

On the Road to Inclusion



Making Elections Inclusive



SDGs Empowering DPOs



Inclusive Education

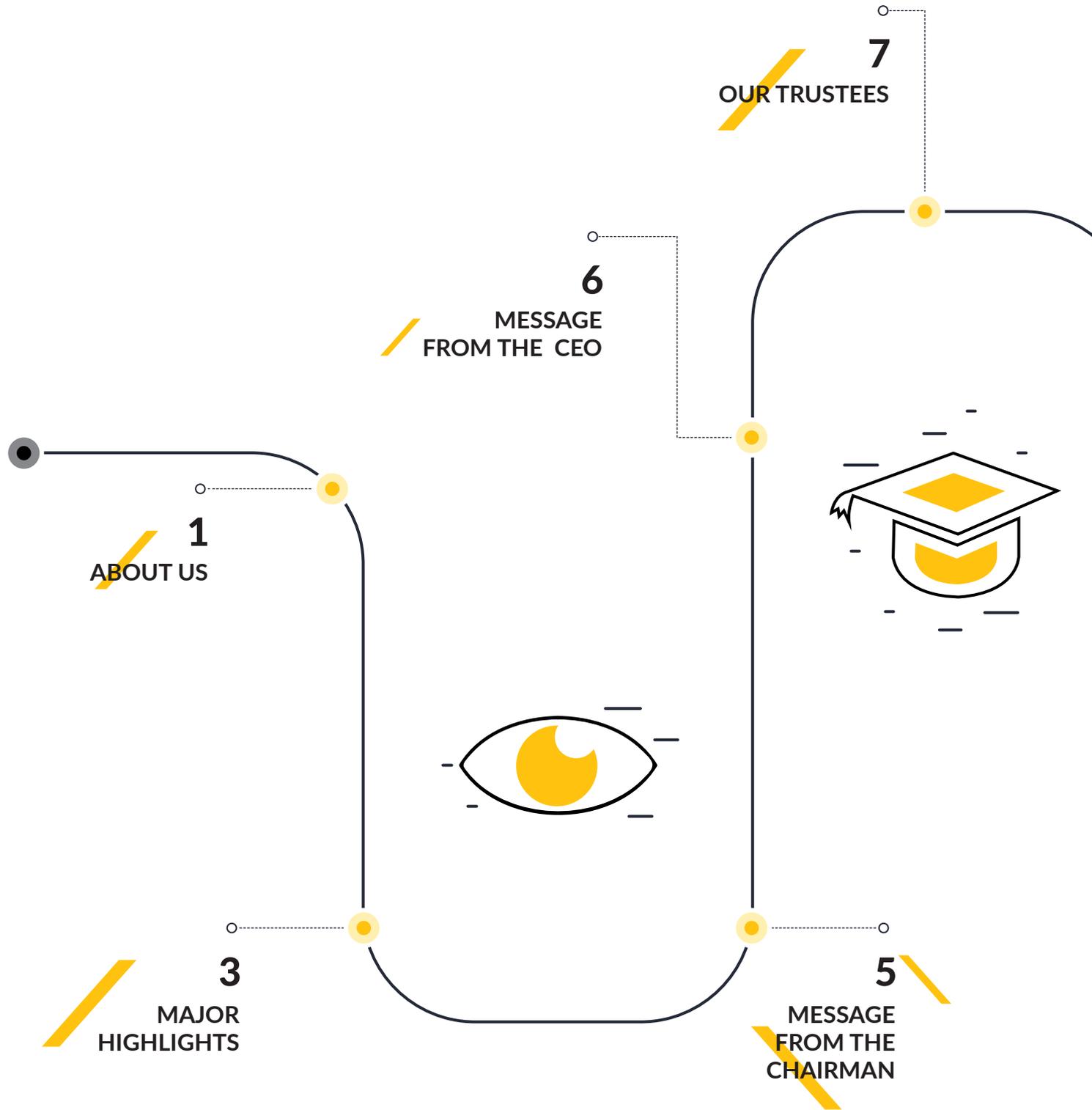


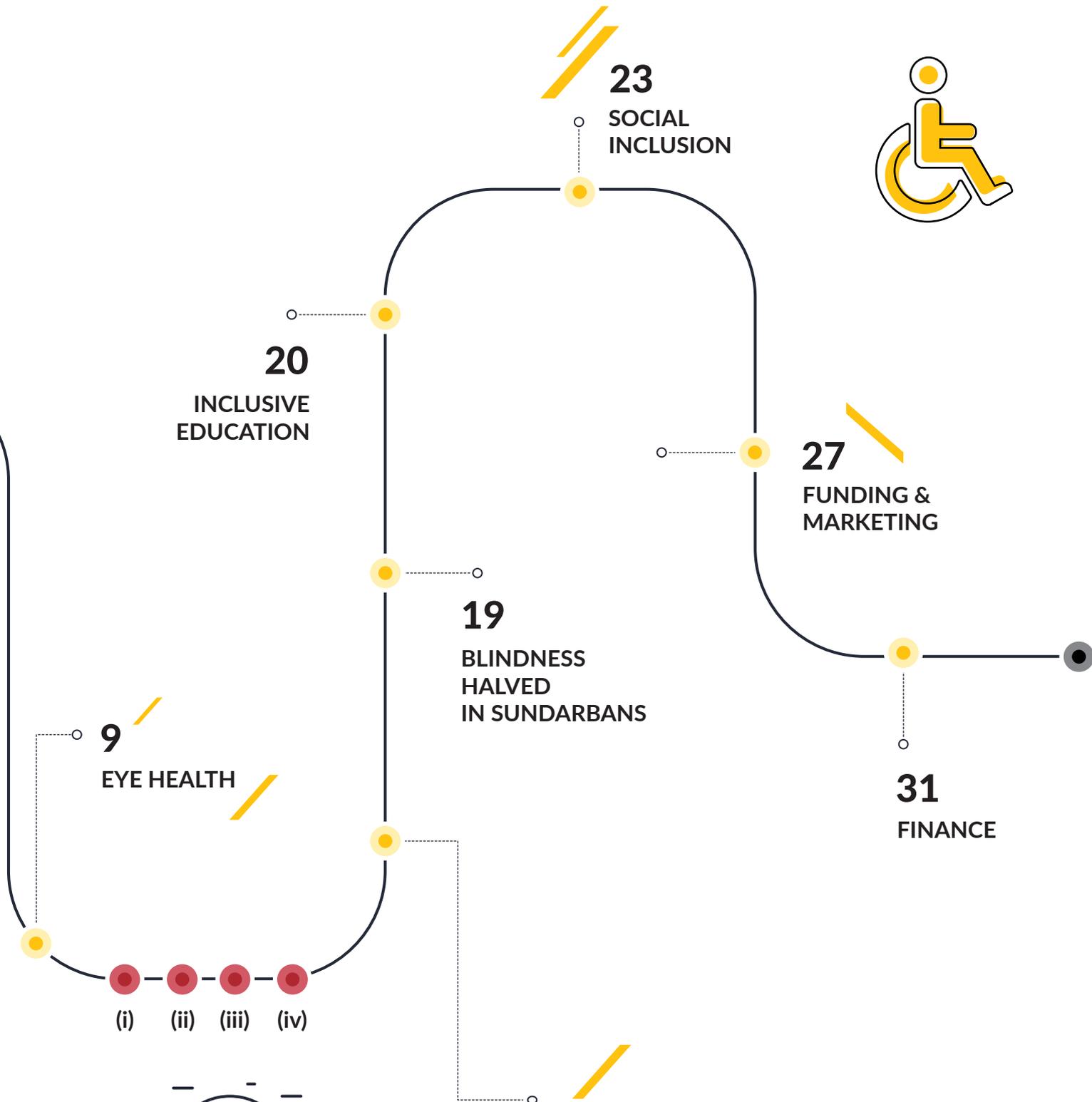
Government Partnership



RAAHI

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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. Over the past five decades, Sightsavers has reached out to over **55 million** people with potential eye problems till date.

As of now, we work in 100 districts across 8 states of India bringing eye healthcare, educational support, counselling, training and leadership development to visually impaired people in some of the least served areas of the country.

We work in a sustainable way to promote lasting change by strengthening existing health systems, seeking to advocate with and influence governments and by demonstrating best practices. We network with like-minded organisations to enable exchange of ideas and to advocate for the rights of the disabled. Sightsavers believes in promoting technologies in eye healthcare enabling a wider reach of health services in India.

MISSION

We are 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.



Major Highlights

VOYAGE PROGRESS
ACHIEVEMENTS



VOYAGE PROGRESS

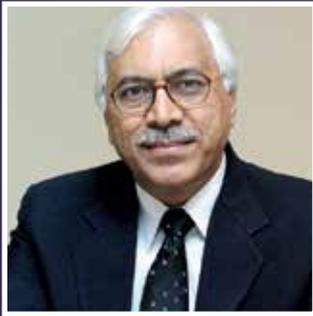
Major Highlights

of the Year

- 01** One of our biggest achievements in the year gone by was the successful **partnership with state governments**. It was after signing a MoU with District Health Society of Kanker in Chhattisgarh for Rural Eye Health that Sightsavers is working with government support in all its eight core states of operation.
- 02** In August, Sightsavers India culminated its five year-long **Sundarbans Eye Health Project**. The five years of intervention has resulted in reducing blindness to 0.7 % where the prevalence was 1.9% in 2013-14.
- 03** Sightsavers presented and moderated a number of papers in the **Vision 2020 Annual Meet** in Guwahati in June. At the conference, the district models with government in India that are adopted by Sightsavers was appreciated by all, especially the government officials of other states.
- 04** **National Trucker's Eye Health Programme - RAAHI** completed a year in October 2018. We have been successful in expanding the programme with RAAHI's presence in 33 locations across India. Our honorary brand ambassador **Sri Kabir Bedi** himself visited one of the RAAHI locations in Mumbai in December of 2018 and encouraged many truck drivers to get their vision corrected and spread a word on the same.
- 05** Sightsavers India bagged the prominent ICC Social Impact Award in the large project category for their Sundarbans Eye Health Service Strengthening Project.
- 06** Sightsavers garnered great visibility for its work in the media—electronic, print and digital—in 2018. One of the biggest breakthrough was a partnership with NDTV for their Mission Vision Campaign with Nova eyewear.

On the Road

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dr SY Quraishi

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

Building inclusive, vibrant democracies depends on the active engagement of all citizens in public life. People with disabilities represent a large part of the country's population and yet decision-makers have historically been unresponsive to their needs.

Through involvement in political activity, law and policy reform, disabled people and their organisations can influence improvements in the areas of health, rehabilitation, education, employment, and access to goods and services. One important part of democracy building is ensuring that all citizens participate in the electoral process.

Sightsavers' dedication in working towards promoting participation and inclusiveness for the disabled to lead a life of dignity has been consistent over the years. In the year 2018, Sightsavers India played a pivotal role in ensuring that people with disabilities are not left behind to exercise their voting rights in the country. For the State Assembly Elections, the Election Commission in various states and Sightsavers joined hands to be successful in Leaving No One Behind. Voting during elections is undoubtedly one of the most significant rights in a democracy for people to exercise and Inclusive Elections is definitely a major step by Sightsavers in creating an enabling environment for persons with disabilities.

This year, we have also seen a rise in media coverage be it print, digital or broadcast. Our collaboration with NDTV 24X7 was quite well with not only the media giant giving Sightsavers and its many employees coverage on our programmes but also lending support for our urban eye health initiative.

A lot has been planned and a lot has been executed this year. I am very happy to share that Sightsavers and partners have helped to halve blindness cases in remote Indian Sundarbans. These changes prove a positive motion which we continue to practice and achieve as an organisation.

to Inclusion

This one year has been an ascending journey for Sightsavers as an organisation. One of our biggest achievements in the year gone by was to successfully enter partnerships with state governments. It was after signing a MoU with District Health Society of Kanker district in Chhattisgarh for Rural Eye Health that Sightsavers is working with government support in all its eight core states of operation.

In August, we culminated five year-long Sundarbans Eye Health Project. The intervention has resulted in reducing blindness to 0.7% where the prevalence was 1.9%, during the baseline survey. The project was financially supported by Standard Chartered Bank under the 'Seeing is Believing' initiative. Along with this, Sightsavers India also observed a huge change in perceptions due to constant awareness generation in field. About 23,55,720 people were reached through various IECs and community sensitisation activities. It included working with local communities and undertaking sensitisation activities and outreach camps through clubs, women's groups and others.

Our National Trucker's Eye Health Programme – RAAHI completed a year in October 2018. We have been successful in expanding the programme with RAAHI's presence in 33 locations across India. The Cholamandalam grant for the project is another significant win. Going forward we will be expanding the programme to many more locations in the North-South and East-West corridor.

In fundraising, both corporate and individual fundraising teams have done well to achieve overall income targets for 2018. Sightsavers is always grateful for the support it receives from corporates and individual donors alike. The contribution of individuals makes a huge impact in letting us work towards the causes we support.

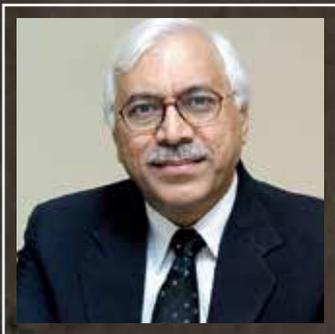
Sightsavers looks forward to continuously work in tandem with the government, our partners, donors and NGOs towards eliminating avoidable blindness and creating equality of opportunities for people with disability.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



RN Mohanty
CEO, Sightsavers India.

OUR TRUSTEES



Dr SY Quraishi
Honorary Chairman of the Board

Dr S Y Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner of India is known for his special contribution in social sector reforms covering health, education, population, drug abuse and civil society action.



Dr Ashok Dyalchand
Health Expert

Dr Ashok Dyalchand is a healthcare professional specialising in the management of primary health care, community ophthalmology, child and adolescent health among others.



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

Srila Chatterjee is the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Producer at Highlight Films, the first Production House for advertising films in India, and a Founding Partner of Blue Frog Media.



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.



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.



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.



EYE HEALTH



RURAL EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME (REH)



URBAN EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME (UEH)



SCHOOL EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME (SEH)



NATIONAL TRUCKERS EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME - RAAHI

Did you know **75%** of blindness is preventable?

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

Urban Eye Health programme made in-roads in two new cities thus marking our presence in **19 cities**.

IMPACT

IN 2018

53,49,700
Number of
Eye Screenings



2,46,413
Sight
Restoration
Surgeries



4,02,863
Spectacles
Distribution



18,97,329
Number of
People
Refracted



36,193
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.

Key Highlights

- ▶ In Madhya Pradesh, primary eye care centre was established in district Katni supported by Fullerton India Credit Company Ltd. Around three lakh people are likely to access the primary eye care services from this centre at a location where there are no eye care facilities available.
- ▶ Two Sub divisional Hospitals (in Alipurduar and Bankura) have started cataract surgeries with the equipment support from Sightsavers.
- ▶ In Bihar, we have successfully been able to increase surgeries in rural district hospitals. From six we have scaled up surgery performance to 21 district hospitals.
- ▶ In Rajasthan, as a result of consistent advocacy with the government, GoR has deployed four optometrist in district Chittaurgarh. Earlier there were no optometrists in the district.



A Gleaming Vision

65-year-old Shobha is a daily wage labourer and lives with her son in Alipurduar, West Bengal. Thrice a week, Shobha would walk up the hill to collect dry leaves and branches that were used as fuel.

Shobha was diagnosed with cataract in the eye screening camp organised by Sightsavers in her village under the Rural Eye Health Programme. She was referred to the base hospital and was operated for the cataract-removal surgery.



“Cataract had really affected me in many ways. I could not even do my day-to-day work before the surgery. However, since I can see clearly now, I wait to go back to my normal life.”



AMRITA DRISHTI

Urban Eye Health Programme



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

Key Highlights

- ▶ Partnership with State Blindness Control of Programme (SBCP) in Madhya Pradesh resulted in building capacities of 96 ophthalmic personnel on refraction and retinoscopy. Around 45 ophthalmic assistants were provided retinoscope by Sightsavers.
- ▶ INR 151 million has been provisioned for ophthalmic equipment in State Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) for 2018-19 in all Government facility at district and sub district level in Madhya Pradesh.
- ▶ An eye screening project exclusively for Construction Workers has been launched in Mumbai with support from Urvi Ashok Piramal Foundation.
- ▶ All 12 Vision Centres in 12 UPHCs of Patna districts are being run in locations provided by Patna Municipal Corporation.
- ▶ Government of Odisha has adopted Sightsavers 'DEHAT' tool (Situational analysis and system assessment tool) for identifying the gaps/ opportunities for planning its Universal Eye Health Programme.
- ▶ After constant advocacy, a VC within an Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) has been established in the largest red light area of Asia, Kolkata-Sonagachi.
- ▶ Government of Odisha started two courses; one for the training of ophthalmic assistants and another for ophthalmic clinical assistants in the ophthalmic sector.



Second Sight

70-year-old Shyam Sundar Devi from Patna had been struggling to see clearly for a year. She had blurred vision in both eyes. As days passed by, Sundar Devi struggled to do her daily chores.

Sightsavers in association with its partner hospital, Sri Sai Lions Netralaya (SSLN) would organise household screenings where a health worker was assigned to perform door-to-door screening in the urban slums. Indu Bala, a health worker did the screening for Sundar Devi after which she was referred to SSLN Hospital for further screening. Sundar Devi was found to have cataract in both eyes and she was operated for it thereafter.

With the gradual improvement in her vision, Sundar Devi has rekindled her love for sewing.



“Had it not been for Indu (Health Worker), I would have never stepped out of the house to get my eyes checked. I’m glad that I had my cataract operated.”



VIDYA JYOTI

National School Eye Health Programme



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

Key Highlights

- ▶ Sightsavers participated in National BALRANG Mahotsava 2018 - a joint programme of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya and Directorate of Public Instructions, School Education Department, Madhya Pradesh to promote the artistic talent of the students from 29 states and 5 Union Territories of the country. A stall was placed by the School Eye Health team exhibiting various eye care materials with theme- 'Samarth Bharat-Swastha Bharat'. The attraction of the stall was eye care games such as snakes & ladder, conversation maps, eye health quiz contest, eye screening by young girls -eye care champions (trained students from schools), selfie eye points, take away materials, FAQs on eye care and attractive prizes. Around 3,500 students got their eyes screened.
- ▶ Completed primary screening of more than 6 lakh children studying in government schools of Patna District; expanded screening services in private schools of Patna city.
- ▶ Department of H&FW, Govt. of Odisha has also adopted primary eye screening kits for the local health workers and school teachers developed by Sightsavers as part of its programme scale up.



Learning and Leading

11-year-old Lakhan attends a government school in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Lakhan had cataract in both eyes since birth. Due to this, he would often face difficulty in his studies. Lakhan underwent an eye screening camp organised by his teachers who were trained as a part of the strategy under Sightsavers’ School Eye Health Programme. He was referred to Sightsavers’ partner Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital after being identified having abnormal vision. Lakhan was further referred to the base hospital for cataract operation.

After being operated in both eyes, Lakhan’s vision has improved tremendously. He is now able to concentrate on his studies better and is doing the daily tasks with ease.



“Thanks to Sightsavers for making my son’s life brighter,” says Lakhan’s father.



RAAHI

National Truckers Eye Health Programme

The programme has geographically evolved with 30 locations operational currently falling on and around the Golden Quadrilateral route in India. In a span of one year and by the end of 2018, 11 Static Centres were introduced under the RAAHI programme, with one each in 4 metropolitan cities - Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. These static centres function as nodal points located mostly in Transport Areas with the provision of eye screening, refraction and referrals. There is also dispensing of spectacles to those identified with refractive error.

The programme received global attention when delegates from Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, The New York Times and Sightsavers International Global CEO- Dr. Caroline Harper visited Delhi to see The National Truckers Eye Health Programme in 2018.

Under the programme, eye screening of BEST Drivers was (Mumbai) done in October 2018. During this short campaign duration (completed in 12 days) 4,823 BEST drivers & conductors were screened and 2,584 were provided with spectacles. This was supported by RPG Foundation under their Netranjali initiative.





74,836
Number of
Eye Screenings



34,123
Number of
People Refracted



27,414
Spectacles
Distribution

During 2018, **51 %** of the targeted population were identified with Refractive error problem. Total referrals were **5,463** and of these **1,997** were identified with cataract.

Blindness Halved in Sundarbans

Existing cases of blindness in the Sundarbans, one of India's poorest and most inaccessible regions, have halved in the past five years thanks in part to the work of Sightsavers and its partners.

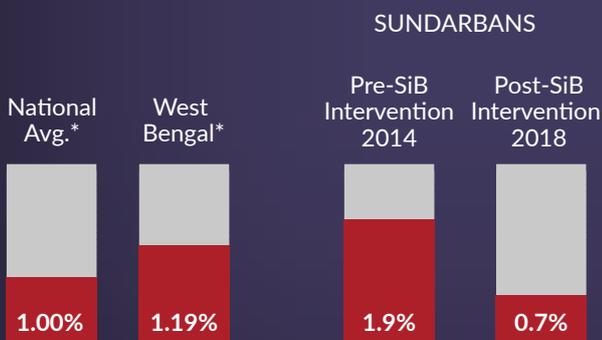
Sightsavers along with Standard Chartered Bank initiated the Sundarbans Eye Health Service Strengthening Project in 2013. The project aimed to address the urgent need for improving eye health in selected blocks in North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas (West Bengal, India). The project was financially supported by Standard Chartered Bank under the 'Seeing is Believing' initiative. The five years intervention has resulted in reducing blindness to 0.7 % where the prevalence was 1.9%, during the baseline survey in 2013-14.



Status of Eye Health in Sundarbans

Finding from Sightsavers' Baseline & Endline Survey

Prevalance of Blindness



*Source: NPCB RAAB Survey 2007

Vulnerable Groups



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

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

- The Government of Odisha has formed a task force under the guidance of Sightsavers for developing strategies and classroom transaction modules, which are inclusive to all students including the visually impaired.
- Sightsavers provided printable format of all books Class - I to Class-VIII to the Education Department and initiated printing of braille books in the Government Braille Press, in Bihar. There is increased budgetary allocation to Inclusive Education component of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Programme for Bihar with Sightsavers efforts.
- In Rajasthan, INR 10.5 million has been provisioned towards procurement of devices for children with visual impairment (CVIs) by Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Department of Education GoR.
- Several activities were undertaken with the government of Madhya Pradesh to enable quality learning outcomes among children (i) Beginner and advanced trainings organised on using smart phones for 44 children with visual impairment (CVIs) to enhance ICT skills and enable learning outcomes among them; (ii) Trained 47 teachers on inclusive teaching practices and computer based learning; (iii) Trained 58 members of school management committees (SMC) on regularisation of children with disabilities; and (iv) Collaborated with Composite Regional Centre (CRC) under Department of Social Justice to provide technical support and train 68 children on operating smartphones.
- Jharkhand Education Project Council, Government of Jharkhand has provided space for establishment of resource centre at Ranchi, Dumka and Hazaribag. All the textbooks in Jharkhand can be converted into accessible format and persons with disabilities can easily access the content. The Government of Jharkhand has accepted the same and is ready to provide it to all the schools through tabs.

IMPACT

IN 2018



26,092

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



1,486

Blind/LV or other disabled children who received assistive devices



2,265

Other Education/ Inclusion courses



The Girl with an Inquisitive Sight

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

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

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



“I wonder how people don’t like Maths. I see myself teaching in big universities when I grow up.”



SOCIAL INCLUSION

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



Key Highlights

- ▶ In West Bengal, a training manual on Inclusion in SHG for District Level Trainers has been developed by Sightsavers and has been adopted by the Panchayat and Rural Development Department.
- ▶ In Bihar, 589 DPGs were formed and 114 DPGs have opened their bank accounts.
- ▶ In a major advocacy success, government has agreed to scale up the leadership development model taken by Sightsavers in its demonstration districts in every Panchayat (Local Governance unit) level to usher the social inclusion and integration process at the village level.
- ▶ As a result of advocacy, 15 SHGs linked with livelihood intervention in different trades and loan of INR 7, 50,000 received from NABARD for seven SHGs for livelihoods and enterprise expansion in Madhya Pradesh.
- ▶ To promote accessible and inclusive elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh in 2018, PWD and DPO members jointly collaborated in different activities with the Election Commission.
 - (i) In Madhya Pradesh, workshops were held with district election department where 45 PWDs learnt to use EVM and VVPAT machines. The Election Commission of district Hoshangabad created 1,600 accessible voting booths.
 - (ii) Similarly in Rajasthan, DPO members were engaged in Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign focusing on inclusive elections.
 - (iv) In Uttar Pradesh, DPO members formed a district election committee.
 - (v) In Chhattisgarh, Sightsavers' partner organised the training of election officers on formulating strategies to make assembly election inclusive for persons with disabilities.
- ▶ In Madhya Pradesh, three women from a DPO supported by Sightsavers became members of committee monitoring violence against women formed by department of Police.
- ▶ Thirty visually impaired girls from Madhya Pradesh were trained on self-defence and life-skills.
- ▶ Sightsavers has been nominated as technical partner for State Planning Commission in MP to provide support on SDG implementation and monitoring specifically on disability.
- ▶ In Madhya Pradesh, 966 PWDs were mobilised to get registered in Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) scheme in collaboration with District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC).
- ▶ State level orientation on implementation of European Union supported project 'Building Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals - Empowering Disabled People's Organisation' held in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for members of DPO and project staff.
- ▶ Delegates from Sightsavers India and representatives of Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) supported by Sightsavers were invited for the European Disability and Development week in Brussels.

IMPACT

IN 2018

4,981

Total PWDs
trained in
livelihood



9,824

DPOs
Members
Supported



1,158

SHGs
Formed



10,925

Total PWDs
trained
on Rights and
Entitlements



6,229

Total PWDs
trained in
Daily Living
Skills



68,567

PWDs
Identified till
date





Inclusion Matters

30-year-old Sangeeta is a voter from Chittaurgarh, Rajasthan. She has orthopedic disability and is a member of Mewar Viklang Sewa Sansthan since 2010- DPO supported by Sightsavers in association with CUTS International. As soon as Sangeeta became a DPO member, there was no looking back for her. Since then she has been actively involved in representing the organisations in front of national and international representatives. She along with other DPO members actively participated in making 2018 Legislative Assembly Elections inclusive for persons with disabilities in Rajasthan.

Sangeeta also has a degree in Master of Arts in Education. She is currently planning to apply for teaching in government school.



“Voting should be an integral part of everyone's life. Due to the provision of suitable facilities for persons with disabilities at the polling stations, we saw a major turn out of voters with disabilities here in Chittaurgarh. This is certainly going to create a very positive end-result for the entire country.”



FUNDING & MARKETING



The year 2018 began on a high note for the Funding & Marketing division. Sightsavers bagged the prestigious HCL Grant 2018 for Education from Home Minister Sri Rajnath Singh, contesting more than 3,000 NGOs in India. The department overachieved its overall income targets at 109 percent. We have been expanding into new geographies like Chennai and Kolkata with face-to-face fundraising doing remarkably well. At the same time we are revisiting our strategy for in-house tele calling process with the changing markets.

The year was big on visibility in the media for Sightsavers India. We made our presence felt in broadcast, print and digital media across the country covering our programmes, events, and key profiles from within Sightsavers India. NDTV 24&7, The Hindustan Times, The Indian Express, Business Today, The Sunday Guardian, Wires like PTI, India Today digital were few amongst the many news platforms where we garnered coverage.

Expansion & Renewals:

Fullerton	RPG Foundation
Oracle	Baxter
Ray-Ban	Chola
Urvi Ashok Piramal Foundation	Mandalam Finance

New Support:

Airbus Group
SumTotal
ABB Group

The Corporate Fundraising (CFR) events team successfully executed three events - 'Ruckus Night with Triple A's' and 'Ruckus 2.0' in Mumbai and 'A Walk in the Woods' in Bengaluru starring Naseeruddin Shah and Rajit Kapur.



Social Media



Debut on Instagram
729 Followers



140k Likes



1,700 Followers

Sightsavers in News

Broadcast | Print | Digital | Op-Ed | Vernacular Media | Brand Ambassador Visit

Sightsavers garnered great visibility in the media—electronic, print and digital—in 2018. One of the biggest break through was a partnership with NDTV for their Mission Vision Campaign with Nova eyewear. Over a span of three weeks, various spokespersons, beneficiaries, partner hospitals of Sightsavers appeared on NDTV.



Sightsavers signed an MoU with OPEPA for Strengthening Inclusive Education Programme in Odisha

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THIS WEEK INDIA



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

THEATRE
Stalwarts on Stage

A Walk in the Woods is a play directed by actress Ratna Pathak Shah, starring Naseeruddin Shah and Rajit Kapur. The play revolves around two diplomats of India and Pakistan, who meet in Geneva to discuss a proposal that might ease the tension between the two countries. Proceeds of ticket sales will go towards Sightsavers India, an organisation working with the visually impaired. At MLR Convention Hall, Whitefield, on June 30, at 6 pm. Tickets range between ₹1,000 and ₹2,500.

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 2019

Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	Note	As at 31 March 2019	As at 31 March 2018	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Note	As at 31 March 2019	As at 31 March 2018
Trust Fund	1	27,715,953	44,305,600	Immovable properties	5(A)		
				Gross block		3,785,188	3,785,188
Retained Fund		20,000,000	-	Less : Accumulated depreciation		2,832,683	2,782,551
						952,505	1,002,637
Earmarked Fund				Other fixed assets	5(B)		
Deferred Income	2	21,356,963	28,968,026	Gross block		29,874,007	47,273,533
				Less : Accumulated depreciation		21,853,326	34,685,907
General Fund						8,020,681	12,587,626
(Created under the provisions of the trust-deed or Scheme or out of the income)				Other fixed assets	5(C)		
Project Fixed Assets Fund	3	1,323,370	-	Gross block		2,156,375	-
				Less : Accumulated depreciation		8,33,005	-
- Gift reserves	4	198,030	3,47,803			1,323,370	-
		70,594,316	73,621,429				
Liabilities						10,296,556	13,590,263
- For expenses	6	8,285,555	5,520,692				
				Current assets			
-For statutory dues		3,864,969	3,749,744				
- For payment to auditor		826,000	920,400	Prepaid expenses		2,371,314	1,653,478
				Grant receivable		1,985,394	-
				Deposits and advances:			
- For grants		10,469,093	2,883,858	- To employees	7	289,739	214,673
				- To others	8	9,663,661	7,167,011
- For employee benefits							
- Provision for gratuity		7,003,694	6,032,670	Cash and bank balances	9	77,412,764	70,939,234
- Provision for compensated absences		975,801	835,866			91,722,872	79,974,396
		31,425,112	19,943,230				
TOTAL		102,019,428	93,564,659	TOTAL		102,019,428	93,564,659

Significant accounting policies and notes forming part of the financial statements 16

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

For **Walker Chandlok & Co LLP**
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Chief Executive Officer

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Income and Expenditure Account - (Schedule - IX {Vide Rule 17(1)}) for the year ended 31st March 2019
Registration No. E- 4330 Mumbai

EXPENDITURE	Note	For the year ended 31 March 2019	For the year ended 31 March 2018	INCOME	Note	For the year ended 31 March 2019	For the year ended 31 March 2018
To Expenses in respect of properties:				By Interest			
- Rates, taxes and cesses		11,856	7,469	- On bank accounts		3,635,407	4,125,420
- Repairs and maintenance		142,095	122,152				
- Insurance		1,736	3,538	By Donations	10		
- Depreciation	5	50,132	52,770	- From individuals		186,831,647	133,125,015
				- From corporates		91,339,150	63,210,015
To Establishment expenses	12	61,016,132	51,096,392				
				By Grants from Sightsavers, UK		409,078,964	298,489,158
To Legal expenses		3,55,000	5,50,560	By Miscellaneous income	11		17,783,398
To Audit fees	13	8,26,000	1,016,702	By Deficit transferred to trust fund			89,827,997
To Miscellaneous expenses							
- Consultation charges		5,562,038	6,206,671				
- Fund raising charges		168,565,103	156,343,057				
- Rent		12,397,202	11,275,932				
- Travelling and conveyance		11,984,123	9,494,015				
- Other expenses	14	23,457,765	21,474,251				
To Depreciation							
- on other fixed assets	5	2,972,300	4,432,690				
To Expenditure on objects of the Society	15						
(classification is as certified by trustees)							
(a) Religious		-	-				
(b) Educational		21,907,526	18,933,750				
(c) Medical and poverty relief		378,225,807	325,551,054				
To Surplus transferred to Trust Funds		3,410,353					
		690,885,168	606,561,003			690,885,168	606,561,003

Significant accounting policies and notes forming part of the financial statements 16

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

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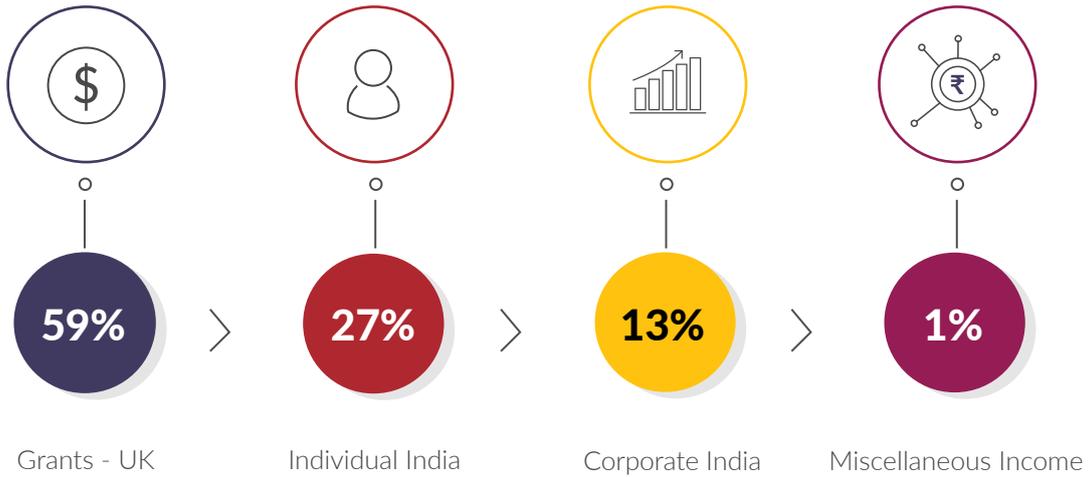
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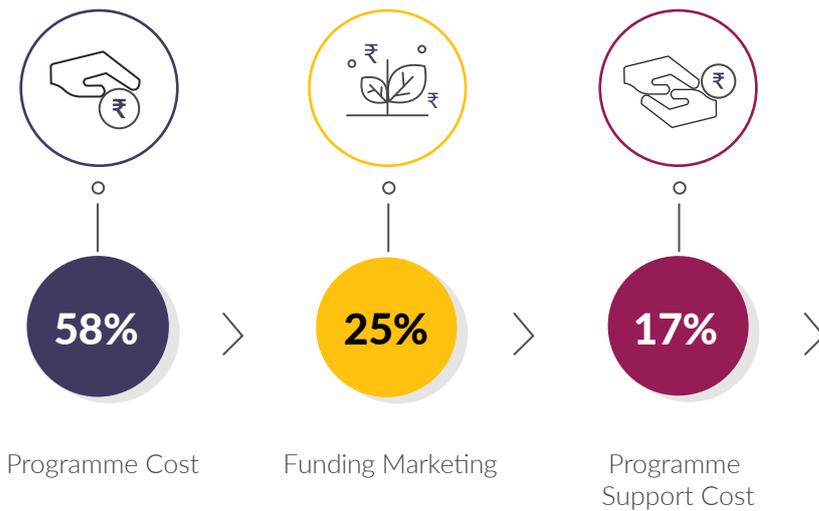
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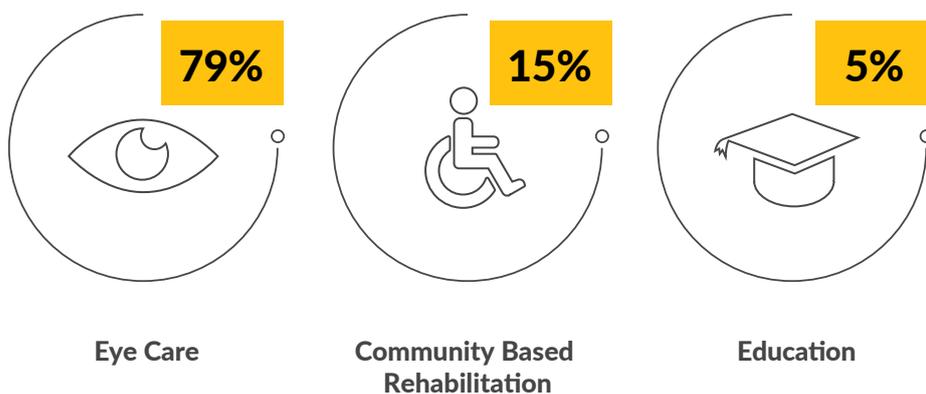
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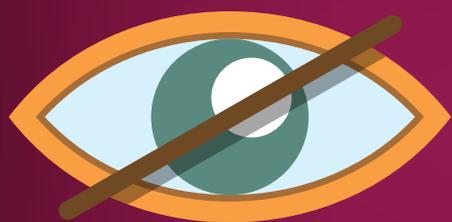
List of Abbreviations

- 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
- 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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