



Eyeing a **bright** future

🏆 1A rating from CRISIL

🏆 Credibility Alliance accreditation
for desirable norms

👥 43 aspirational districts, and counting



Sightsavers
India

About us

Sightsavers India or Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, is a development organization working with partners to reduce avoidable blindness and promote equality of opportunity for people with disabilities.

Sightsavers India is collaborating with various departments of the respective state governments to scale up operations for Social Inclusion, Eye Health and Inclusive Education— our three core areas of work.

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.

Sightsavers India believes in promoting technologies in eye healthcare enabling a wider reach of health services. Using innovation in education, we try and make classrooms more inclusive for children with visual impairment.

Mission

We are a development organization working with partners in underserved areas of the country to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities.

Vision

Sightsavers India's vision is of a world where no one is blind from avoidable causes and where people with disability participate equally in society.

Our values

Protecting sight | Equal opportunities | Collaboration

Since 1966,



6 million
operations performed
to treat conditions
such as cataract



36.4 million
eye treatments provided,
including spectacles

Honorary Brand Ambassador of Sightsavers India

“The cause of supporting the visually impaired is incredible and Sightsavers India embodies that cause. I consider it my great honour to be the brand ambassador of Sightsavers India that has made it its mission to eradicate avoidable blindness.”

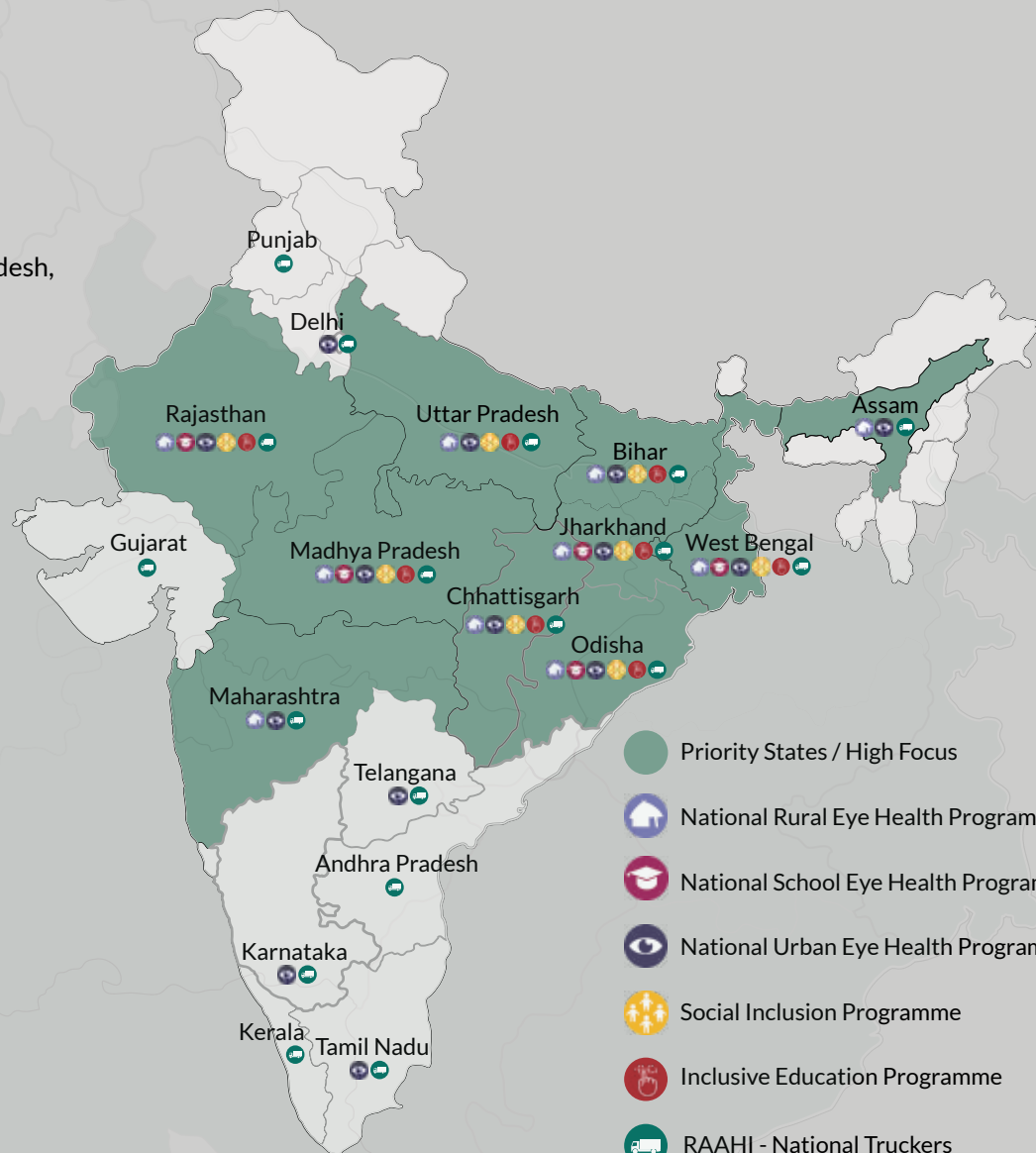
Kabir Bedi, Honorary Brand Ambassador, Sightsavers India



Geography

We work in 116 districts of 10 states namely Rajasthan, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Bihar, Maharashtra and Assam.

We are also operational across 43 aspirational districts and counting.



Eye Health



Inclusive Education



Social Inclusion

-  Priority States / High Focus
-  National Rural Eye Health Programme
-  National School Eye Health Programme
-  National Urban Eye Health Programme
-  Social Inclusion Programme
-  Inclusive Education Programme
-  RAAHI - National Truckers Eye Health Programme

Inclusive Education Programme

Sightsavers India 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. Enablement is facilitated by availability of assistive devices and accessible educational material, provision of compensatory skills training, infrastructure accessibility and building education management and leadership among others.

Under the Inclusive Education Programme, we ensure that children who are blind or visually impaired are included in mainstream education. This is crucial to lifting people out of poverty.



Social Inclusion Programme

We work to equip people with disabilities with the skills (daily living, vocational training, etc.), tools and assistance they need to earn a living and lead an independent life. To enable the Social Inclusion of people with disabilities, we focus on three core areas: Institution Building, Economic Empowerment, and Enabling Environment. Sightsavers India advocates for all 21 disabilities as outlined under the RPwD Act 2016, with a focus on the eight prominent disabilities. With a comprehensive approach to gender, we also provide adolescent girls with self-defense training and health and hygiene sessions.



Netra Vasant - The Rural Eye Health Programme

A large population of our country still resides in villages. Netra Vasant aims at improving vision-related quality of life through strengthened eye health systems in rural areas of India. The programme aims to achieve universal coverage vis-a-vis eye health services in rural communities of the 116 selected districts by reducing blindness prevalence, providing equitable coverage, and financial & programmatic sustainability.



Screening for Common Blinding Eye Diseases



Refraction and Spectacles Provision



Referral to Higher Levels



High Quality Cataract Surgeries

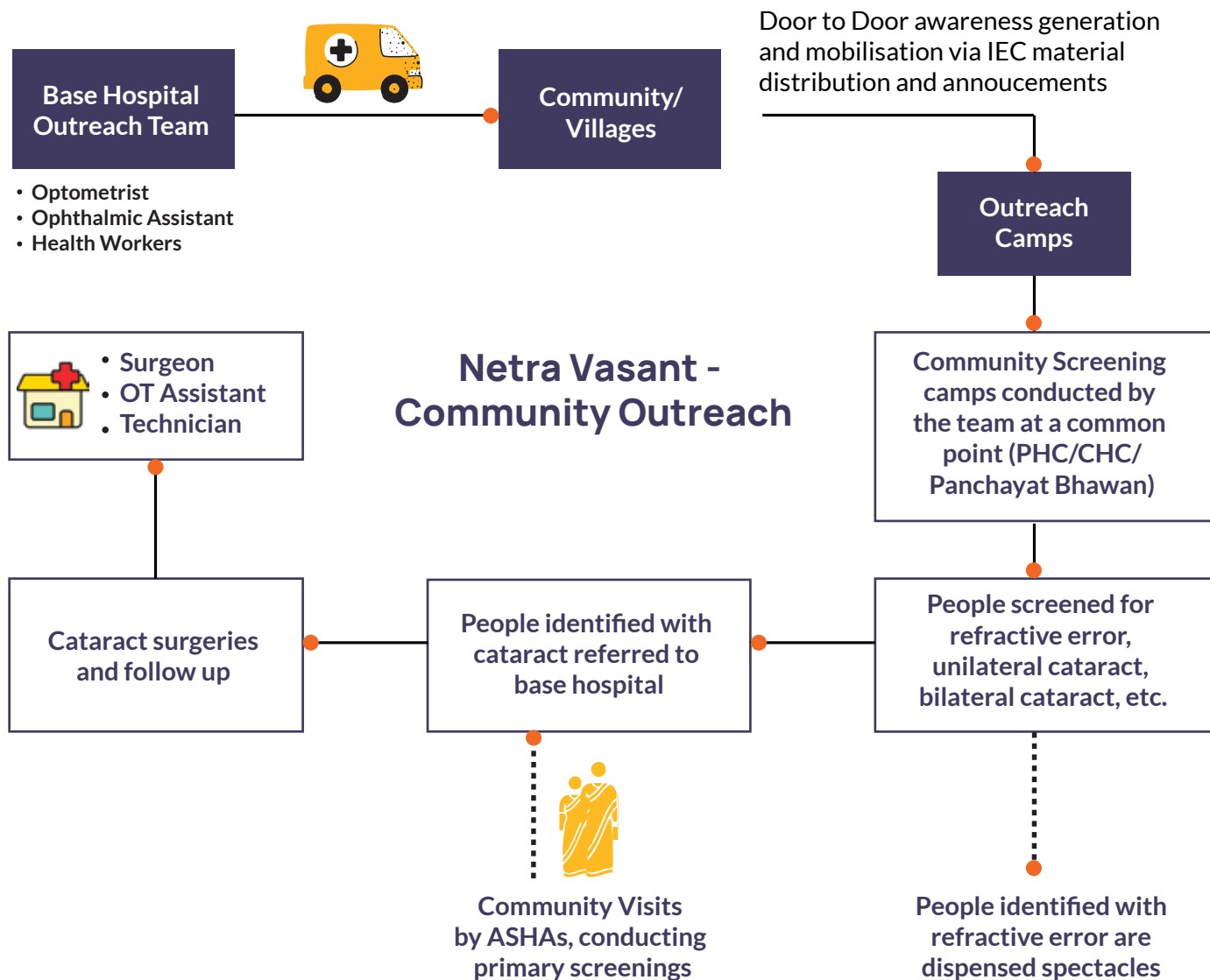


Capacity Building of Health Workforce



Integration with Wider Health Systems





Amrita Drishti - The Urban Eye Health Programme

We work in metropolitan cities to ensure comprehensive and sustainable eye health mechanisms for the urban slums of India. Simultaneously, Sightsavers India is working closely with the Ministry of Health and the National Urban Health Mission. Amrita Drishti integrates its vision centres with the government's Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs).

In addition to providing direct services, this enables Sightsavers India to ease disadvantaged beneficiaries into the public health system through strengthened referral mechanisms, especially for cataracts. The Programme makes available healthcare Mobile Vans that offer various services – Teleconsultation, Glaucoma and Diabetic Retinopathy screening, Portable perimeter, Ready to Clip (R2C) glasses and spectacle sale.



Cost Effective Screening
Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)



Equitable Spectacle
Dispensing



Community Demand
Generation



Sensitization of Health
Worker



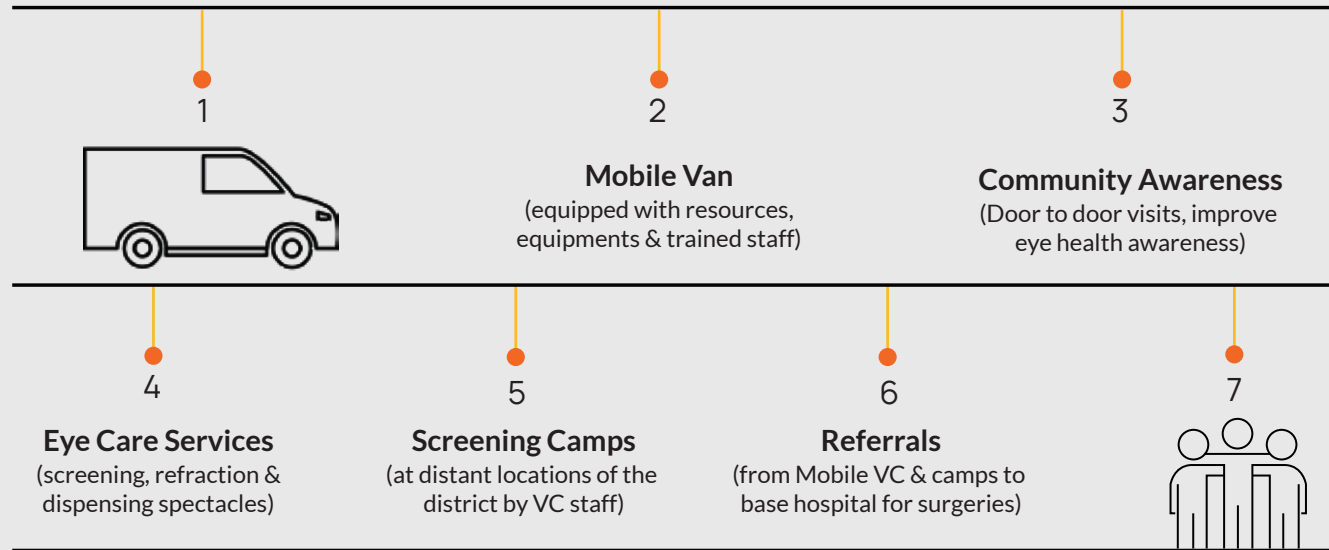
Effective Linkage with
(Eye) Health Providers



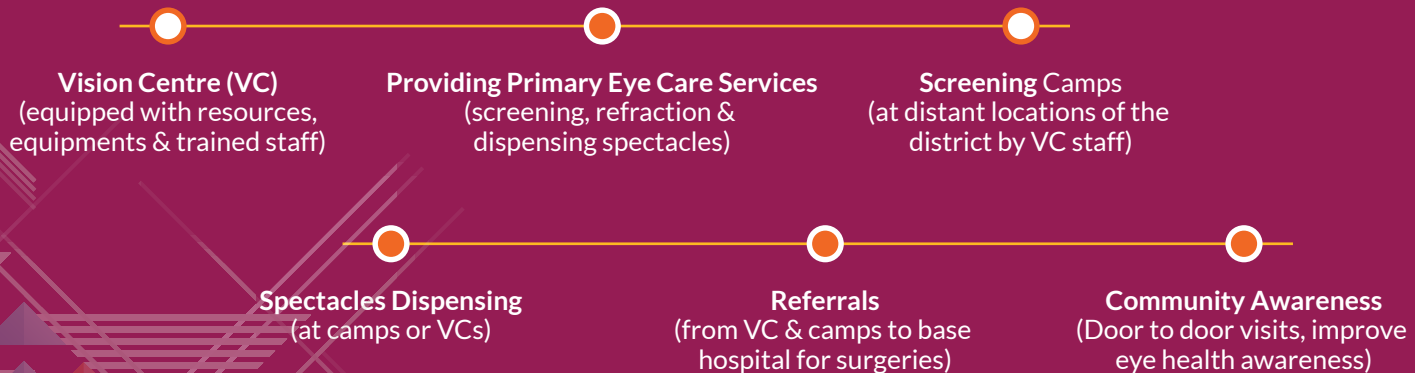
Integration with Urban Health
Initiatives



UEH through Mobile Vans



UEH (Urban Eye Health Program) through Pvt./Govt. Vision Centre



Vidyajyoti - National School Eye Health Programme

Sightsavers India launched Vidyajyoti School Eye Health Programme with the goal that 'good and maintained eye health' is optimized in school children, so the improved learning outcomes in schools are evident. Vidyajyoti has achieved a historic scale by reaching out to more than 3.5 million students enrolled in government schools in the intervention districts while providing free spectacles to 50,000 children.

Under the programme, we provide eye health services for students of rural districts attending government, non-government semi-aided private schools in the age group 5-18 (up to class-12), improving learning outcomes and enabling early detection.



Screening
(Eye Check-up)



Refraction



Spectacles Provided /
Spectacles Compliance Conducted



Learning Outcome
Assessment



Eye Health
Education



Integration with
Larger School Health





RAAHI - National Truckers Eye Health Programme

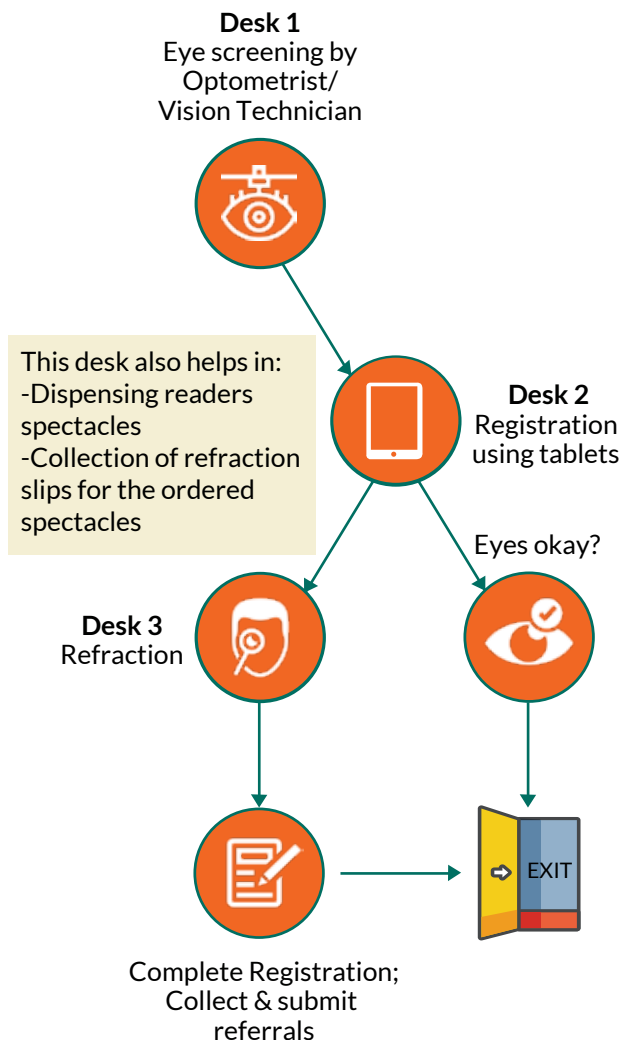
One of India's most extensive eye health programmes, RAAHI, focuses on ensuring road safety by providing eye care services to the truckers' community. The programme is spread across 54 locations across the Golden Quadrilateral and North South-East West (NSEW) network.

The use of fully equipped mobile ophthalmology van under the programme makes eye health more accessible for the commercial driving community.

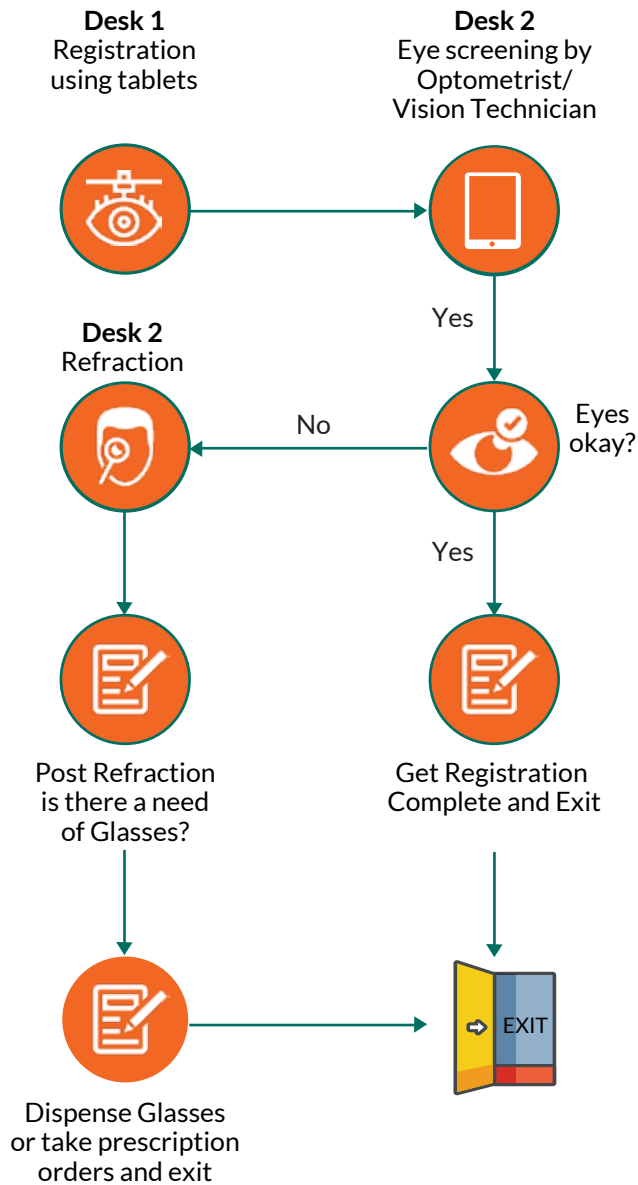
The process of spectacle dispensing is tracked and monitored through an Android-based application which is synced everyday. An ID card with UID QR stickers is given to them. After successful data synchronization, they are notified through SMS about their registration UID number, static centre name, date, and status of their spectacles.



Outreach Camp Model



Static Centre Model



How We can Work Together

CSR Partnership

Our CSR partnerships are rooted in a shared commitment to drive positive change. We strategically align our efforts to address societal challenges in regions' personalised needs. Our unwavering dedication to measurable impact and meticulous adherence to deliverables ensures tangible outcomes. Emphasising comprehensive reporting and compliance, we offer transparency throughout the project lifecycle. Collaboration amplifies our capacity for change, and together, we work towards a more just and inclusive future.

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"Sightsavers India's endeavour to make education more accessible for children with visual impairment is commendable. The program is holistic and well thought out. The team has implemented the program successfully with a positive impact by ensuring that children stay in school, leading to decreased dropout rates. DXC India is proud to partner with Sightsavers India."

Lokendra Sethi, Vice-President - Human Resources,
India & Global Delivery Network, DXC Technology



Impact Giving

Your philanthropic journey is personal, and we offer a tailored, engaging experience. With a dedicated Single Point of Contact (SPOC), we ensure a seamless and personalised engagement, keeping you closely connected to the impact you create. We provide transparency through impactful videos, bringing Impact Reports and Case Stories to life. Witness the transformative changes your support brings. Rest assured, your generosity is put to the best use, and we provide a clear Utilization Certificate illustrating your contribution's difference. Together, we shape a better future with tax exemption benefits.

Charitable donations vary widely in form—time, money, skills, and more. I prioritise swift, impactful results, fuelling my passion for restoring sight. Sightsavers India effectively utilises funds, minimises administrative costs, and communicates transparently. They're dedicated to enhancing countless lives. Kudos and heartfelt thanks for their tireless work."

- Sajiv Dhawan, Angel Investor



Employee Engagement and Volunteering

Unlock the potential of Employee Engagement and Volunteering with Sightsavers India and become a transformation agent. Designed for corporates, our activities enable your team to impact those in need directly. Engage in beneficiary mobilisation, case story identification, and sharing impactful narratives. Support audiobook reading for Children with Visual Impairment and train Self-Help Groups (SHGs) on financial literacy. Sightsavers India offers an immersive way to drive meaningful change, leaving a lasting impact on the path to a better future.

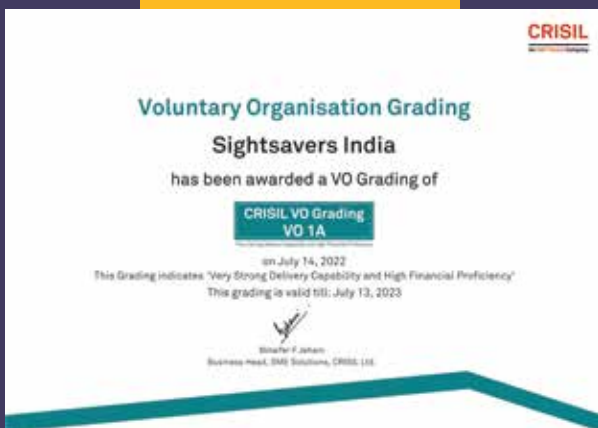
Sightsavers India's Vision Centre under its RAAHI Programme in collaboration with Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company is highly commendable. It's a valuable initiative to support the eye health of transport and commercial drivers. During our visit, we witnessed Sightsavers India's excellent care for drivers. I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in this meaningful endeavour."

- Mohit Agarwal, Volunteer, Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company



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Certificate & Accreditations



Sightsavers India received the award of 1A rating from CRISIL

After a rigorous 4P framework review (Profile, Process, Programming and Proficiency), this rating holds the highest recognition given to the non-profits for delivering programmes successfully and adhering to the strong system and process.

Sightsavers India achieves Credibility Alliance accreditation for desirable norms

This accreditation reflects Sightsavers India's steadfast adherence to the prescribed high standards of good governance, commitment to excellence and transparency in the realm of voluntary organisations.



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