6-day self-defense training programme. Her outlook on life was completely altered by this training and it also increased her confidence.

For Manu, turning back is not an option. She is currently preparing to travel to Delhi with the hope and confidence that she will become successful and will be able to support her family.



SOCIAL INCLUSION

To enable social inclusion of people with disabilities, Sightsavers has concentrated its focus around three core areas: economic empowerment, building institutions and creating an enabling environment. We work to ensure that the government implements its obligations under international conventions towards people with disabilities.

Key Highlights

- ▶ A stakeholder meeting in Gaya District by Sightsavers resulted in opening avenues and helping to navigate the livelihood opportunities of persons with disabilities through self-employment.
- ▶ An MoU was signed between Sightsavers and Jharkhand State Livelihood Society for the inclusion of persons with disabilities for their livelihood opportunity & employability skills under RSETI and DDU-GKY fold on 17th November 2021 in Ranchi.
- ▶ Keeping in view the 3rd pillar of the Social Inclusion programme 2021-25, 'Enabling environment', Sightsavers in MP undertook sensitisation workshops in Bhopal for state level Govt/Non-Govt policy makers & key officials on 21 types of Disabilities and Accessibility standards.
- ▶ This workshop was organized jointly with Dr Anjee Agarwal, Accessibility specialist & Executive Director Samarthyam who undertook a Simulation activity with officials and facilitated sessions for revisiting guidelines for people with disabilities. And to ensure disable

friendly provisions for promoting equitable access to the physical environment, transportation, information and communications, and any other service open to the public, both in urban and rural areas, as per Article 9 of the UNCRPD and RPwD Act 2016. Key officials from Social Justice, MPSRLM, RUDSETI, Rajya Shiksha Kendra, a state office of disability Commissioner, NHM, PWD PIU, Medical Board, NGO hospitals, development agencies, District Hospital, Architects, ITC, OPD Members attended.

In the Katni District of MP, 36 Women with Disabilities were empowered towards legal Disability frameworks, Gender mainstreaming, Reproductive health, Nutrition, leadership and Advocacy skills, financial literacy, Safeguarding and women's safety by experts from the Police dept, health, and Banks. We were privileged to have Ms. Mala Sharma A.G.M. RBI who provided tips on financial literacy skills. As an outcome of the workshop, a Women Gender Committee was formed in the Katni district which would be functional along with the already formed OPD in Katni.

- ▶ The DPO level advocacy in Odisha has resulted in an early order from the state Govt. for prioritizing people with disability and vulnerable sections within the disability segment. The Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department (SSEPD) has issued a letter to all DMs and health officials to undertake a special drive for covering people with disability in the vaccination programme.
- ▶ An inclusive and accessible election campaign for people with disability in the by-election in Madhupur, Jharkhand was run by Sightsavers.
- ▶ Continued advocacy and accessible audits by the OPD leaders of Dungarpur, the building of the Municipal Council has been made accessible with lifts, railings, accessible entry to office rooms, and accessible toilets, which was evident with the regular visits by the OPD members to the office. Other than this OPD members visited 13 government buildings and 3 private buildings for access audit and provided suggestions to the government for making changes for accessibility to 4 government buildings and 2 private buildings.
- ▶ In December, with Sightsavers' support, 309 Persons with Disabilities received the disability certificate in Unnao.
- ▶ Vaccine equity for persons with disabilities by Sightsavers was started in Howrah district in the month of October with the support of Azim Premji Philanthropy Initiative (APPI). More than 600 persons with disabilities have been vaccinated till date.
- ▶ The partnership of Divyang Adhikar Manch in Jharkhand with EDF (European Disability Forum) was done.
- ▶ Sightsavers collaborated with UNICEF and WHO for undertaking training of Master trainers on Covid Appropriate Behaviour and the Importance of Vaccination across five districts of Dungarpur, Sirohi, Chittorgarh, Bikaner and Udaipur in Rajasthan.
- ▶ One-day state-level consultation on localizing and strengthening the implementation of SDGs was organized on 28th December 2021 at CYSD, Bhubaneswar with Civil Society Organizations and Organizations of Persons with Disabilities. A total of 32 representatives across Odisha participated in it.
- ▶ Implementation of the National Rural Economic Transformation Project by JSLPS through technical support of Sightsavers in 50 Blocks of 21 districts in Jharkhand was done.
- ▶ Sightsavers conducted a regional level Webinar for People with Disabilities, members of OPD and Disability networks on 8th March 2021 aiming to celebrate women's achievements and forge positive change for women. Hundred people with disabilities from Rajasthan UP, MP and CG participated in the webinar. Women achievers (Supported by Sightsavers) from four states who have challenged their disability and played an exemplary role in society shared their journey of achievements.
- ▶ Around fifty OPD members (Organisation of Persons with Disabilities) supported by Sightsavers, participated in the Voters Day celebration organized by Raipur District Administration. They demonstrated the challenges they generally face while casting their votes during the election process. The event was supported by building a partnership for sustainable development goals- Empowering DPOs.
- ▶ COVID-19 Vaccination for PwD: District and State DPO meetings were organized using Zoom in Rajasthan. The DPO members undertook the decision to advocate with the government on prioritizing PwDs in the vaccination drives and ensuring the vaccination process is inclusive and accessible to all PwDs in the state. APNO wrote letters to the state SJE and Health Department advocating for the same. DPO members decided to work out a plan for the DPO's engagement in the vaccination drive like they did in the Election campaign in the past, for a wider reach to PwDs.



▶ In Chhattisgarh, for vaccination equity in the state, a vigilance committee of disabled people is formed to monitor the situation at the ground level and evidence-based advocacy will be done with the government in case of any discrepancy.

▶ OPD members supported by Sightsavers in Uttar Pradesh have listed Persons with Disabilities for aids and appliances which will provide them with mobility support. A total of 600 PwDs list has been submitted in three districts of Uttar Pradesh to govt officials and till now more than 500 PwDs have received their equipment.



Stories from the Field

Srinu's Story

To protect people from the pandemic, I, along with my SHG members decided to tailor masks and distribute them in the community, and educate people about wearing masks, practice social distancing and handwashing,” says Srinu.

Srinu is a resident of the Gajapati district in Odisha. He is disabled since his childhood. He is supported by Sightsavers under its Social Inclusion Programme. Srinu is the president of a Self-Help Group (SHG) and is an active leader of the SAMARTH – the district-level Disable People's Organisation – supported by Sightsavers. In the last Panchayat elections, Srinu was elected as a Ward Member in his Gram Panchayat – a testimony of his leadership abilities.

The recent COVID-19 crisis had affected everyone across the globe, and persons with disabilities are particularly vulnerable in such a crisis. Srinu called a meeting of his Self-Help Group and discussed with the PwD members on how to make their community aware of preventive measures as per the guidelines. For this, they decided to conduct a live demonstration of handwashing, wearing masks and maintaining social distancing within their communities. They also came to know about the government's provision of masks to people in rural regions; however, due to the delay in the service, they started stitching masks from fresh cotton materials. For starters, every person with disability who had sewing machines with them (provided as part of Sightsavers' livelihood support under the Social Inclusion Programme), was given the task of making around 400 masks. Cotton was sourced from their SHG savings and they decided to give these masks to anyone who could not afford to buy one, while for others, these masks could be bought for 5 INR.

This was further shared with the district-level teams of the SAMARTH and Sightsavers project, wherein the project staff and district-level DPO members also came forward to support Srinu in his efforts. In the following days, Srinu and the project team of Sightsavers, along with other SAMARTH leaders started visiting all the villages under his Panchayat to conduct COVID



awareness sessions with a special focus on the care of persons with disabilities during the pandemic.

This was not the first time when Srinu demonstrated his leadership abilities. He displayed similar skills during the extremely severe cyclone "Titli" in 2018, which caused severe devastations in the Gajapati district with the PwD community being highly affected. He along with the SAMARTH team had played a huge role in the rehabilitation and restoration of people with disabilities who were affected by the cyclone.

Being an elected ward member, Srinu ensures that all the persons with disabilities from his Panchayat are being provided with basic entitlements like pensions and health cards, along with the recent financial and food assistance support announced by the central and state governments. Srinu facilitated the distribution of financial assistance to 163 labor card holders and about 175 Jan Dhan account holders in his Panchayat. Besides, he also helped the administration in distributing food to around 620 persons in his locality including 7 persons with disabilities.

In his words, "I know how it feels to be living with difficulties, and so when I see someone in pain, I immediately think of how I can extend some sort of support in the best possible way I can." Srinu, undoubtedly, is a true icon who, through his exemplary leadership abilities, has proved that no crisis can go beyond our hands if we are committed enough to the cause and to the occasion whenever there is a need.



PROGRAMME OUTREACH & RESOURCE MOBILIZATION (PORM)

▶ Raising funds is an essential and continuous event at Sightsavers and in the year 2021-22, we achieved our financial targets for the year. Digital channels and DRTV campaign contributed in achievement of financial goals

▶ Funding for several Rural Eye Health districts was secured within a few months of the launch of the new strategy. Some of these include:
Howrah funded by Hindustan Colas
Chittorgarh funded by Ray-Ban

▶ Funding for other REH districts was also secured like Nagaur, Chindwara, Ganganagar, Baloda Bazar, Sitamarhi Araria and so on.

▶ Support for Urban Eye Health programme was also received in line with the new strategy

- Cholamandalam - Patna
- Fullerton - Nagpur
- SBI Capital - Pune, Kolkata and Chennai

▶ Piaggio funded driver programme was scaled up to across 40 plus locations.

▶ Essilor apart from renewing funding for two old districts also added Kanker for the School Eye Health programme.

Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (All amounts are in Indian Rupees unless otherwise stated)
Balance Sheet - (Schedule VIII {Vide Rule 17 (I)}) as at 31st March 2022
Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	Note	As at 31 March 2022	As at 31 March 2021	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Note	As at 31 March 2022	As at 31 March 2021
Trust Fund	3	7,81,56,982	3,56,32,497	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		29,68,534	29,25,552
						8,16,654	8,59,636
Earmarked Fund				Other fixed assets	5(B)		
Deferred Income	3a	4,41,00,208	11,53,26,956	Gross block		3,71,37,380	3,42,31,068
				Less : Accumulated depreciation		2,98,65,445	2,72,14,996
General Fund		-	-			72,71,935	70,16,072
(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		41,52,208	14,37,762	Gross block		72,94,046	35,59,176
				Less : Accumulated depreciation		31,41,839	21,51,170
- Gift reserves		47,444	75,007			41,52,207	14,08,006
		14,64,56,842	17,24,72,222				
Liabilities						1,22,40,796	92,83,714
- For expenses	4	31,75,734	47,48,056				
				Advances			
-For statutory dues		43,85,905	37,43,653				
- For payment to auditor		7,37,500	7,37,500	Prepaid expenses		20,05,292	17,54,217
				Grant receivable		39,97,620	38,79,511
				Deposits and advances:			
- For programme expenses payable		1,97,36,826	1,08,94,584	- To employees	6	1,00,302	1,62,788
				- To others	7	1,73,79,828	2,92,94,169
- For employee benefits							
- Provision for gratuity		81,91,765	97,98,444	Cash and bank balances	8	14,81,58,185	15,91,77,832
- Provision for compensated absences		11,97,451	11,77,772			17,16,41,227	19,42,68,517
		3,74,25,181	3,10,80,009				
TOTAL		18,38,82,023	20,35,52,231	TOTAL		18,38,82,023	20,35,52,231

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

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For **Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind**

Dr. S Y Quraishi
Chairman

Place: New Delhi
Date: 30th September 2022

R N Mohanty
Chief Executive Officer

Place: New Delhi
Date: 30th September 2022

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 2022
Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai

EXPENDITURE	Note	For the year ended 31 March 2022	For the year ended 31 March 2021	INCOME	Note	For the year ended 31 March 2022	For the year ended 31 March 2021
To Expenses in respect of properties:				By Interest			
- Rates, taxes and cesses		744	5,623	- On bank accounts		31,02,100	47,80,283
- Repairs and maintenance		82,212	82,274				
- Insurance		-	-	By Donations			
- Depreciation	5	42,982	45,244	- From individuals	9	23,83,00,087	17,05,85,862
				- From corporates		15,28,19,486	8,78,31,396
To Establishment expenses	11	3,78,92,000	4,61,78,097				
				By Grants from Sightsavers, UK		15,78,35,109	23,58,55,525
To Legal expenses		3,71,300	3,60,000	By Miscellaneous income	10	95,488	-
To Audit fees	12	7,37,500	7,37,500				
To Miscellaneous expenses							
- Consultation charges		23,16,288	21,08,820				
- Rent		87,07,965	74,80,911				
- Travelling and conveyance		11,74,952	85,762				
- Other expenses	13	72,82,354	67,08,282				
To Depreciation							
- on other fixed assets	5	33,14,677	29,07,304				
To Expenditure on objects of the Society	14						
(classification is as certified by trustees)							
(a) Religious		-	-				
(b) Educational		2,61,78,873	2,60,33,593				
(c) Medical and poverty relief		42,15,25,938	39,28,71,114				
To Surplus transferred to Trust Funds		4,25,24,485	1,34,48,542				
		55,21,52,270	49,90,53,066			55,21,52,270	49,90,53,066

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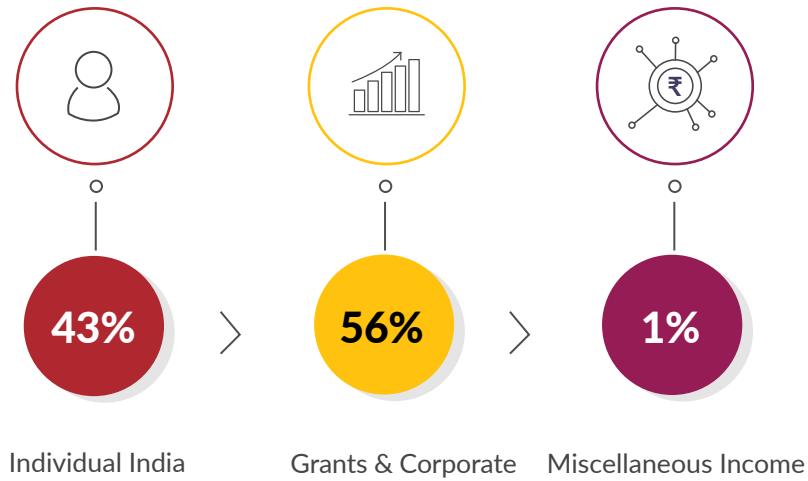
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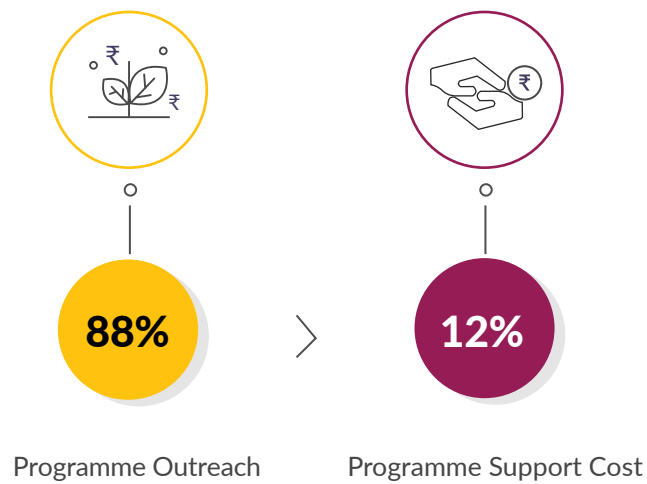
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Income FY 22-23



Total Expenditure FY 22-23

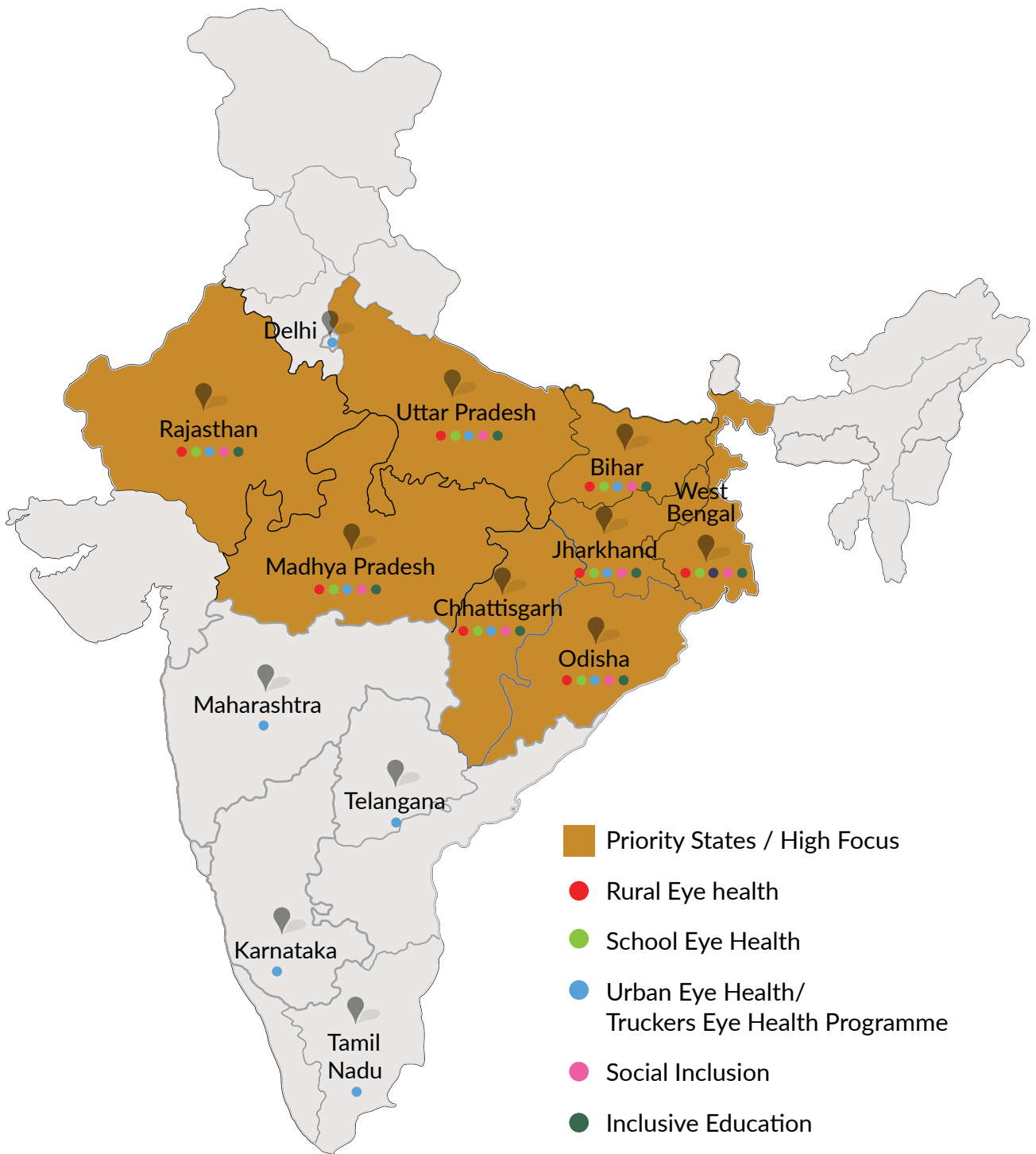


Thematic Utilisation



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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