



EYE CAN



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ABOUT US

Sightsavers is a global development organisation that has been working in India since 1966 to eliminate avoidable blindness and to ensure that people who are irreversibly blind are supported adequately to lead lives of independence and dignity.



Our work has impacted the lives of **55 million** people with potential eye problems

We have carried out **36.4 million** eye treatments

Performed **5 million** eye operations with the help of our partners

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 and education enabling a wider reach of health services in India.

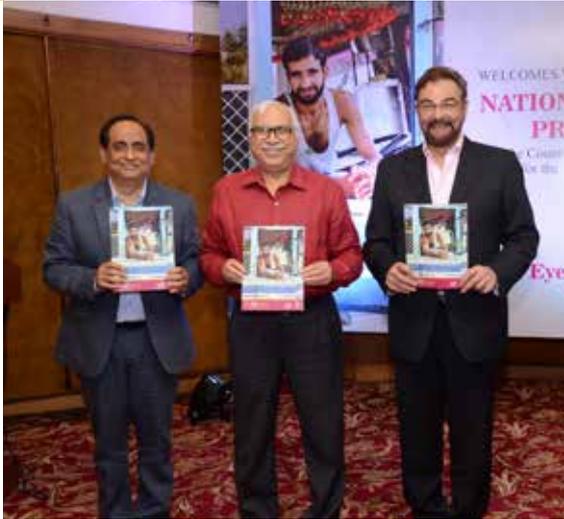
Mission

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

Vision

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

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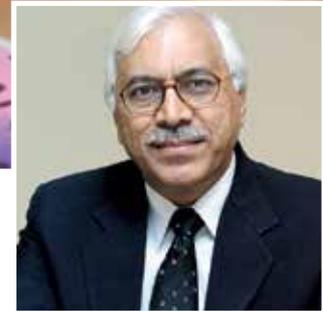
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GLOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 01** Launch of **RAAHI – National Truckers Eye Health Programme**. Steering Truck Drivers towards Safety and a Better Vision.
- 02** Sightsavers in association with European Union and European Disability Forum launched the project '**Building Partnerships for the SDGs- Empowering Disabled People's Organisation**'. The project is being delivered by Sightsavers and other partners including the European Disability Forum (EDF) in five states of India.
- 03** Sightsavers bags the prestigious **HCL Grant 2018 for Education** from Home Minister Sri Rajnath Singh, contesting more than 3,000 NGOs in India.
- 04** Release of '**A Beautiful Tomorrow**'- Documentary Film on Sightsavers India's extensive work in the field of empowering the visually impaired featuring our Honorary Brand Ambassador, Sri Kabir Bedi.
- 05** Sightsavers CEO Caroline Harper pitched a magnificent plan to eliminate trachoma during her talk at the **TED 2018** conference in Vancouver.
- 06** On 12th December 2017, acclaimed physicist **Late Stephen Hawking** talked about the pioneering work of his father, Dr Frank Hawking, at a Sightsavers event to mark the one billionth treatment for neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A remarkable 2017 has been behind us. Our theme 'Eye Can' is very apt for the series of phenomenon that took place in the last year. We witnessed start of the European Union project in India to facilitate a conducive policy dialogue space between Disabled People Organisations (DPOs) especially focusing on engaging more women with disabilities. This action will support building of strategic networks.

Sightsavers launched one of the largest eye health programmes for truckers' community--RAAHI. With the goal to reach out to 500,000 truckers across 29 locations along the golden quadrilateral, RAAHI is going to be a sizeable programme for all of us here at Sightsavers. The survey publication titled 'Eyes OK Please!' was released for wider dissemination to create awareness about the need for RAAHI in September 2017.

Sightsavers has been steadfast in securing support of state governments where it works. I am extremely happy to share that we are on the way of signing Memorandum of Understanding with all our eight core programme states.

Dr SY Quraishi

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

With the collaboration of young and experienced minds in the organisation, there is more integrity in the work we do. Through their work ethics and dedication, the Sightsavers team has stimulated more growth and progress both for Programme implementation, fundraising and marketing.

I would sincerely like to congratulate my India team for winning the prestigious HCL grant in Education category contesting over 3,000 NGOs in the country. It speaks volumes about Sightsavers integrity in promoting participation and inclusiveness for the disabled and enabling them to lead a life of dignity.

I am certain that Sightsavers will continue to enjoy laurels with the support of our enthusiastic staff, donors, state governments and partners.



RN Mohanty
CEO, Sightsavers India.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO - EYE CAN

Being a part of Sightsavers, I feel proud and privileged to state that due to its enormous effort Sightsavers has become synonymous with the commitment to working towards eliminating avoidable blindness and promoting the rights of people with disabilities.

In India, there are 40 million visually impaired and 8 million blind people. In 2017 alone, with the work of our team and partners, we were able to carry out 41, 21, 804 eye screenings of people across 13 states of India. Over 2 lakh people were able to see the world clearly with sight restoration surgeries in the last year.

This year has been special for us as an organisation for we received the prestigious HCL Grant of 5 Crore INR for the extensive work on Inclusive Education. This grant will be of immense help in scaling up our work in Inclusive Education.

Despite a number of looming challenges, Sightsavers witnessed intense action on the ground that led to achieving targets for this year.

Over 65,000 teachers were trained in 2017 to educate children on the importance of eye

health, and mainstreaming visually impaired and blind children into schools. Preventing blindness, educational support for irreversibly blind children and livelihood training for disabled adults increases the chances of gaining meaningful employment and enables greater participation in civil, social and political life.

Sightsavers India officially cemented the relationship with Shri Kabir Bedi as its Brand Ambassador. Earlier in the year, we formally announced his coming on board, and later in the year were happy to have Mr Bedi lend his unflinching support in inaugurating RAAHI programme in New Delhi along with our Chairman and board of trustees. At the close of the year, he also travelled to Jharkhand for a documentary on Sightsavers.

Looking ahead, we are focused on accelerating the execution of our growth strategy while continuing to build on the strength as an organisation. I am incredibly excited about this journey and truly believe that the best of us is yet to come.

Meanwhile, a heartfelt thank you to our constant supporters from Sightsavers and the many millions we serve.

OUR TRUSTEES



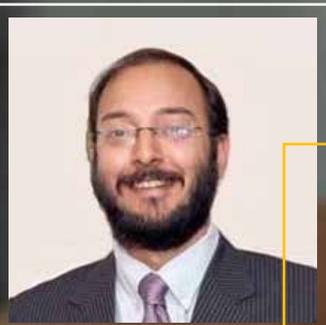
Dr SY Quraishi
Honorary Chairman of the Board

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.



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.

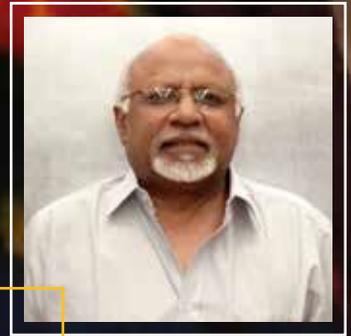


Suhan Mukherjee
Partner at PLR Chambers

Suhan Mukherjee, a Lawyer by profession, is currently a Partner with PLR Chambers (short for Policy, Law and Regulations). He offers legal and public policy and legitimate lobbying services to clients and NGOs.



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.

Dr Garimella Subramaniam
Senior Assistant Editor, The Hindu



Dr Garimella Subramaniam is a leading editorial commentator at The Hindu on the European Union, aspects of the global economic meltdown and the state of national and global human rights law and practice.

Rati Forbes
Director, Forbes Marshall Ltd



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.



EYE HEALTH



RURAL EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME (REH)



SCHOOL EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME (SEH)



URBAN EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME (UEH)



NATIONAL TRUCKERS EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME - RAAHI

Did you know
75% of blindness
is preventable?

In **2017**,
Sightsavers' Rural
Eye Health
programme marked
its presence in
73 districts of
eight states.

Urban Eye
Health programme
made in roads in
two new cities thus
marking our
presence in
15 cities.

School Eye
Health expanded
to two new states
making its presence
in **4 states** across
9 districts.

Systems
strengthening

IMPACT

IN 2017



41,21,804

Number of Eye Screenings



2,00,451

Sight Restoration Surgeries



3,23,660

Spectacles Distributed



13,20,507

Number of People Refracted



67,492

Number of Teachers Trained

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 systems strengthening, 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.

During the year the DEHAT process for remaining 22 scale up districts that commenced in 2016 was completed. The findings form the basis of planning and implementation during the year and were shared with the respective State governments in the form of district level reports.



Some Key Highlights:

In collaboration with Swachh Bharat Mission (flagship programme of India, a massive movement that seeks to create a clean India), mega screening camps were organised for more than 2,500 sanitation workers in districts of Madhya Pradesh.

Expansion in four districts, two districts each of Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.

Signed MoU with District Health Society (DHS), Gaya, and Bihar for strengthening eye health services in Gaya District.

In Jharkhand, Sightsavers inaugurated Ramgarh District Hospital Eye OT and services.

Launched REH Project in Hazaribagh District and expanded to Jamtara District of Jharkhand.

Establishment of Vision Centres (Alipurduar and West Midnapore in West Bengal) in the Block Primary Health Centres. These centres attract an average of 30 patients in OPD.

Tales from the Field



Vijayamala's story

84-year-old Vijayamala comes from an extremely remote village named Bhatpara Tea State Kalchini in Alipurduar District of West Bengal. Vijayamala stays with her daughter and a grandson who works as a labourer in the tea garden.

Vijayamala developed sight problem a few years back. Her eyesight had worsened over time. Poverty-stricken, seeing a doctor or getting a surgery were out of question.

A screening camp organised by Sightsavers had brought a ray of hope to Vijayamala's life. She was accompanied by her grandson to the camp. It was found that Vijayamala suffered from cataract. She was immediately referred for surgery. The cost of surgery was taken care by Sightsavers.

After the cataract operation, Vijayamala now can see the world again.

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).

The programme increased its presence from 13 cities in 2016 to 17 cities of 13 States in 2017 in partnership with NHM, hospitals and development agencies. The programme expanded into the cities of Ranchi, Kanpur, Bangalore and Hyderabad.



Some Key Highlights:

In order to make the programme inclusive and accessible, targeted camps were organized during the year to reach out to women SHG groups, domestic workers, sanitation workers transgender communities, senior citizens, college students, daily labourers, persons with disabilities, and occupational workers. These camps were organized in collaboration with HIV Alliance; Transgender Association Odisha; Bhopal Gas Pedit Sangharsh Sahyog Samiti; Swachh Bharat Mission and few corporates.

Organised a Vision Building Workshop for National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) officials of Jharkhand by LAICO Team.

Partnership with government undertaken to promote DR screening in Bhopal city.

Cross-sectional study using Tab based online technology on investigating differences in eye health and uptake of eye care services between people with and without disabilities attending health facilities in Bhopal.

In West Bengal, the Diabetic Retinopathy screening is done through the BOSCH camera at the centres and outreach camps at a cost of INR 50 against a market cost INR 800. Within a period of 1 and half year, the entire cost borne for purchasing the camera has been recovered.

In Bhubaneswar, Sightsavers associated with the DoPH&FW to celebrate World Sight Day with a Walk For Vision initiative with the theme of Make Vision Count. The event was inaugurated by honourable Chief Minister of Odisha. He launched the ASHA training kits (Primary Eye Screening Kits) of Sightsavers and announced support of INR 600 crores towards the universal eye health programme of the State.

Tales from the Field



Rajaram and Geeta's Story

Rajaram Ramnath Mhatre, 72 and Geeta Rajaram Mhatre, 66 live in Bhandup slums of Mumbai. Married for over 40 years, the old couple has just one daughter, who is now married. The old man worked as a car cleaner in the vicinity to support his wife and him, while she did all household chores.

The couple started complaining of blurry vision since last year. It was only in February 2017 that they visited Sightsavers supported Nahaur Vision Centre to get their eyes screened. Cataract was detected in their eyes. The Mhatres' were referred to Sightsavers partner hospital, KBHB hospital for surgery and were operated in June 2017. The couple is happy to once again lead a life of independence and normalcy.

VIDYA JYOTI

National School Eye Health Programme

Vidyajyoti- Sightsavers 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.

In 2017, Sightsavers expanded the reach of programme to Jalpaiguri in West Bengal and Raisen in MP. One of the most important highlight of 2017 has been the scaling up of School Eye health Programme Model by Government of Odisha. A regular work sharing with government on the learnings, possibilities and plan for Interventions has been the cornerstone of engagement in all districts.

Overtime, the Government has appreciated the efforts by recognizing the efficacy of our model and in a major feat for the school eye health programme, the Government of Odisha has scaled up/Implemented the programme in 30 Districts.



Some Key Highlights:

In 2017, the programme was equipped with the experience of 2016 second semester in six districts supported by Orbis and the overarching priority for the action was to sustain the screening and refraction of children. The year saw proliferation of screening in private schools, senior grades as well as summer camps, Sports clubs and coaching centres in selected areas.

Distribution of spectacles was another important priority of 2017, and this was done via dissemination in clusters and occasional platforms where important bureaucrats and officials from SSA and district management were invited to distribute spectacles.

Mechanisms for strengthening delivery of spectacles were identified and implemented in collaboration with the strategic partner for spectacles viz 2.5 NVG.

Sightsavers enlisted a selection of schools as Model schools where key messages of comprehensive health and eye health were displayed on a variety of media and groups of children specifically prepared as eye health champions to lead by example.

Almost 5,500 Children were successfully referred to the hospitals for amelioration of secondary eye health issues and 900 received treatment so far.

Tales from the Field



Rukmani Barman's Story

Four-year-old Rukmani hails from Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. Rukmani had been suffering from cataract for quite some time. Although it has not been clear of how she developed the eye problem, her family seemed to think that it could be the result from a fall that Rukmani faced while playing.

Rukmani's cataract was diagnosed during her admission procedure for a school in Bhopal that Sightsavers was supporting to run eye screenings under the School Eye Health Programme. Since the teachers in the school were trained to spot vision problems, they were able to refer Rukmani for further help at an early years inclusive health centre. She was examined at the Sightsavers-supported vision centre and referred for surgery at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital.

While Rukmani was not aware of the impact of her blinding cataract, to her parents the surgery came just in time to secure their daughter's future. Rukmani's father said, "She is now happy. Even we are happy because her life is on track now. She can study and she even recognises the alphabets now. I'm really grateful to Sightsavers for getting my daughter's eye operated. With my work contract coming to an end, this would have been completely unaffordable for the family."

RAAHI

National Truckers Eye Health Programme

In September 2017, one of the country's biggest Eye Health Programmes for the truck drivers' community was launched. The programme seeks to reach out to 500,000 truck drivers and helpers of the laborious 9 million truck drivers and transporters community present in India. This 9 million-truck driver community transports 65% of national cargo by road.

Declaring the programme open, Shri Kabir Bedi, honorary brand ambassador, Sightsavers India and internationally acclaimed actor said, "Not many in the past have paid heed to such a significant need of having an eye health programme for our truck driver community. It is clearly a welcome intervention by Sightsavers to enhance road safety in India by reaching out to this laborious truck driving community."

Driving at a stretch for two hours everyday tires most of us out. Staying behind the wheels for nearly 14 out of 24 hours in a day is a choice 24-year-old Sandeep Kumar has had to make to earn a living. The young man is a truck driver from Ghaziabad, in Delhi-NCR and ferries cargo in his giant vehicle. It is not easy being a truck driver. There are gruelling schedules and vast distances that the truck drivers have to cover to earn somewhere around INR 14,000 to INR 15,000 per month. Mostly, the sole earning members of the family, the drivers send back a large chunk of the sum to their families, whom they get to meet occasionally in a month and sometimes once a year.

A lot of driving is done at night because trucks are not allowed to cross state borders during the day. It is not only exhausting, it's dangerous - accidents happen with alarming frequency. Astonishingly, poor eyesight could be putting almost half of India's truck drivers - and other road users - at further risk, but their transient lifestyles, lack of free time and limited income mean accessing eye care is just not possible.



Sandeep Kumar has only been driving for four years but already knows the difficulties poor vision can cause. **“During the night when I focus on the lights I get a headache and my eyes get watery so I drive with my head turned. It is risky but what can I do? I do get scared, that’s why I came to get checked today,”** said Sandeep, who attended the pop-up eye camp organised by Sightsavers at Chhattaipur Raipur Transport Service, in Ghaziabad district. It is a fleet location where most of the truck drivers congregate to load/unload the goods they deliver and rest for a while.

Sightsavers realises the importance of eye health for the overworked truckers’ community in ensuring road safety. The occupation predisposes them to a multitude of risk factors such as prolonged sitting and motor vehicle driving, tight running schedules, reduced rest breaks, traffic congestion, and the sedentary nature of job, and resultant physical, psychological and behavioural problems.

Research over the past few decades has addressed the role of vision in driver safety (motor vehicle collision involvement) and in driver performance. Visual Acuity, Visual Field, Contrast sensitivity, Eye movements and other parameters are considered to be vital in assessing visual function in drivers. Since drivers can’t get to eye care services, Sightsavers in India have created a system which takes the services directly to them. RAAHI – National Truckers Eye Health Programme is one of the biggest eye health programme in the country for the overworked truck drivers’ community.

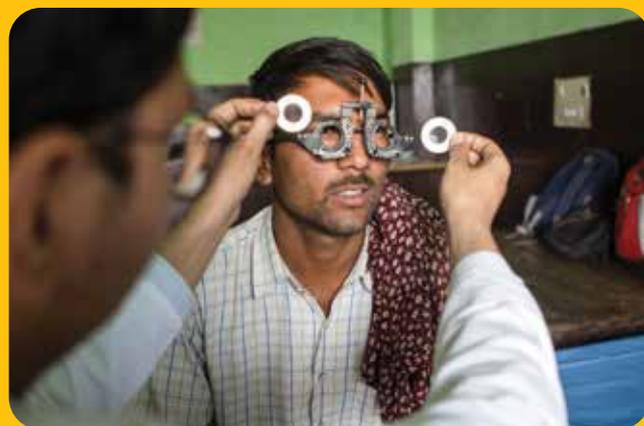
The programme’s ingenious: there are 29 sites around India’s ‘golden quadrilateral’, which covers the main long distance haulage routes across the whole country. Some are permanent vision centres, others pop-up outreach camps, but all are in locations where drivers stop as part of their usual route to rest or unload cargo. Drivers’ details are digitally uploaded using tablets so they can take the QR code ID card they’re given

to any site along their route and pick up their treatment where they left off, even choosing where to have custom made glasses sent to. At the pop up camps local partner eye care teams literally set out their kiosks and begin screening in a matter of minutes.

However difficult driving is, not being able to drive scares Sandeep more. **“I am worried about my future as I don’t have any cash so I have to work to get food. I am the only member in my family earning, I have my parents and two little brothers as well as my wife and son, he’s two and a half.”**

“My transport company is based here, so I saw the screening by chance. I felt happy when I saw it, when we go to other places you have to pay and here it’s for free.” Sandeep’s got a prescription for new glasses which he can collect in ten days. **“I will feel nice driving if my eyesight gets better. If it got worse I’d have no option but to leave; [now] I won’t have to.”**

Each day the eye care team see 80-100 people, mostly drivers but also a few other workers at the truck stops whose jobs rely on their vision, and some curious passers-by from the community. The programme is remarkably efficient – the busy drivers complete the whole process in about 15 minutes and if they have no problems they’re given a certificate of clear vision which will help them secure work. The programme is likely to have a significant impact on road safety as well as giving drivers and their families much needed security for the future.





INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

The Inclusive Education Programme is implemented in 10 districts across five states. The programme prioritises technical support to 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, ICT promotion, technical, infrastructural and community support.

Some Key Highlights:



Successfully rolled out Teachers Training Manual (Exemplar) in Hindi in four states.



Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the government of Madhya Pradesh. We now have four MoUs for Inclusive Education programme.



Completed first ever Learning Achievement Survey among blind and low vision children in SSA in Bhagalpur district (Bihar).

IMPACT

IN 2017



58,002

Classroom teachers and assistants at short courses:
Education / CBR / Inclusion courses



3,108

Blind / LV or other disabled children who received
educational material



345

Blind / LV or other disabled children who received
assistive devices



4,169

Other Educational Personnel at short courses:
Education / CBR / Inclusion courses



Tales from the Field



Kiran's Story

Visually impaired since birth, 10-year-old Kiran Kumari could have never imagined to step out of the periphery of her home and interact with anyone apart from her family members. Hailing from Dumka District of Jharkhand, Kiran enrolled in a local school which she never attended owing to her condition. Kiran's school teachers did not pay any heed to her attendance in school. They even confessed to not being given any training to teach children with visual impairment.

When Sightsavers in association with Chetna Vikas intervened through the team members of Inclusive Education Programme, Kiran began to witness a 360 degree change in her life. Regular counselling was provided to Kiran's parents and her teachers were also imparted skill development training programme where they would use Braille slate, Abacus, Taylor Frame and many more technology-based devices used in the process of teaching the blind.

Today, Kiran is the Cultural Minister of Bal Sansad Committee of her school and has mastered in accessing her TAB provided by Sightsavers. Kiran's overall performance in school has ameliorated. Her dream is to contribute to the society by becoming a school teacher. Kiran and her parents extended their heartfelt gratitude to Chetna Vikas and Sightsavers for enabling Kiran to study and learn.



SOCIAL INCLUSION

Sightsavers' National Social Inclusion programme is running in all its eight priority states as well as Tamilnadu. Started in 2014, the programme entered into third year of its operations in 2017. In most of the states, the programme is being implemented in partnerships with local NGOs along with the respective state National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) units or with the state social justice and disability empowerment departments. The programme seeks to ensure that Persons with disabilities have equal right and opportunities in an inclusive environment.

Some Key Highlights:

In the States U.P. and Chhattisgarh two district level DPOs have been registered under Societies Registration Act (i) in district Sultanpur of U.P. the DPO as Viklang Sewa Sansthan and (ii) in district Balodabazar, C.G. by the Jan Manav Viklang Sangh.

State Level DPO named APNO SANGH has been registered under Societies Registration Act in Rajasthan. This includes PWD representation of 10 districts. The DPO members in 5 districts under Sightsavers direct intervention will support the DPO strengthening activities in non-Sightsavers districts.

Girls with visual impairment participated in 5th National Blind and Deaf Judo Championships in Gurgaon in January, 2017. Total 11 girls participated in championships and 8 girls won the championship and awarded medals. One of the participant won Bronze medal in International Judo Championships at Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Self Defence Instructors' Course training was organised to create 17 visually impaired girls as trainers for similar courses for other blind girls.

Forty-three DPO members developed as State level Master Trainers were on SDGs, UNCRPD and RPwD Act, 2016 in Madhya Pradesh.

The Raipur joint venture was undertaken along with Going Pink (Marathon for breast cancer awareness) wherein PWD girls also participated. Many government department officials were present who praised the PWDs girls.

MoU signed between Sightsavers and West Bengal State Rural Livelihood Mission. Principal Secretary Panchayat and Rural Development West Bengal have signed the MOU. This MoU will enable us to facilitate that all disabled persons in the districts are organized and capacitate them to access sustainable livelihoods and enhance their quality of life within the wider social system.



IMPACT

IN 2017



3,285

Total PWDs (People with Disabilities) trained in livelihood



8,013

DPOs (Disabled Peoples Organisation) Members Supported



946

SHGs (Self Health Groups) Formed



47,703

PWDs Identified till date



9,426

Total PWDs trained on Rights and Entitlements



993

Total PWDs trained in Daily Living Skills



Tales from the Field



Pushpalata's Story

Hailing from Rajapur in Sultanpur District of UP, is a 20-year-old girl named Pushpalata who brims with a fiery attitude towards life. Pushpalata has orthopedic disability but that has not stopped her from pursuing her studies or working all day and supporting her family.

However, till two years ago, life was not moving so evenly for Pushpalata. Having six children along side Pushpalata, her parents were working day and night to provide food and education for them. With each passing day, it was becoming tougher for them to keep up the pace. Restless and scared to lose her education, Pushpalata met with Shyam Narayan who lived in the neighbourhood. Shyam Narayan, a DPO Member and the head of the SHG- Viklang Kalyan which was formed with the help of Sightsavers in association with Yuva Viklang Evam Dristibadhitarth Kalyan Sewa Sansthan (YVDKSS) in Sultanpur, told her about the group and welcomed her to join it. She got in touch with YVDKSS – Sightsavers' local partner and received the skill development training from Rural Self Employment Training Institute.

Today, Pushpalata is the leader of Viklang Kalyan in Bhairampur. She provides trainings to students from the village on stitching and painting on clothes. She has trained eleven students so far and has also enrolled a set of another students for the second batch.

Recently, Pushpalata completed her Masters in Home Science from Faizabad. Thinking back about her earlier days, Pushpalata says that all of this would not have happened had she not met 'Shyam Chacha' then. Shyam Narayan tells us that she is the most hardworking amongst all the eleven members of the group. Pushpalata has been a saviour for her family since she became a part of the SHG.



FUNDING & MARKETING

The Funding & Marketing department had an exemplary 2017 with innovations, surpassing its overall targets and many firsts. F&M could achieve 106% of its target for 2017 with successful corporate partnerships, expansion into new cities, and by foraying into events. Media and fundraising events like Brand Ambassador announcement, Macbeth and launch of RAAHI – Truckers Programme enhanced Sightsavers brand prowess across many cities. In the digital space, we ventured into new areas for acquiring a donor base and driving more traffic to our digital platforms.

OUR PARTNERS:

Fullerton	RPG Foundation	Society for Indian Automobiles Manufactures
Oracle	Baxter	
Ray-Ban	Alkem Labs	Gujrat Heavy Chemicals Ltd.
HCL Foundation	Urvi Ashok PIRAMAL Foundation	
Chola Mandalam Finance	IDBI Bank	

2017 Website Traffic



THE TIMES OF INDIA

70% truckers found to have weak eyesight

Doctor At NHAI Camp Finds They Were Driving With Condition Untreated, Some Can't Even See 20m Ahead

WHAT NGO'S SURVEY SAYS

Delhi-based Sightsavers, Mumbai-based Arwa Al Qassimi, and Hyderabad-based Sightsavers conducted a survey of 100 truck drivers in the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) camps. The survey found that 70% of the drivers had weak eyesight, which could be a major cause of road accidents. The survey also found that many drivers had untreated eye conditions, which could be a major cause of road accidents.

Category	Percentage
42% of truckers had weak eyesight	42%
64% of truckers had untreated eye conditions	64%
15% of truckers had cataracts	15%
19% of truckers had glaucoma	19%
14% of truckers had other eye conditions	14%
63% of truckers had cataracts	63%
18% of truckers had glaucoma	18%
16% of truckers had other eye conditions	16%
12% of truckers had cataracts	12%
17% of truckers had glaucoma	17%
13% of truckers had other eye conditions	13%

The Sunday Guardian

DELHI'S FINEST SUNDAY NEWSPAPER

International health programme prescribes eye care to truck drivers

INTERNATIONAL

Sightsavers, a leading global eye care organisation, has launched a new programme to provide eye care to truck drivers in India. The programme, called 'Eye Care for Truck Drivers', is a part of the International Health Programme. The programme will provide eye care to truck drivers in India, who are at a high risk of eye disease. The programme will provide eye care to truck drivers in India, who are at a high risk of eye disease. The programme will provide eye care to truck drivers in India, who are at a high risk of eye disease.

With 80% of truckers, such eye care is a professional requirement.

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Sightsavers book my show

Her Highness Sheikh Arwa Al Qassimi
in aid of Sightsavers

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What's Done is Done

2nd September, 6.30 pm

DIRECTED BY: Rajat Kapoor

FEATURING: Kohli Koechlin, Vineet Pathak, Ranjeet Shorey

HCL Grant

Sightsavers bagged the prestigious HCL Grant 2018 for Education contesting more than 3,000 NGOs in India.

Sightsavers has been running its Inclusive Education Programme in five states of India to mainstream visually impaired and blind children into the existing education system. At a power packed ceremony at the HCL campus in Delhi-NCR in March 2018, the Honourable Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh gave away the coveted award to Sightsavers India CEO, Mr RN Mohanty.



Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (All amounts are in Indian Rupees)

Balance Sheet - (Schedule VIII {Vide Rule 17 (I)}) as at 31st March 2018

Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	Note	As at 31 st March 2018	As at 31 st March 2017	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Note	As at 31 st March 2018	As at 31 st March 2017
Trust Funds	3	4,43,05,600	13,41,33,597	Immovable properties	5(A)		
				Gross block		37,85,188	51,95,990
				Less : Accumulated depreciation		27,82,551	37,25,215
Earmarked Fund Deferred Income		2,89,68,026				10,02,637	14,70,775
General Funds				Other fixed assets	5(B)		
(Created under the provisions of the trust-deed or Scheme or out of the income)							
- Gift reserves		3,47,803	5,73,951	Gross block		4,72,73,533	4,62,32,246
		3,47,803	5,73,951	Less : Accumulated depreciation		3,46,85,907	3,12,89,508
Liabilities						1,25,87,626	1,49,42,738
- For expenses	4	55,20,692	74,78,945				
						1,35,90,263	1,64,13,513
-For statutory dues		37,49,744	32,71,397				
- For earnest money deposit	15	-	45,00,000				
				Current assets			
- For payment to auditor		9,20,400	7,76,087	Prepaid expenses		16,53,478	14,88,807
				Deposits and advances:			
- For grants		28,83,858	87,43,255	- To employees	6	2,14,673	2,31,246
				- To others	7	71,67,011	48,67,285
- For employee benefits							
- Provision for gratuity		60,32,670	51,78,131				
- Provision for compensated absences		8,35,866	7,73,319	Cash and bank balances	8	7,09,39,234	14,25,01,540
- Provision for rent equalisation		-	73,709				
		1,99,43,230	3,07,94,843			7,99,74,396	14,90,88,878
TOTAL		9,35,64,659	16,55,02,391	TOTAL		9,35,64,659	16,55,02,391

Significant accounting policies 2

The notes referred to above form an integral part of the Financial Statements

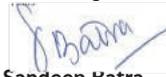
The above Balance Sheet, to the best of our knowledge and belief, contains a true account of the Funds and Liabilities and of the Property and Assets of the Society as at 31st March 2018.

As per our report of even date attached.

For **B S R & Associates LLP**

Chartered Accountants

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



Sandeep Batra

Partner

Membership No :093320

Place: Gurugram

Date: 21st August 2018

For **Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind**



Dr. S Y Quraishi

Chairman

Place: Delhi

Date: 21st August 2018



R N Mohanty

Chief Executive Officer

Place: Delhi

Date: 21st August 2018



Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (All amounts are in Indian Rupees)
Income and Expenditure Account - (Schedule - IX {Vide Rule 17(1)}) for the year ended 31st March 2018
Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai

EXPENDITURE	Note	For the year ended 31 st March 2018	For the year ended 31 st March 2017	INCOME	Note	For the year ended 31 st March 2018	For the year ended 31 st March 2017
To Expenses in respect of properties:				By Interest			
- Rates, taxes and cesses		7,469	41,341	- On bank accounts		41,25,420	64,93,670
- Repairs and maintenance		1,22,152	6,34,182				
- Insurance		3,538	3,040	By Donations in cash			
- Depreciation	5A	52,770	77,409	- From individuals	9	13,31,25,015	10,07,69,747
				- From corporates		6,32,10,015	6,35,68,676
To Establishment expenses	11	5,10,96,392	5,67,15,360				
				By Grants from Sightsavers, UK		29,84,89,158	40,98,68,016
				By Miscellaneous income	10	1,77,83,398	1,74,765
To Legal expenses		5,50,560	5,97,720				
To Audit fees	12	10,16,702	8,53,720				
To Miscellaneous expenses				By Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Surplus Fund		8,98,27,997	
- Consultation charges		62,06,671	74,40,060				
- Fund raising charges		15,63,43,057	11,44,01,288				
- Rent		1,12,75,932	93,65,689				
- Travelling and conveyance		94,94,015	1,45,64,721				
- Other expenses	13	2,14,74,251	2,01,08,692				
To Depreciation							
- on other fixed assets	5B	44,32,690	56,11,668				
To Expenditure on objects of the Society	14						
(classification is as certified by trustees)							
(a) Religious		-	-				
(b) Educational		1,89,33,750	1,48,89,245				
(c) Medical and poverty relief		32,55,51,054	27,55,74,402				
To Surplus transferred to Trust Funds		-	5,99,96,337				
		60,65,61,003	58,08,74,874			60,65,61,003	58,08,74,874

Significant accounting policies 2

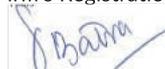
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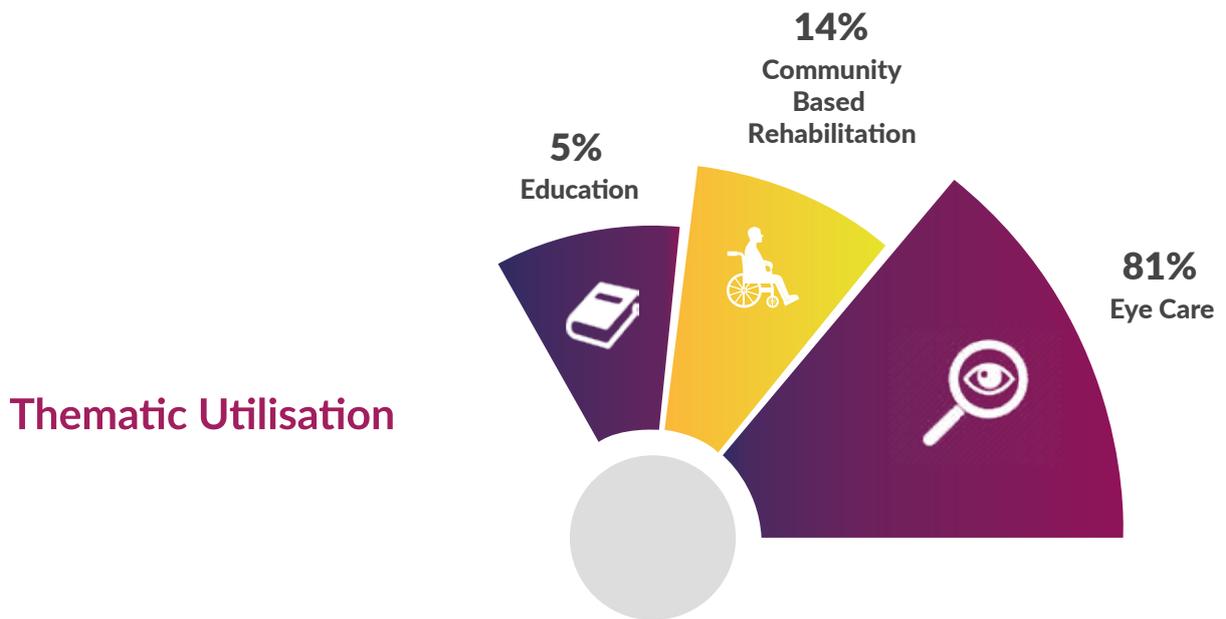
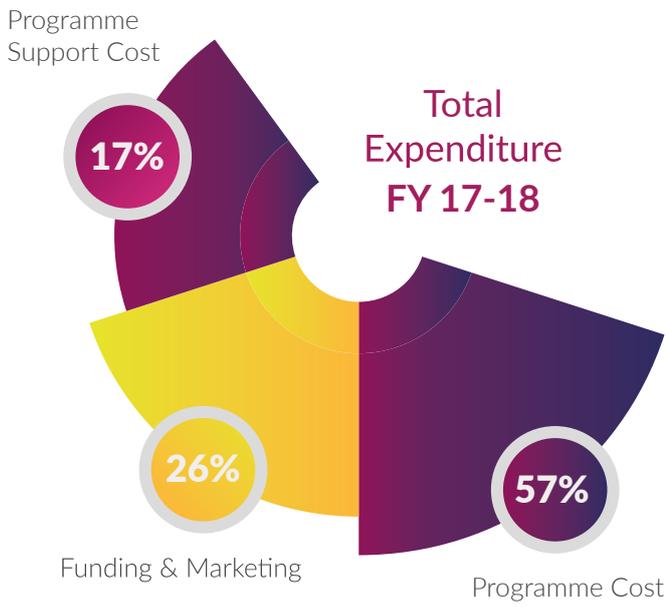
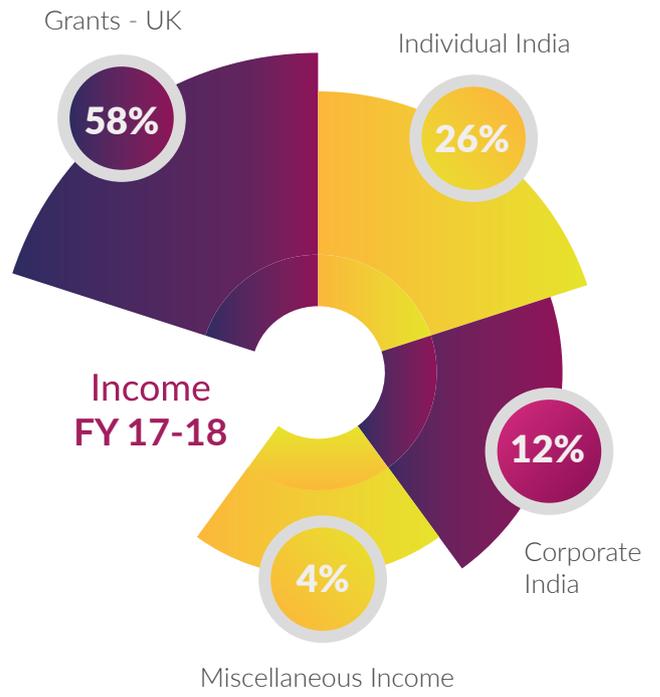
R N Mohanty
Chief Executive Officer

Place: Gurugram

Date: 21st August 2018



FINANCIALS



List of Abbreviations

- CWD: Children with Disabilities
- DR: Diabetic Retinopathy
- DPOs: Disabled People's Organisations
- ICT: Information and Communications Technology
- NUHM: National Urban Health Mission
- PWD: Persons with Disabilities
- RBSK: Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram
- SSA: Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
- SMC: School Management Committee
- SHG: Self-help Group
- SDG: Sustainable Development Goals
- UEHP: Urban Eye Health Programme
- XRCVC: The Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged
- CRC: Cluster Resource Centre
- NHM: National Health Mission

DID YOU KNOW?



Around **75%** of blindness can be cured or prevented.

Source: International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness



There are **2.68 Cr** people with disability in India. Of these, **56%** are males and **44%** are females.

Source: Census 2011, Govt. of India

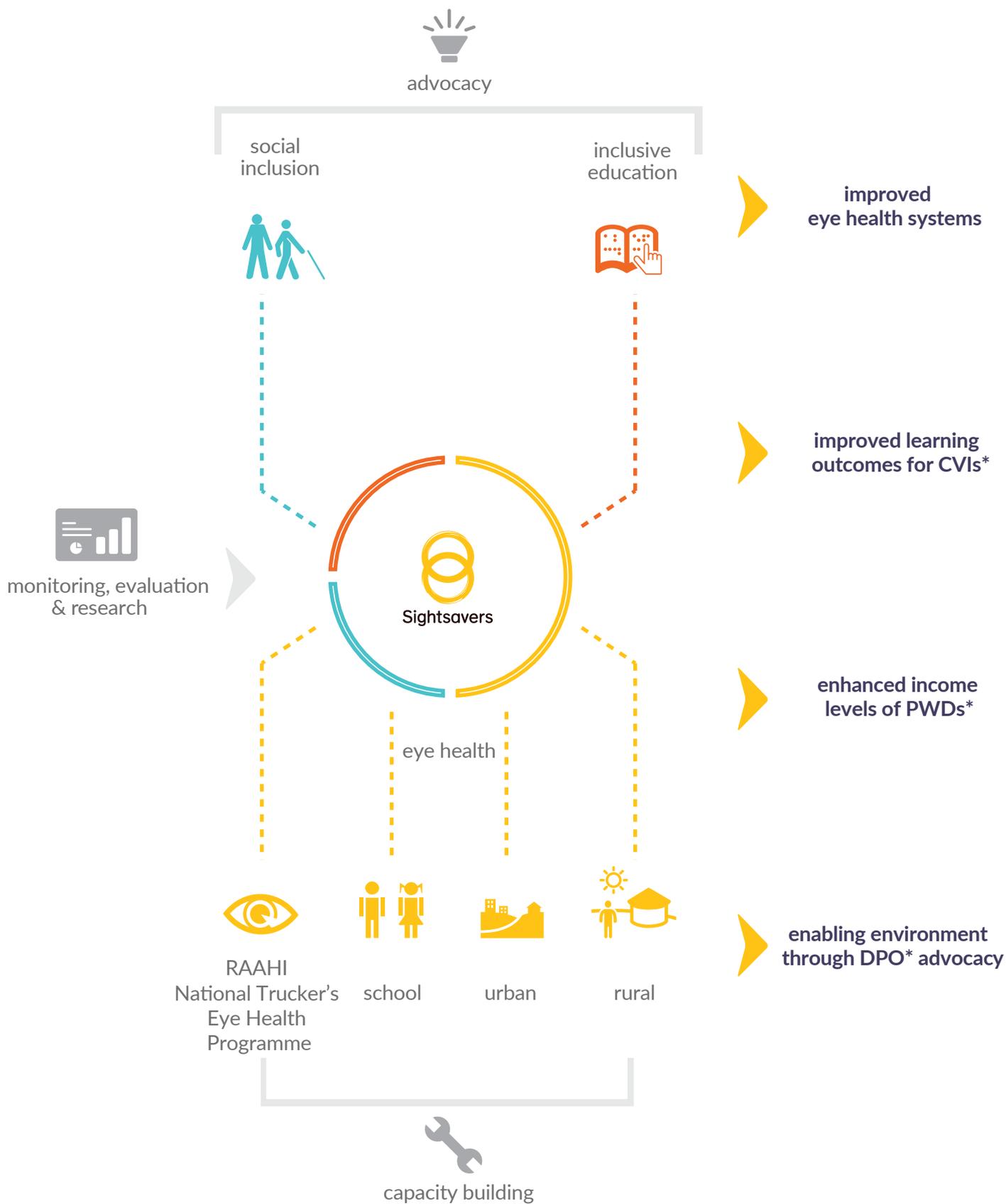


Of the total disabled population, **51%** people with disability in rural India are illiterate.



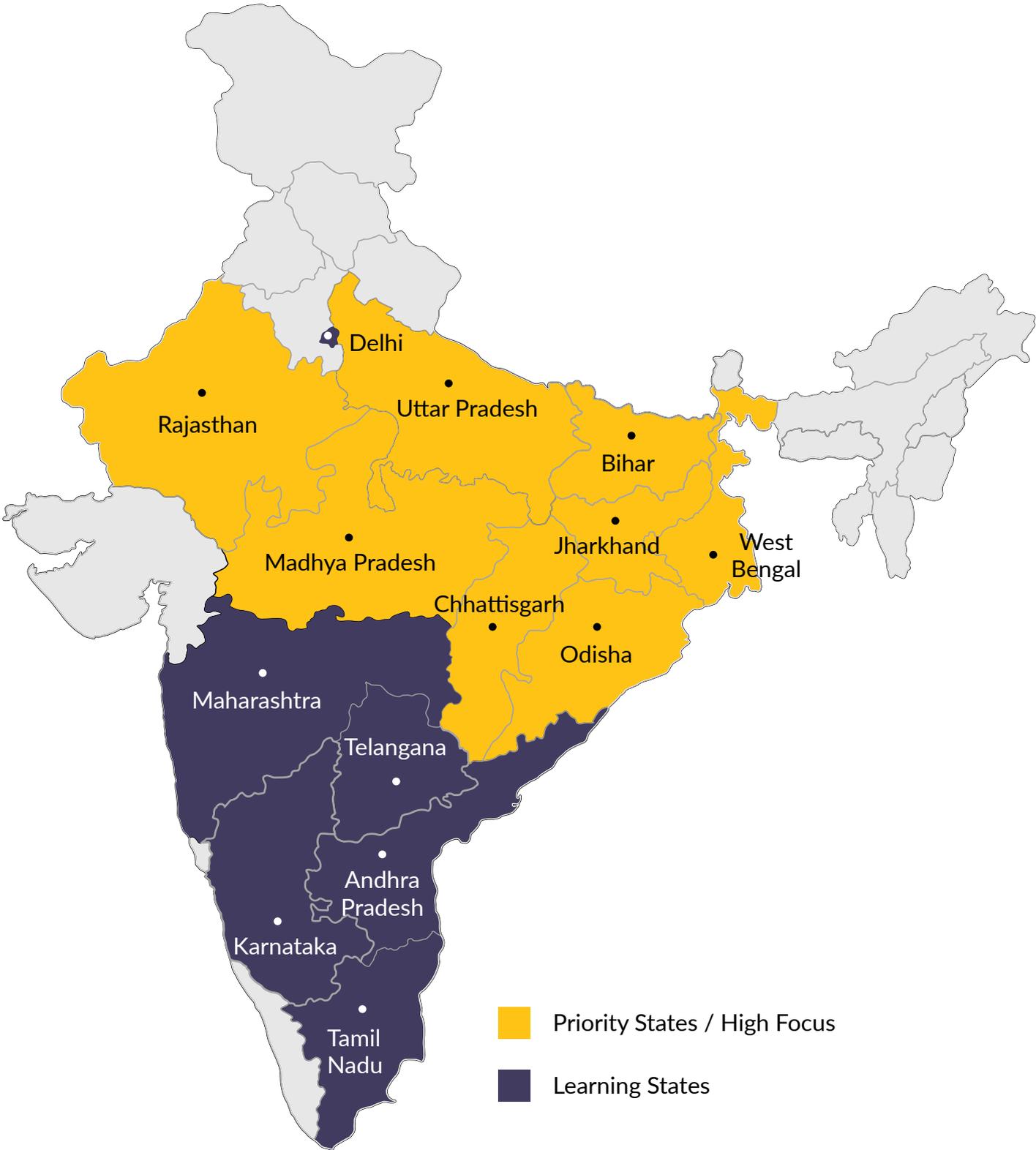
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Operational Framework



*CVI - Child with Visual Impairment
 PWD - Person With Disability
 DPO - Disabled Persons Organisation

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