

Letter from the CEO

Hello,

In the last quarter, the Mission for Vision (MFV) team saw several firsts. For the first time we've looked at the larger picture around our Patient Care Review process - recalibrating it as 'Impact Assessment'; we've collaborated with other institutions for the first time to help them assess the impact of their programmes in the community; and last but not the least, 'Drishhti' our Newsletter was released in the electronic format and is a significant step towards MFV going green. Our Quarter 1 eNewsletter received hearteningly positive feedback from many of you. We thank you for your support and encouragement.

MFV's hospital partners have completed 86,737 surgeries in the past six months (46% of the annual target) and we're increasing the pace to meet our annual target of 187,000 surgeries by the end of March 2015. But, most importantly, we will achieve this without compromising on the high quality of treatment and care we promise our patients.

Our focus on expanding MFV's reach further into India is steadily on track. We have committed to new partnerships that will bring quality eye care to some of the country's less accessible areas. In Odisha, we are partnering with LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) for Berhampur and Rayagada districts. The construction work has begun and inauguration of hospitals are scheduled for July 2015 in Rayagada and October 2015 in Berhampur. In Mizoram, we plan to sign the MoU in Quarter 3 with Synod Hospital in Aizawl.

Based on MFV's Impact Assessment in eye care among adults, we will be starting similar assessment studies among children. We will shortly be starting a pilot programme along with our partner, Sankara Eye Hospital in Bangalore, who treat large numbers of children.

I am happy to inform you that three papers were accepted for presentation at the VISION 2020 India AGM in July 2014

- Impact of cataract surgery on quality of life by Mamta Singh (Head - Programs)
- Primary eye care through vision centres by Sandip Banerjee (Zonal Coordinator - East)
- The new CSR law: opportunities galore by TV Balasubramanian (Head - Finance)

Representation of MFV's good practices at an eminent professional forum such as VISION 2020 helped raise considerable visibility of our work in India. This led to several eye institutions to reach out to MFV for our expertise in impact assessment. Karad Eye Institute, a leading centre in Maharashtra has requested MFV's technical expertise to assess the impact of their work in Karad, Maharashtra. We have commenced field work and the final report and presentation is expected in October 2014.

Last but not the least, this quarter too, I have some heartwarming stories of transformation to share with you, along with the results of our Impact Assessment report and our partners' performance. As always we are very grateful to you for your invaluable support and belief in our work.

Do write to me with any feedback you wish to share at elizabeth.kurian@mfvindia.org

I look forward to working together with you towards our common goals.

With best regards,

Elizabeth Kurian

Impact Assessment Report - July 2014 to September 2014

During the period July 2014 to September 2014, we surveyed 3464 patients. Out of whom 44% were male and 56% were female.

Indicator	Numbers	Visual Acuity Classification	Numbers	Percentage (%)
Patients with one eye operated	3401	Good (6/6 - 6/18)	3110	88.18
Patients with both eyes operated	63	Border (6/24- 6/60)	294	8.34
Total number of eyes operated	3527*	Poor (>6/60)	123	3.49
		Total	3527	100

*Total number of eyes surveyed equals number of patients with one eye operated plus number of patients with both eyes operated counted twice to account for both eyes, i.e. 3401 + 63 + 63 = 3527

This data is to assess the level of accuracy of vision post operation. As per this survey data, 88.18% of the patients that received treatment have good vision post operation; 8.34 % have border vision post operation and only 3.49% of the patients operated went home with a poor vision as opposed to no vision at all!

Stories of Transformation

Enhancing Vision, Restoring independence



At 61 years of age, Ramanbhai Babubhai Solanki earns his living rolling bidis. Not out of choice, though. He lives alone in Khatana village, Anand district, Gujarat and rolling bidis is his only source of livelihood. He lost his wife a few years ago and he has no children.

Being a poor man, the paltry Rs. 2000 he earned each month was just enough to meet his daily expenses. Ramanbhai developed cataract in both his eyes due to old age which affected his ability to do any work especially rolling bidis. He had to resort to begging to make ends meet. He had not only lost his only source of income but also his independence and dignity.



One day a relative took Ramanbhai to an outreach camp of Sankara Eye Hospital, a MFV supported initiative. His cataract was diagnosed as treatable. He received high quality care at the hospital free of cost. To his amazement and joy, his vision was restored. Post-surgery, Ramanbhai has gone back to rolling bidis and he earns his living again without losing either his dignity or his independent way of life.

Advocating timely eye care, preventing avoidable blindness

Ranchodbhai Dudhabhai Gohel's story is that which every social service organisation would take heart from. Ranchodbhai is 72 years old and lives with his wife and son in Navli village, Anand district, Gujarat. The family runs a petty shop which brings in a meagre income that helps them make ends meet.

A while ago, Ranchodbhai underwent cataract surgery at Sankara Eye Hospital, a MFV partner. He liked the quality of care and the treatment offered. More importantly, he liked the respect and dignity with which the hospital staff treated the poor patients who underwent free of cost treatments.

He has been so happy with his experience at the hospital that he has since been advising others in his village on timely eye check-ups, counselling and referring patients to the hospital's outreach camps.



Ranchodbhai is a valued advocate of eye health doing his bit to eradicate avoidable blindness.

Bringing light and joy back in Gagan's life

As a toddler, Gagan injured his eyes while playing with his siblings. His parents took him to the local government hospital where Gagan was treated for his injury. Gagan's parents are daily wage earners - father is a house painter and mother works in a thread factory - and hence could not afford expensive, private healthcare.

Government hospitals provide free of cost treatment and is the only affordable medical care available to the majority of poor and marginalised people in India.

When Gagan was 4 years old, his parents enrolled him into school. But soon enough, his teacher called the parents to school and informed them that Gagan was not faring well and that he seemed to have trouble seeing. Gagan's parents were naturally very worried. They went back to the same Government Hospital for an eye check-up, where Gagan was diagnosed with cataract in both his eyes. Unfortunately, surgery to treat Gagan was beyond the means of the child's parents.

For nearly three years, Gagan suffered deteriorating vision. His eye sight grew worse so much so that he had to drop out of school. His parents were helpless and very worried about their child's condition.

A few months ago, Gagan's father saw a pamphlet at his place of work which talked about the free outreach camps conducted by Sankara Eye Hospital, a MFV partner. He felt it was a ray of hope for Gagan and wasted no time in taking his son to the nearest camp. After Gagan was examined and counselled by the medical team, he was taken to the hospital for the cataract surgery. Within a span of few weeks, Gagan had both his eyes operated and his vision restored. His parents were elated and very thankful to the hospital for its free services.



Gagan started school and is completing kindergarten. He says he can see things clearly now and aims to become a policeman.

Partner performance report - July-September 2014

Mission for Vision, India - Partner Hospital Performance

S.No	Partners	Target for this quarter (July 14 to September 14)	Surgeries Performed in this Quarter (July 14 to September 14)	% Achieved in this quarter (July 14 to September 14)	Annual Target 2014 to 2015	Surgeries Performed from April 14 to September 14	Percentage of Annual Target Achieved in April 14 to September 14
1	Sankara Eye Centre COIMBATORE	7,750	12,252	158	31,000	20,719	67
2	Sankara Nethralaya (JCOC),CHENNAI	2,500	1,306	52	10,000	4,960	50
3	Tulsi Eye Hospital NASHIK	1,750	1,477	84	7,000	3,033	43
4	Sankara Eye Hospital PAMMAL	3,250	3,878	119	13,000	7,419	57
5	Sankara Rural Eye Hospital KRISHNANKOIL	3,375	3,530	105	13,500	6,489	48
6	Sankara Eye Hospital GUNTUR	6,250	6,785	109	25,000	12,564	50
7	Nirmal Ashram Eye Institute RISHIKESH	3,000	2,443	81	12,000	5,105	43
8	Sankara Eye Hospital BANGALORE	5,750	4,363	76	23,000	8,945	39
9	Sankara Eye Hospital SHIMOGA	5,750	3,792	66	23,000	8,704	38
10	Sankara Eye Hospital ANAND	3,000	1,661	55	12,000	2,967	25
11	Sankara Nethralaya KOLKATA	750	293	39	3,000	1,084	36
12	Shri Shrinivasa Sankara Nethralaya, TIRUPATHI	375	265	71	1,500	383	26
13	Shri Sankaradeva Nethralaya GUWAHATI	750	1,125	150	3,000	2,195	73
14	Sankara Eye Hospital LUDHIANA	1,000	962	96	4,000	2,078	52
15	Sankara Eye Hospital KANPUR	1,250	0	0	5,000	0	0
16	Bansara Eye Care Centre SHILLONG	250	48	19	1,000	92	9
	Total	46,750	44,180	95	187,000	86,737	46