



Sightsavers

# Insight

How your support is making a difference | October 2020

Transform someone's life by helping us in our mission.

January – August 2020



16,81,833

Number of Eye Screenings



1,03,103

Sight Restoration Surgeries



1,47,326

Spectacles Distribution



6,57,620

Number of People Refracted

## Sightsavers India and Standard Chartered Bank join hands to create a safe and accessible environment for eye health facilities amidst Covid-19.

Sightsavers and Standard Chartered Bank announced their collaboration on promoting safe working environment in several hospitals and community eye health centres amidst COVID-19 crisis. In the current times, it is essential for hospitals to create and maintain safe working environment for its staff as well the patients while providing other essential non COVID-19 services.

The project intends to provide material support to the partner hospitals in Kolkata, Sunderbans and Mumbai. In particular, support will be given to the clinical partners and vision centres which have been supported by Standard Chartered Bank under Sightsavers 'Rural and Urban Eye Health Programmes' in the state of West Bengal and Maharashtra.

The initiative will help in improved access to personal protective equipment's among the health professionals and the patients in the identified districts and also reduce vulnerabilities of local communities, enabling them to better prepare for, mitigate and respond to COVID-19 disaster.

Keeping safe the eye health warriors who help us see the world better

Ensuring access to eye health for all amidst COVID-19 crisis



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

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Great Work Culture. Check.

## Nomesh's Story - Serving the needy amidst Covid-19

Nomesh hails from Raipur district in Chhattisgarh, India. He has orthopaedic disability.

In 2019, Nomesh became involved with a disabled people's organisation (DPO) which was supported by Sightsavers under the Social Inclusion Programme. In 2019, Nomesh was unanimously elected as president of the same DPO.

During the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and subsequent lockdown, Nomesh assisted the District Social Welfare Department in identifying families in need amidst the pandemic. With the support of other DPO members, Nomesh prepared a list of 68 families with disabilities who had been severely affected due to lockdown. He shared the list with the department and followed up until the identified families received the support that they needed.

Nomesh stitched around 350 masks and distributed them to policemen, health workers and daily wage workers. He also distributed food packets to around 56 migrant families. Adding to these, he volunteered and delivered medicines to 20 sickle cell patients, amidst the lockdown. Due to his dedication to help others, Nomesh became a source of motivation for many DPO members. He says that his efforts to help people out makes him happy.

**"If nothing else, this is my small contribution for the people of my country,"** says Nomesh.



**Under the Inclusive Education Programme, Sightsavers India initiated a Tele Education Model for providing learning opportunities to Children with Visual Impairment from their respective homes in Bihar.**



## Celebrating World Sight Day 2020 with the launch of our film, 'Breaking Barriers'

Last year, this time, our Honorary Brand Ambassador, Mr Kabir Bedi took six wonderful children from our Inclusive Education Programme in Rajasthan and Jharkhand to the iconic places of Mumbai. This year on World Sight Day 2020, we virtually launched our film, 'Breaking Barriers' in the presence of Dr SY Quraishi, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustee, Sightsavers India. The film beautifully captures the experience of these blind children in the city of Mumbai.



**We thank you for your incredible, unwavering support that helps us in changing a million lives!**

In India since 1966, Sightsavers works to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equal opportunities for disabled people.

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