



Mission for Vision  
partners in eye health



# Synergy for Sight

**Mission for Vision** (MFV) is a not-for-profit organisation established in the year 2000 to eradicate avoidable blindness through the enablement of high quality, comprehensive and equitable eye care. The organisation was founded on the philosophy of Caring Capitalism®, rooted in the belief that an individual should give a portion of generated wealth to the communities from which they have benefitted. Blindness is largely a consequence of poverty and people with visual impairment are more likely to become economically challenged if eye care is inaccessible. The certainty that eradicating avoidable blindness enhances productivity and leads to social and economic equality powered MFV to provide the underprivileged communities with access to quality eye health care at their doorsteps.

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## VISION

To restore the gift of vision to every visually impaired human being, irrespective of nationality, religion or socio-economic status.



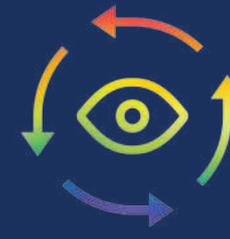
# VALUES



Quality Care



Cost Efficiency



Sustainability



Services for all

# PHILOSOPHY

**Caring Capitalism<sup>®</sup>**  
*This is the belief in leveraging business successes for the betterment of humanity and respect for nature.*

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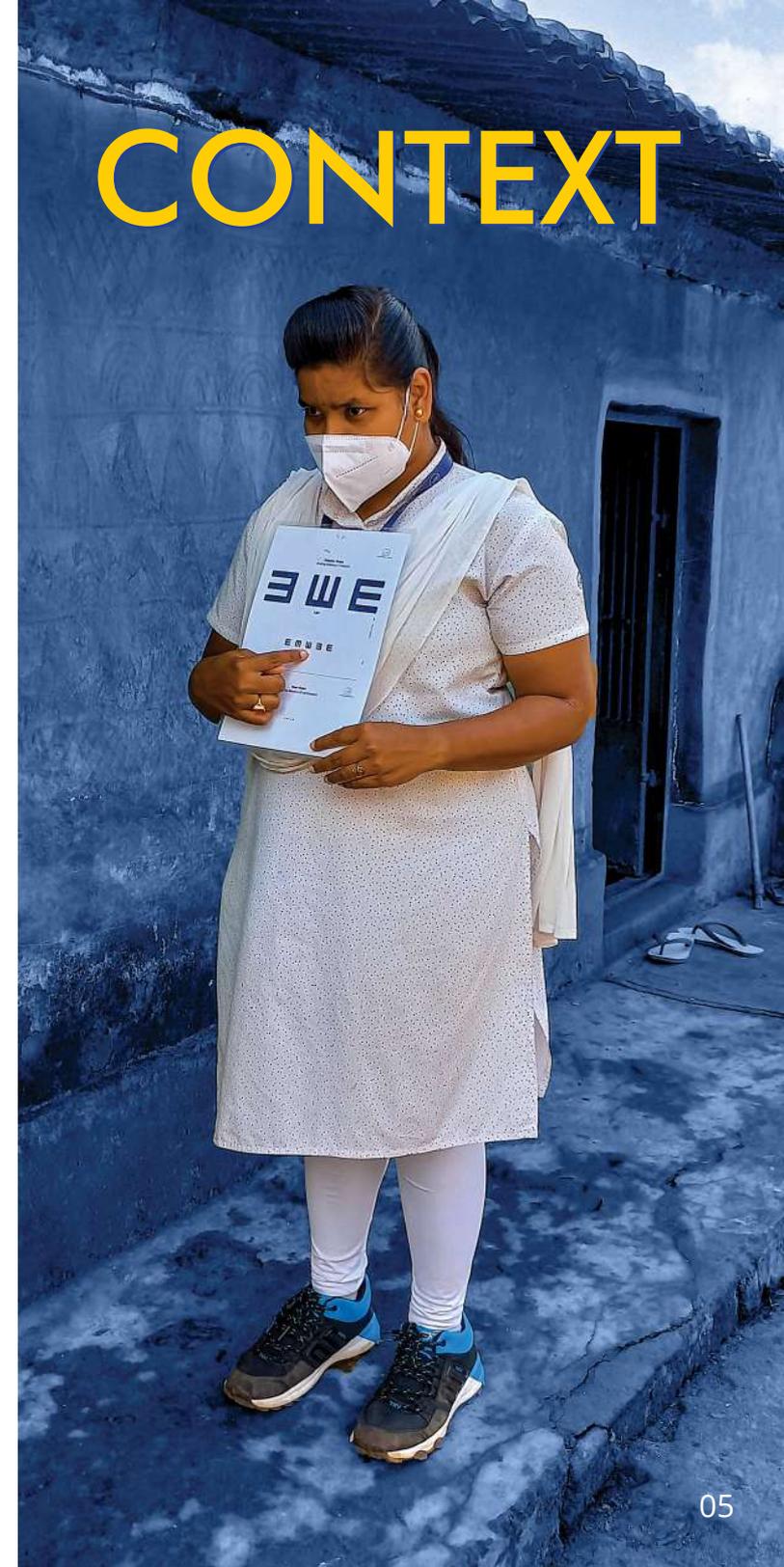
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As per the World Health Organization (WHO), nearly 2.2 billion people around the globe have a vision impairment and among them 1 billion have a vision impairment that could have been either prevented or is yet to be addressed. India is home to around a fourth of the world's blind, severely, and moderately visually impaired persons that totals to 56.5 million people. To address this issue on a global level, a new resolution of "Vision for Everyone – Accelerating Action to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals" was unanimously adopted by all 193 countries of the United Nations on 23rd July 2021 at the 74th World Health Assembly. It is the first agreement focusing on tackling avoidable blindness that was adopted at the United Nations and integrates eye health as part of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

It is evident that these ambitious goals of eliminating avoidable blindness cannot be achieved in silos. Mission for Vision has been a catalyst in the eye health sector by unlocking the power of partnerships and accelerating the process of creating a world free of needless blindness. Amid the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, our partnerships emerged stronger in our mission to eradicate needless blindness amongst vulnerable communities across the country.

This Annual Report captures Mission for Vision and its partners' key achievements and the progress towards its vision in alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations. Along with the linkage to the SDG 17 of "partnerships for the goals", Mission for Vision's programmes have direct linkages to the goals set out by the National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment and several other global targets. With the aim of leaving no one behind, Mission for Vision and its partners are committed towards creating a world where nobody is needlessly visually impaired, and all people get access to quality eye health.

# CONTEXT



Dear Friends,

Mission for Vision (MFV) was established 22 years ago with the aspiration to create an inclusive world free of avoidable blindness. Given the size of the problem, the need for collective action was obvious. Partnerships have played a crucial role in shaping the strategic roadmap towards effective eye care delivery and poverty alleviation.

I am happy to inform you that during 2021-22, MFV and partners enabled over 531,200 eye health interventions and provided over 145,900 eye surgeries at no cost to the patient. We made a foray into the 21st State of India with the establishment of two Vision Centres in Sikkim and established 34 new Vision Centres across India.

Our efforts towards eliminating preventable blindness were further strengthened with the launch of new eye hospitals and training facilities. As we move ahead, we will continue to focus on making equitable, accessible and affordable eye health, a reality for all.

The relentless efforts of our team and partners during the pandemic demonstrates our commitment to serve our communities and enable quality eye health for all. It was inspiring to see numerous eye health organisations pivot and lead the way with innovative adaptations focused on serving the socio-economically challenged communities.

With the ethos of Caring Capitalism® at the centre of all our work, I am certain that we can overcome the setbacks brought about by the pandemic and ensure that no one goes needlessly blind.

We have come a long way and still have a long journey ahead of us. Let us make this last decade towards 2030 count and let us do this together!

*With best regards,*

**Mr Jagdish M. Chanrai**

*Founder, Mission for Vision*



**MESSAGE FROM THE  
FOUNDER**

Dear Colleagues,

Last year was among the most significant at Mission for Vision and the entire eye health fraternity.

By the end of the year, we had helped establish two new eye hospitals in the country, 34 new vision centres and embarked on innovative initiatives to address retinopathy of prematurity and eye cancer among neonates and children, respectively. Our training programme for Allied Ophthalmic Personnel grew in strength and we also commenced working in the State of Sikkim.

Globally, eye health received significant attention with the 74th World Health Assembly officially adopting two major global targets for integrated people-centred eye care, and the first ever UN Resolution on Vision, Everyone: Accelerating action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

These milestones helped maintain momentum and optimism during the several months of the pandemic.

All of the above was possible due to persistent efforts and optimism of our team, the resilience of our partners and the unstinted support of our founder, board and supporters. We remain immensely grateful to them.

Going forward, we are optimistic that we will appropriately address the weakened eye health systems of the past two years with the stewardship of our government, partners and supporters, towards our vision of a world free of avoidable blindness.

*Thanking you, and with best regards,*

**Ms Elizabeth Kurian**

*CEO, Mission for Vision*



**MESSAGE FROM THE  
CEO**

## FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022

### MISSION JYOT [ Vision Centre Programme ]

**184,532**  
People  
intervened

### MISSION NAYAN [ Retinopathy of Prematurity among neonates ]

**1,284**  
Neonates  
intervened

### MISSION SAKSHAM [ Building Allied Ophthalmic Personnel capacity ]

**96**  
Candidates completed the course  
& **151** undergoing training



**531,228**  
EYE SERVICES  
ENABLED

**145,936**  
EYE SURGERIES  
PROVIDED AT NO COST



### MISSION NETRA [ Cataract Surgeries ]

**132,401**  
Cataract surgeries  
enabled at no cost

### MISSION DISHA [ Heavy Vehicle Drivers' Eye Health ]

**741**  
Truck- Bus-drivers &  
Carpenters intervened

### MISSION JEEVAN [ Addressing Retinoblastoma ]

**8**  
Children  
treated for cancer

## OVER THE YEARS

[ inception to March 2022 ]

### MISSION JYOT

[ Vision Centre Programme ]

**738,647**  
People  
intervened

### MISSION DISHA

[ Heavy Vehicle Drivers' Eye Health ]

**15,054**  
Truck- Bus-drivers &  
Carpenters intervened

### MISSION SAKSHAM

[ Building Allied Ophthalmic Personnel capacity ]

**174**  
Candidates completed the course  
& **214** undergoing training

### MISSION NETRA

[ Cataract Surgeries ]

**2.51+**  
Million cataract surgeries  
enabled at no cost

### MISSION NAYAN

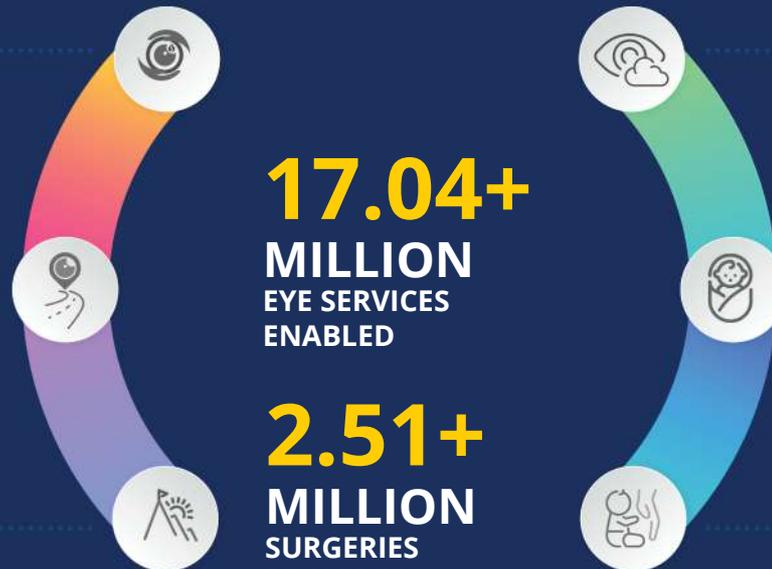
[ Retinopathy of Prematurity among neonates ]

**2,204**  
Neonates  
intervened

### MISSION JEEVAN

[ Addressing Retinoblastoma ]

**10**  
Children  
treated for cancer



**95** Vision Centres Established

**19** Eye Hospitals established / strengthened  
Presence in **21** States, **170** Districts

# MFV IN A SNAPSHOT



## NEW LAUNCHES



### **R Jhunjunwala Sankara Eye Hospital, Panvel, Maharashtra**

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Mission for Vision, Wen Giving Foundation, and several others partnered with Sankara Eye Foundation (India) towards the establishment of this state-of-the-art facility geared to strengthen eye health systems in this part of the country, especially for marginalised communities.



### **Wen Giving Foundation Training Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences**

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With the aim of strengthening the eye health workforce, this centre was launched at Siliguri, West Bengal. Along with residential facilities, the centre offers a great learning environment for all cadres of eye health personnel. The centre has been established in partnership with Mission for Vision, Wen Giving Foundation and Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital.



### **Ophthalmic Surgical Units at LVPEI Sircilla and Balasore**

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Mission for Vision with the support of Wen Giving Foundation set up latest ophthalmic surgical units in partnership with L.V. Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI). These units are established at LVPEI's hospitals at Balasore, Odisha and Sircilla, Telangana.

## Mobile Ophthalmic Buses

Thanks to the generous contributions from SBI General, Mission for Vision flagged-off three mobile ophthalmic buses in partnership with PBMA's H.V. Desai Eye Hospital, Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital and Sundarban Social Development Centre. With the aim of enabling eye health for remote communities, this initiative reaches out to marginalised communities of Bihar, Maharashtra, Sikkim and West Bengal.



NEW  
LAUNCHES



*At SBI General, it is our endeavour to reach maximum beneficiaries through our corporate social responsibility initiatives. Healthcare is one of the most significant focus areas for us and we are glad to have associated with Mission for Vision for making quality eye health more accessible. Through the ophthalmic mobile units that SBI General Insurance has contributed, we are happy to have reached 18,000 beneficiaries and enabled 3,600 cataract surgeries across interiors of Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim. We will continue to support such causes that strengthen our commitment towards bringing a change and transforming lives, where it matters the most.*



**Ms Jayita Naha**

*CSR- Manager, SBI General Insurance*



## MFV forays to the 21st State of India

Our commitment to eradicate avoidable blindness was further strengthened with the establishment of two new Vision Centres in the State of Sikkim, India. Through these primary eye care centres in Mangan (northern Sikkim) and Jorethang (southern Sikkim), Mission for Vision has made a foray into the 21st State of India.



## Eye Health for the Dongria Community

13 of 62 Scheduled Tribes (STs) of Odisha are designated as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTGs) and they are more primitive than other tribal communities. The Dongria community is the largest among the 13 PVTG communities of Odisha. To protect their cultural identities, they live in isolated areas and are usually cut off from the major towns and villages. Along with this isolated living, these communities are faced with extreme poverty and illiteracy. Their health condition is suboptimal, and there is very little or no awareness about eye health. To address this issue, Mission for Vision partnered with Wen Giving Foundation and LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) to enable eye care for this vulnerable group and change the health-seeking behaviour eventually.

# HIGHLIGHTS

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*In my quest to carry on my father's legacy of enabling better lives for the people of my village Danta in Sikar district of Rajasthan through improved eye health, I have found a wonderful partner in Mission for Vision whose commitment towards eradication of preventable blindness is outstanding. The exemplary work done through its Mission Netra (adult cataract surgeries) programme reflects its quality of service and contributes greatly towards the betterment of vulnerable communities with impaired vision. It has been wonderful to work with an organisation that is driven by compassion, perseverance and a deep-rooted philosophy of serving the socio-economically challenged communities. Wishing the MFV team success in all of their future endeavours.*

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**Mr Rajendra Kasliwal**

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*We are fortunate to have been part of Mission for Vision and really happy to see the outstanding work done by them. This partnership has helped us to connect with at risk communities and transform their lives. Everyone lives their life for themselves, their family, friends, and relatives but life is complete if we live for others too.*

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**Ms Juhi Sinha**

*Regional Lead-CSR, Worley - India*



# MFEV

## PROGRAMMES

Ensuring equitable, accessible and quality eye care for everyone irrespective of nationality, religion or socio-economic status is the motto of all the programmes at Mission for Vision. Right from child eye health to enabling eye care for the elderly, Mission for Vision's programmes cover the entire spectrum and address the eye health needs of different demographics living in India's most remote locations.



## { MISSION DISHA }

*An eye health programme that promotes road safety and good eye health among heavy vehicle drivers and skilled workforce.*

India has one of the worst traffic accident records in the world and it accounts for about 11% of road deaths worldwide. On average, one Indian dies every four minutes in road accidents<sup>1</sup>. Studies suggest that the task of driving relies 90 to 95% on good vision.

Mission Disha programme provides timely eye testing and the required treatment that avert accidents and improve livelihood opportunities for this group. Individuals are screened and then advised for spectacles, surgery and other interventions.

The programme enables quality eye care for truck drivers, bus drivers and also provides eye health services for skilled workforce, particularly carpenters.



**15,054 +**

**TRUCK / BUS-DRIVERS  
& CARPENTERS INTERVENED**

*From inception till March 2022*



### Endless Drive of Hope

58-year-old Vijay (name changed) migrated from Bihar to West Bengal about thirty years ago. He works as a truck driver and is most content when he is behind the steering wheel. Recently, Vijay started to experience sight-related issues and this hampered his driving significantly. He found it extremely difficult to drive after sunset and the glaring headlights from other vehicles made him very uncomfortable. He was worried to share this with anyone, as this would jeopardize his only passion and mode of earning. We reached out to him via an eye screening camp held by Vivekananda Mission Asram managed by Kharagpur Vision Centre staff at Kalaikunda Truck Owner Association. This screening was being done as a part of MFV's Mission Disha programme supported by Bridgestone India. After a comprehensive eye examination, he was provided the spectacles at no cost. Today, Vijay wears his spectacles regularly and has no complaints while driving. He is happy that he can now drive freely without the worry of sight-issues or jeopardizing his or anyone's life while on the road.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/india/publication/traffic-crash-injuries-and-disabilities-the-burden-on-indian-society>



# { MISSION JEEVAN }

*Addressing Retinoblastoma, a form of paediatric eye cancer impacting 0 to 6 years old children.*

Retinoblastoma is a cancer that starts in the retina, the sensitive lining on the inside of the eye. It is the most common type of eye cancer in children and more than 8,000 new cases of retinoblastoma are diagnosed all around the world each year<sup>2</sup>. Early detection and proper treatment ensure 95% of the children diagnosed with retinoblastoma are saved from death, 90% have their eyes intact and 85% have their vision protected.

With the generous support from Wen Giving Foundation, Mission for Vision initiated the Mission Jeevan programme in May 2021 with partner hospital PBMA's H.V. Desai Eye Hospital, Pune. Through this programme, Mission for Vision and its partner provide timely screening, counselling, financial aid, and treatment to children diagnosed with retinoblastoma coupled with creating awareness among medical practitioners and the masses. Along with saving the sight for these children, the Mission Jeevan programme plays a critical role in saving lives. The programme aims to gather and generate evidence for influencing appropriate policy and practice for the management of retinoblastoma.

 **8 CHILDREN PROVIDED**  
**EYE HEALTH INTERVENTIONS**  
*From inception till March 2022*

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5744255/>



## **Saving Lives & Saving Vision**

When Devika (name changed) was five months old, her parents Mr and Mrs Kashyap (name changed) observed a squint and a white spot in her eye. Through the referral of their family doctor, they visited MFV's partner PBMA's H.V. Desai Eye Hospital, Pune (HVDEH). After a detailed examination, it was confirmed that the child has Retinoblastoma, a form of eye cancer. Without waiting anymore, the treatment began at HVDEH. Devika's father works as a vegetable vendor and her mother is a homemaker. The parents have been through a rough emotional journey. In these difficult situations, Devika's parents are relieved that treatment expenses are being covered, thanks to the generous support of Wen Giving Foundation and Mission for Vision. Devika has undergone examination under anaesthesia and subsequently trans pupillary thermotherapy for both eyes were done. She has undergone one cycle of chemotherapy along with bone marrow aspiration/cerebrospinal fluid analysis and other blood investigations. In terms of prognosis, Devika requires some more cycles of treatment depending on the response of the tumour. With the timely treatment, Devika's parents are hopeful that their daughter will be better soon. They are grateful to PBMA's H.V. Desai Eye Hospital for their support, guidance and treatment.



## { MISSION JYOT }

*Delivering primary eye care to rural and remote populations through the Vision Centre approach.*

To address the vital concern of availability, accessibility, acceptability and affordability of quality eye care, our Mission Jyot initiative is aimed at establishing Vision Centres in remote parts of the country. With collaboration at the crux of its values, these Vision Centres are established in partnership with leading eye hospital partners. These centres offer comprehensive eye health services by trained optometrists or vision technicians at affordable rates. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, these Vision Centres have ensured that the communities residing in remote locations had uninterrupted eye health services and were not deprived of this essential service.

To power up the efforts towards avoidable blindness elimination, we established 34 new Vision Centres in several districts of Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Odisha, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh.

Vision Centres strengthen the eye health systems and contribute significantly towards the global integrated people-centred eye care (IPEC) process that aims to embed eye care into the mainstream health system and reorient the model of care towards primary care.

From Inception to March 2022



**95**  
VISION CENTRES  
ESTABLISHED



**738,647**  
PEOPLE  
BENEFITTED



**147,722**  
SPECTACLES  
PROVIDED



**13**  
STATES  
COVERED

F.Y. 2021-2022



**34**  
NEW VISION CENTRES  
ESTABLISHED



## { MISSION NAYAN }

*Addressing Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) among neonates/pre-term babies.*

In India, approximately, 1 in 1000 children is blind and the incidence of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) is reported between 24% and 47%<sup>3</sup>. If ROP is left untreated, it may lead to permanent sight loss, therefore impacting the child's ability to learn, earn and contribute meaningfully in society. Aside of blindness due to ROP, these neonates are prone to multiple health issues and some of these can also be fatal. For them to survive, they require constant medical care and treatment. This imposes a severe financial burden on the parents, particularly people from the lower income strata of the society.

To address this issue, the Mission Nayan programme provides free ROP screening and treatment for neonates from socio-economically challenged backgrounds. To ensure there is greater awareness on ROP, the project builds the capacity and skills of healthcare providers and frequently conducts awareness sessions for parents. The Mission Nayan project is currently being implemented in Ahmednagar, Buldhana, Jalgaon, Satara, Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Thane regions through our hospital partners H.V. Desai Eye Hospital and K.B. Haji Bachooali (KBHB) Charitable Ophthalmic and ENT Hospital.

<sup>3</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23603485/>

From Inception to March 2022



**2,204**  
NEONATES  
PROVIDED  
EYE HEALTH  
INTERVENTIONS



**12**  
HOSPITALS/  
HEALTH CENTRES  
PROVIDING  
ROP SCREENING



# { MISSION NETRA }

*Eye health interventions focused on screening and treating adults with cataract.*

Cataract is the leading cause of blindness across the globe and 100 million people have vision loss from cataract<sup>4</sup>. Cataract surgeries remain one of the worst-hit health services during the COVID-19 induced lockdown. The backlog of persons waiting to be operated has been steadily increasing over the past two years of the pandemic.

To address the issue of cataract among socio-economically challenged communities, the Mission Netra programme provides timely eye health interventions. The programme enables high quality cataract surgeries and provides medicines, transportation, hospital stay and nutritious meals for individuals from marginalised communities, at no cost to the patient.

Cataract surgery offers a transformative impact in reversing blindness and visual acuity gains, in alignment with World Health Organization recommendations. Mission for Vision's pan India study also shows a significant improvement in the Quality of Life of patients post cataract surgery where a large majority of the beneficiaries reported less difficulty in carrying out daily activities, economic activities and significant improvements in mobility and psycho-social parameters after the cataract surgery.



## 2.51+

**MILLION CATARACT SURGERIES  
PROVIDED AT NO COST**

*From inception till March 2022*

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas/causes-of-vision-loss/>



## An Independent Stance

Shakti (name changed) runs a small snack shop in the bustling lanes of Koturu Village, West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. Shakti who is known for her gleaming smile was recently faced with an issue that drained all the happiness from her face. With a cataract in her eye, her vision gradually became blurred. She could not focus on her work at the shop and customers assumed that she was being complacent or arrogant. Aside of work, there were frequent falls and accidents, which lowered her confidence greatly. Luckily, MFV's partner LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Berhampur intervened and enabled a cataract surgery for her. Post a successful cataract surgery, Shakti can see clearly and has resumed working at her store. Thanks to the timely restoration of her sight, Shakti could get back on her own two feet and is presently enjoying her independence thoroughly.



# { MISSION SAKSHAM }

*A programme for skill-development and training for Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP).*

The World Health Organization (WHO) in its Action Plan 2014-2019 highlighted the need and the critical role of Allied Ophthalmic Personnel in the eye care workforce. However, the shortage of experienced, well-trained and certified ophthalmic staff appears to be the bane of eye health sectors worldwide. AOPs play a vital role in delivering primary eye care and help increase the productivity of the ophthalmologists. It is essential to impart relevant training to this most critical resource group in delivering effective eye care. Thanks to the generous support of Wen Giving Foundation, our Mission Saksham programme focuses on building the AOP cadre in India and this initiative enables training courses to rural youth, especially women from socio-economically challenged communities, at no cost. The programme eventually leads to livelihood opportunities for them, thereby paving the path towards equality and empowerment. Along with the course skills, the programme also improves the candidates' soft skills, builds their confidence and empowers them with transferable skills that are useful for their career ahead.



**230+**

**ALLIED OPHTHALMIC PERSONNEL  
TRAINED/IN-TRAINING**

*From inception till March 2022*



## A Career with a Purpose

Having seen her mother contribute to the society as an Anganwadi worker (part of Integrated Child Development Services programme), 19-year-old Surbhi knew from an early age that she would take up a role that will serve the communities around her. Hailing from the Karanjia village, Mayurbhanj district of Odisha, Surbhi lives with her family of four members. With her family's weak financial background, she was hesitant to add any further pressure with her education expenses. However, they say that courage is often rewarded. Surbhi's bold aspirations soon became a reality. A social worker known to her mother informed her about the Vision Care Technician course at MFV's partner - Sankara Eye Foundation. This course is a part of the Mission Saksham programme initiated by Mission for Vision and supported by Wen Giving Foundation. After reviewing her options carefully, Surbhi enrolled for the course in July 2019. Initially, she had no idea about the ophthalmic branches, but during her course of study at Coimbatore, she gained a lot of technical knowledge on eye health. The course also helped augment her confidence and the placement after the course gave her a sense of financial independence. In June 2021, she got an opportunity to do her internship at Sankara's Indore centre and has presently been promoted to Fellowship. The Mission Saksham programme has brought about a sea of change for Surbhi and her family. Whenever Surbhi goes back to her hometown, everyone looks at her as a mature independent girl, setting a positive example for youth in her village.



## COVID-19 RELIEF

Over the last two years (2020 onwards), Mission for Vision and its partners have implemented several initiatives to support communities by supplying free cooked meals, ration kits and soaps with a special focus on people with visual and other disabilities.



**230,600+**  
BENEFICIARIES SUPPORTED  
THROUGH COOKED MEALS



**17,600+**  
BENEFICIARIES SUPPORTED  
THROUGH RATION KITS



**11,00,000+**  
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT  
FOR FRONTLINE HEALTH STAFF,  
EYE-HEALTH PERSONNEL & MFV STAFF



**6,000**  
MIGRANT COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
SUPPORTED THROUGH FOOD KITS



**15+**  
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT  
SUPPORT

# PROGRAMME IMPACT

To gather evidence on various dimensions of eye health systems such as visual acuity, quality of life, eye care practices, and barriers to accessing eye care, MFV's Programme Impact team undertakes assessment activities at the partner hospitals and conducts various studies at different project locations. In addition, the team also conducts patient satisfaction surveys, camp and hospital services assessments to ensure high quality service delivery for all.

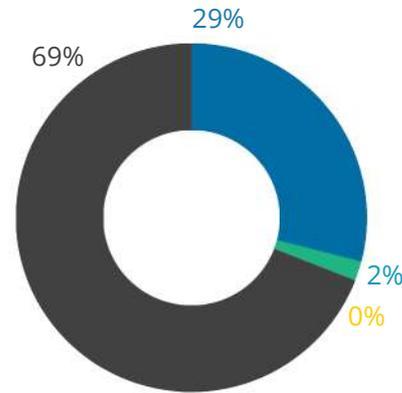


## Visual Acuity of Cataract Patients

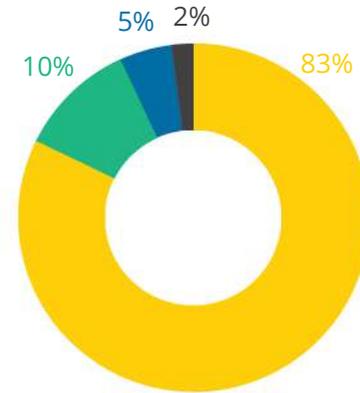
As per WHO, a good quality outcome refers to 90% patients attaining good visual acuity (can see 6/6-6/18) with best correction<sup>5</sup>. MFV partner hospitals together achieved 93%, which is above WHO standards. MFV interviewed 6,333 patients operated for cataract surgery to assess change in their visual acuity before and one month after cataract surgery.

<sup>5</sup> World Health Organization. Informal consultation on analysis of blindness prevention outcomes. Geneva: WHO; 1998

### Before Surgery



### After Surgery

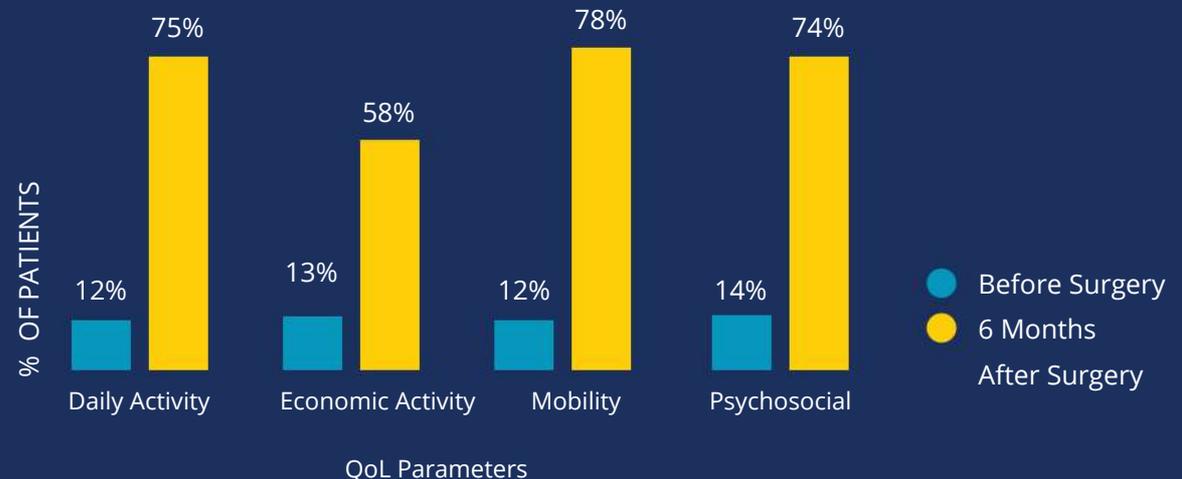


- Very good 6/6 - 6/12
- Good < 6/12 - 6/18
- Borderline < 6/18 - 6/60
- Poor < 6/60

Visual acuity measures how sharp your vision is at a distance, and it is usually tested by reading an eye chart.

## Change in quality of life due to cataract surgery (QoL)

Cataract surgery has the potential to bring about a transformational change in an individual's life. During the impact assessment survey, MFV found that there were considerable improvements in the Quality of Life (QoL) of patients post cataract surgery where a large majority of the beneficiaries reported less difficulty in carrying out daily activities, economic activities and considerable improvement in mobility and psycho-social parameters after cataract surgery than before the intervention. MFV interviewed 2,750 patients operated for cataract surgery to assess change in their quality of life due to sight-related issues before and six months after cataract surgery.



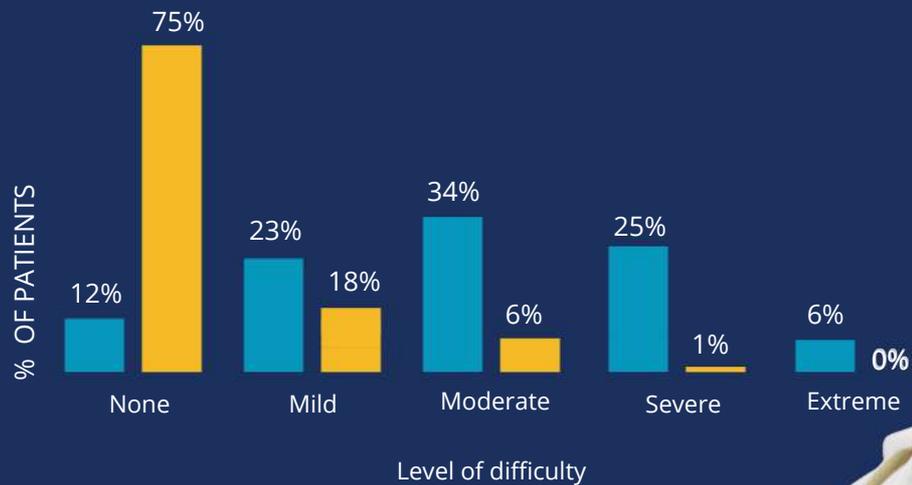
### Level of no difficulty/anxiety before and after surgery

## A deeper dive into quality of life

The QoL study comprises of several questions that delve deeper into the impact of a cataract surgery. Here are some glimpses of our QoL study and its impact on daily activities, income generation and psychosocial aspects.

### Impact on Daily Activities

75% of patients reported that they had no difficulty in daily activities such as household chores, bathing, cleaning, feeding animals, etc. after their cataract surgery. This shows a significant improvement and highlights the impact and effectiveness of the cataract surgery.

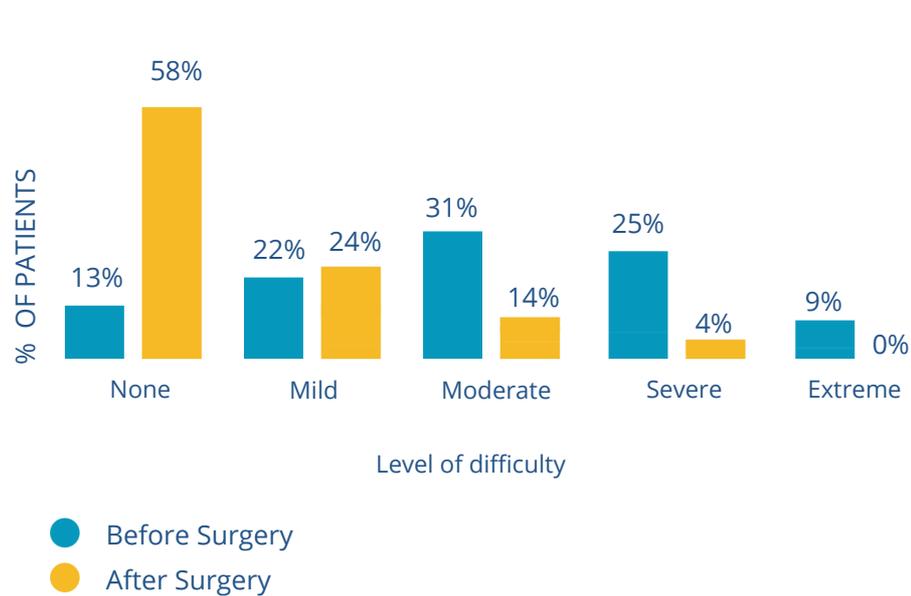


- Before Surgery
- After Surgery



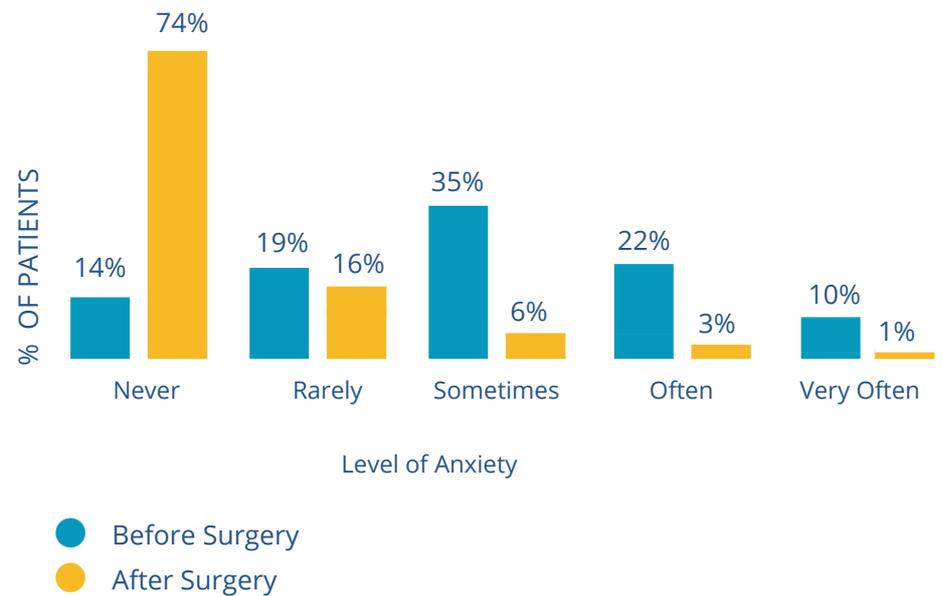
## Impact on Income Generation

This is one of the critical aspects our impact assessment and we found substantial improvements post the surgery. No difficulty in income generation contributes towards poverty alleviation greatly and paves the path towards sustained development.



## Impact on Psychosocial Aspects

Sight loss often leads to dependence on others, and this has a direct impact on the mental health of an individual. When we assessed this aspect, 74% of patients reported lesser dependence on others after their cataract surgery.



# RESEARCH

Mission for Vision actively contributes to research in community eye health in India and neighbouring countries. These research initiatives provide a deeper insight into the effectiveness of our programmes and the gaps in eye health delivery.

MFV's technological innovation **PRISM - Patient Related Impact Studying Mechanism** is used to obtain evidence on various dimensions of eye health systems.



FURTHER  
GLIMPSE  
INTO  
OUR  
RESEARCH

## Psychological outcomes following cataract surgery in India

Systematic data on mental health issues among adults with cataracts is scarce. This study explored the impact of cataract surgery on depressive and generalised anxiety (GA) symptoms amongst an adult Indian population. Subjects were recruited from four tertiary eye hospitals to assess depression and GA and associated risk factors. Follow-up survey of participants was carried out at 6, 12, and 18-months post-cataract surgery and here are the observations.

- 576 adults completed both baseline and follow-up assessments.
- The median age of participants for the three groups was 62, 62, and 60, for the three groups respectively.
- As compared to the general population in India, patients with untreated cataracts, examined in this study, were 9-fold more likely to suffer from depressive symptoms and 2-fold from that of generalised anxiety symptoms.
- Successful cataract surgery resulted in a significant drop in both depressive and generalised anxiety symptoms in patients.
- Restoration of vision post-surgery had the highest impact on both depressive and generalised anxiety symptoms at six months. While 'regaining functional independence post-surgery' and 'patients diagnosed with ocular comorbidities in the fellow eye' had the highest impact at 12 and 18 months respectively.

Mental health symptoms improved significantly post-cataract surgery across three groups. The study pointed towards the urgent need to invest in strategies that enable early cataract case-detection and emphasis on the need to treat ocular anomalies in the fellow eye are highlighted.

## Refractive errors and spectacle compliance among truckers in India

Very little is known about the eye health status of truckers in India and globally. We conducted a study to assess the prevalence of refractive errors and the subsequent long-term spectacle compliance amongst truckers served as part of Mission Disha intervention and suggest appropriate strategies to improve these in this population. Consequently, a cross-sectional study was conducted between October 2017 and March 2018. A gross ophthalmologic examination was performed, including visual acuity and refraction. Six months to one-year post provision of spectacles, follow-up with truckers was undertaken to understand the spectacle usage patterns and its compliance.

*The following are the key findings from this study:*

- A total of 709 (78.8%) truckers completed interviews and gross eye examinations.
- The prevalence of any refractive errors in the worst eye was 45.8% (95% CI 42.1%–49.6%).
- The prevalence of presbyopia with or without distance vision was 33% (95% CI 29.6%–36.6%) and myopia with or without astigmatism was 10% (95% CI 7.9%–12.5%).
- Among those who were prescribed spectacles, 27.1% needed distance correction, 33.8% needed near correction, and 39.1% needed both, at least in one eye.
- Long-term spectacle compliance was at 54.7%.
- Predominant barriers for spectacle compliance were “did not collect” (63.9%), followed by “discomfort” (20.8%).

The prevalence of uncorrected refractive errors was high among truckers. Long-term spectacles compliance was moderate. There is an urgent need for tailor-made targeted interventions to address the eye health needs of truckers in India.

## Research Publication

### Refractive errors and spectacle compliance among truckers in India

S G Prem Kumar, Asitkumar Jadhav, Sweta Patel, Pankaj Vishwakarma, Sabitra Kundu, Elizabeth Kurian Journal of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Year 2021, Volume 10, Issue 3 [p. 186-192]

<https://www.jdrntruhs.org/article.asp?issn=2277-8632;year=2021;volume=10;issue=3;spage=186;epage=192;aulast=Kumar>

## Short Articles

### Feasibility of using mobile phones for providing primary eye care services amongst truckers in India

<https://www.iapb.org/blog/feasibility-of-using-mobile-phone-for-providing-primary-eye-care-services-amongst-truckers-in-india/>

### Models for Evaluation of Vision Centres

<https://www.iapb.org/blog/models-for-evaluation-of-vision-centres/>

### Enhancing access to primary eye care services provided through vision centers in the context of COVID-19 pandemic in India

<https://www.iapb.org/blog/enhancing-access-to-primary-eye-care-services-provided-through-vision-centres-in-the-pandemic/>

### Women healthcare providers & uptake of primary eye care services: A healthcare intervention

<https://www.iapb.org/blog/women-healthcare-providers-uptake-of-primary-eye-care-services-a-healthcare-intervention/>

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# MEDIA



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<https://tinyurl.com/bdz62mwp>



<https://tinyurl.com/3wjz3kus>



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# EYE SEE SEA

Mission for Vision participated in several activities to promote International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness' (IAPB) #LoveYourEyes theme of World Sight Day 2021. With the aim of bringing attention to eye health and the World Sight Day, we conducted a screening activity on a ferry boat sailing across the Arabian Sea from Gateway of India, Mumbai.



# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The **Eye Health Heroes** Award by IAPB celebrates frontline staff and managers whose work and engagement with the community makes a huge difference in restoring sight. In the year 2021, two team members from Mission for Vision were conferred this award.



**MALAGAPU DAMODAR**  
Innovator



**SUPRIYO SARKAR**  
Change Maker

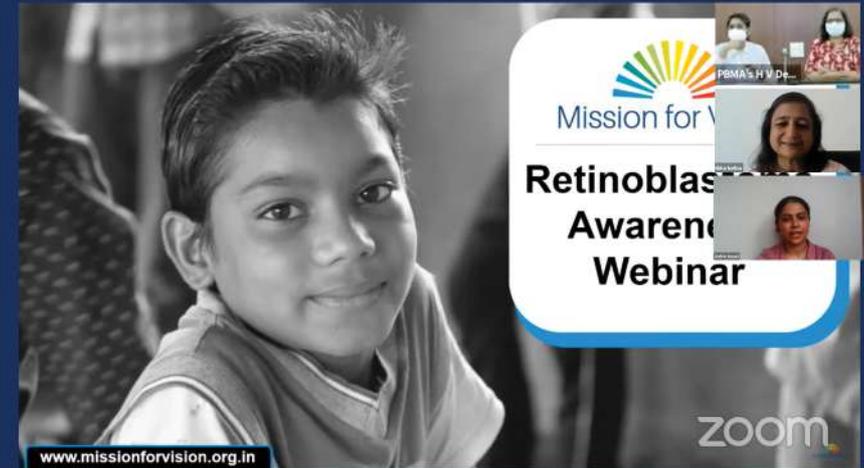
# KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

As a part of knowledge-sharing, we hosted three webinars. In the spirit of collaboration, these were co-hosted with other organisations from the development and the eye health sector.

## Cognizant Foundation and Mission for Vision Webinar Role of Technology in Universal Eye Health



## Retinoblastoma Awareness Webinar



## Communications Strategy: A Deep Dive



# FUTURE PLANS

With the ambitious plan of 2030: IN SIGHT and ending avoidable sight loss, Mission for Vision plans on strengthening the eye care systems across India. Along with the motto of leaving no one behind, MFV has embedded integrated people-centred eye care (IPEC) in its programmes and is committed towards developing eye health systems that are resilient and responsive. Some of the upcoming projects and plans are:

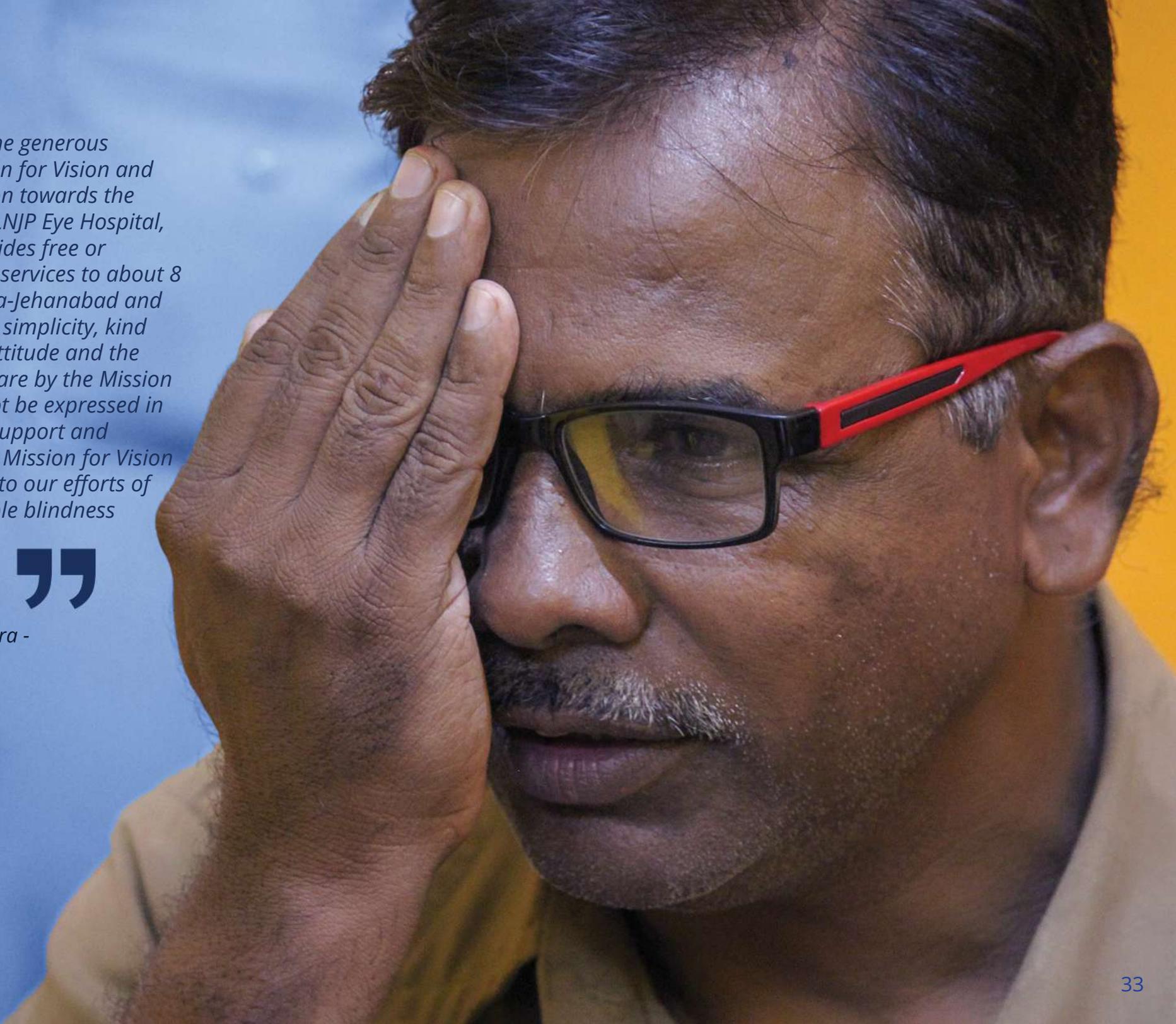
- Launch of eye health facility in partnership with Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital
- Strengthening and consolidation of the programmes
- Ramping up our efforts to address the COVID-19 backlog of cataract surgeries
- Promoting child eye health in a post pandemic scenario
- Leveraging technology to enable eye health for everyone, everywhere

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*We truly appreciate the generous contribution of Mission for Vision and Wen Giving Foundation towards the establishment of the LNJP Eye Hospital, Gaya, Bihar that provides free or subsidised eye health services to about 8 million people of Gaya-Jehanabad and Nawada districts. The simplicity, kind heartedness, caring attitude and the focus on quality eye care by the Mission for Vision team cannot be expressed in words. The constant support and guidance provided by Mission for Vision has given a big boost to our efforts of eliminating preventable blindness in this region.*

**Mr Satish Giriya,**  
*Secretary & Founder,  
Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra -  
LNJP Eye Hospital*

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## SCHEDULE - VIII

The Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950

Name of the Public Trust: MISSION FOR VISION

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2022

Registration No. E 18696(MUMBAI)

FUNDS & LIABILITIES		AMOUNT Rs.	AMOUNT Rs.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS		AMOUNT Rs.	AMOUNT Rs.
Trusts Funds or Corpus :-				Immovable Properties :-			
Balance as per last Balance Sheet		25,549		Balance as per last Balance Sheet		-	
Additions during the year		-	25,549	Additions during the year		-	
				Less: Sales during the year		-	
Other Earmarked Funds :-				Depreciation for the year		-	-
(Created under the provisions of the trust deed							
or scheme or out of the Income)				Investments :-			
Depreciation Fund		-		Movable Properties :- (Annexure A-1)			
Sinking Fund		-		Balance as per last Balance Sheet		12,26,454	
Reserve Fund		-		Additions during the year		2,22,082	
Any other Fund		-	-	Less: Sales during the year		-	
				Less: Loss/ ( Profit) on sale /discard of Assets		-	
				Less: Depreciation for the year		3,46,812	11,01,724
Loans (Secured or Unsecured) :-				Intangible Assets:- (Annexure A-2)			
				Balance as per last Balance Sheet		1,52,219	
From Trustees		-		Additions during the year		-	
From Others		-	-	Less: Sales during the year		-	
				Less: Loss/ ( Profit) on sale /discard of Assets		-	
Liabilities :-				Less: Amortisation for the year		60,888	91,331
For Expenses		-		Loans (Secured or Unsecured) : Good / doubtful			
For Advances		-		Loans Scholarships		-	
For Rent and Other Deposits		-		Other Loans		-	
For Sundry Credit Balances		-	-	Advances :- (Annexure B)			
				To Trustees		-	
				To Employees		-	
				To Contractors		-	
				To Lawyers		-	
				To Others		3,98,283	3,98,283
Income and Expenditure Account :-				Income Outstanding :-			
Balance as per last Balance Sheet		3,49,91,862		Rent		-	
Less : Appropriation, if any		-		Accrued Interest		-	
Less : Deficit as per Income and Expenditure A/c		2,41,41,260	1,08,50,602	Other Income		-	
Balance Carried Forward				Cash and Bank Balance :- (Annexure C)			
				(a) (i) In Savings Bank Account		92,06,490	
				(ii) In Fixed Deposit Account		27,663	
				(b) With the Trustee		-	
				(c) With the Manager		50,660	92,84,813
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,08,76,151</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>1,08,76,151</b>

As per our report of even date For Bhagwagar Dalal & Doshi Chartered Accountants Firm Reg. No. 128093W

The above Balance sheet to the best of my/our belief contains a true account of the funds and liabilities and of the property and assets of the Trust.

Income Outstanding :  
(If accounts are kept on cash basis)

FOR MISSION FOR VISION

Jatin V. Dalal  
Partner  
Membership No. 124528  
Place : Mumbai  
Date :

Rent : Nil  
Interest : Nil  
Other Income : Nil  
Total Rs. : Nil

Dr. Prakash Mirchandani  
Trustee  
Place : Mumbai  
Dated :  
Mr. Sivaramakrishnan Subramonian  
Trustee

Note: The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure account are an abstract of the Audited Financial Statements of Financial Year 2021-22.

The Annexures and Other Notes to the said Audited Financial Statements and reference thereof in the Balance Sheet & Income & Expenditure Account have not been printed in the Annual Report.

## SCHEDULE - IX

The Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950

Name of the Public Trust: MISSION FOR VISION

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March, 2022

Registration No. E 18696(MUMBAI)

EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT Rs.	AMOUNT Rs.	INCOME		AMOUNT Rs.	AMOUNT Rs.
To	Expenditure in respect of properties :-				(accrued)		
	Rates, Taxes, Cesses	-		By Rent	----- +		-
	Repairs and maintenance	-			(realised)		
	Salaries	-			(accrued)		
	Insurance	-		By Interest	----- +		
	Depreciation (by way of provision of adjustments)	-			(realised)		
	Other Expenses	-	-	On Securities		-	
To	Establishment Expenses (Annexure D)		2,92,78,491	On Loans		-	
To	Remuneration to Trustees			On Fixed Deposit with Banks		3,32,763	
To	Remuneration (in the case of a math) to the head of the math, including his household expenditure, if any			On Savings Bank Account		5,12,108	8,44,871
To	Legal Expenses		-	By Donations in Cash or Kind (Annexure F)			9,81,05,508
To	Audit Fees		1,44,550	By Grants			-
To	Contribution and Fees			By Income from Other Sources			300
To	Amount written off :			By Interest on Income Tax Refund			4,724
	(a) Bad Debts	-		By Deficit carried to Balancesheet			2,41,41,260
	(b) Loan Scholarship	-	-				
	(c) Irrecoverable Rents	-					
	(d) Other Items	-	-				
To	Miscellaneous Expenses		-				
To	Depreciation (Annexure A-1 & A-2)		4,07,700				
To	Amount transferred to Reserve or Specific Funds		-				
To	Expenditure on Objects of the Trust						
	(a) Religious	-					
	(b) Educational	10,000					
	(c) Medical Relief (Annexure E)	8,91,91,102					
	(d) Relief of Poverty (Annexure E)	40,64,820					
	(e) Other Charitable Objects <b>Total</b>	-	9,32,65,922				
<b>Total</b>			<b>12,30,96,663</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>12,30,96,663</b>

As per our report of even date For Bhagwagar Dalal & Doshi Chartered Accountants Firm Reg. No. 128093W

FOR MISSION FOR VISION

Jatin V. Dalal  
Partner  
Membership No. 124528  
Place : Mumbai  
Date :

Dr. Prakash Mirchandani  
Trustee

Place : Mumbai  
Dated :

Mr. Sivaramkrishnan Subramonian  
Trustee

# GRATITUDE

- Mrs Bharati Jagdish Chanrai
- Bridgestone India Pvt.Ltd
- Cognizant Foundation
- Enpee Group
- Firstsource Solutions Limited
- Four Acre Trust
- GEBBS Healthcare Solutions Pvt.Ltd
- Givaudan Foundation
- Givaudan India Private Limited
- Himalayan Cataract Project Inc
- Kewalram Chanrai Group
- NIIF Infrastructure Finance Limited
- Mr Raj Kumar and Munisha Gupta
- Mr Rajendra Kasliwal
- RenewSys India Pvt.Ltd
- Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind
- Standard Chartered Bank
- SBI General Insurance
- Selan Exploration Technology Limited
- Mr Sundar Chanrai
- United Way of Mumbai
- Wen Giving Foundation
- Worley India Pvt. Ltd



## TECHNICAL PARTNERS

- Blind People Association, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- C L Gupta Eye Institute, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh
- Divyajyoti Trust, Mandvi, Gujarat
- Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, New Delhi
- Greater Lions Seva Nidhi (Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital), Siliguri, West Bengal
- Hyderabad Eye Institute LV Prasad Eye Institute (6 centres)
  - Balasore, Odisha
  - Bhubaneswar, Odisha
  - Brahmapur, Odisha
  - Hyderabad, Telangana
  - Rayagada, Odisha
  - Sircilla, Telangana
- KB Haji Bachooali Charitable Ophthalmic and ENT Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Medical Research Foundation (Sankara Nethralaya - 2 centres)
  - Chennai, Tamil Nadu
  - Kolkata, West Bengal
- Miki Memorial Trust [MGM Eye Institute], Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Mizoram Presbyterian Church (Synod Hospital), Aizawl, Mizoram
- National Association for the Blind (India), Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra, Gaya, Bihar
- Nirmal Ashram Eye Institute, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- Optometric Education Society (Lotus College of Optometry), Mumbai, Maharashtra

## TECHNICAL PARTNERS

- PBMA's HV Desai Eye Hospital, Pune, Maharashtra
- Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Shija Eye Foundation, Imphal, Manipur
- Shri Sadguru Seva Sangh Trust, Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh
- Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Medical Trust (Sankara Eye Foundation India - 10 centres)
  - Anand, Gujarat
  - Bengaluru and Shimoga, Karnataka
  - Coimbatore and Krishnankoil, Tamil Nadu
  - Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
  - Indore, Madhya Pradesh
  - Jaipur, Rajasthan
  - Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
  - Ludhiana, Punjab
  - Panvel, Maharashtra
- Sri Kanchi Sankara Health & Educational Foundation (Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya), Guwahati, Assam
- Society for Promotion of Eye Care and Sight (SPECS, a unit of Bansara Eye Care Centre), Shillong, Meghalaya
- Sundarban Social Development Centre (SSDC), South 24 Parganas, West Bengal
- Tulsi Eye Hospital, Nashik, Maharashtra
- Vivekananda Mission Asram, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal

## STRATEGIC PARTNERS

- International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)
- Public Health Foundation of India
- Vision 2020: The Right to Sight – India
- Optometry Council of India

# A SPECIAL THANKS

The partnership between Cognizant Foundation and Mission for Vision has bolstered the efforts of delivering equitable, accessible and affordable eye care for everyone. The partnership that began with a single programme in the year 2018 has today spread far and wide through three eye health programmes. Through the Mission Jyot programme, we have together established 6 Vision Centres and provided interventions to over 8,350+ people. To unlock educational potential of children studying in government and government-aided schools, the Mission Roshni programme enabled interventions to 51,600+ students. With the support of Cognizant Foundation, our Mission Nayan programme provided 1,090+ Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) screening and enabled treatment to over 60 neonates. Mission for Vision would like to extend its deepest appreciation to Cognizant Foundation for their continued support and commitment to Eye Health.

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*Preventing avoidable blindness is one of Cognizant Foundation's flagship programmes in healthcare.*

*Over the years, CF has made significant inroads in promoting and making timely, quality eye health services accessible to underserved communities by leveraging appropriate technology. We are very proud of our association with Mission for Vision in preventing childhood blindness and increasing access to quality eye care for underserved communities in rural areas. We are privileged to collaborate with Mission for Vision to reduce the burden of blindness in children through the screening and treatment of ROP and to set up and run Vision Centres for people from underprivileged backgrounds.*

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**Ms Rajashree Natarajan**  
*CEO, Cognizant Foundation*



# A SPECIAL THANKS

Givaudan and Mission for Vision's partnership has remained steadfast since 2017 in its goal of enabling quality eye care to all strata of the society. Thanks to Givaudan's commitment, Mission for Vision has been able to touch and transform over 6,800 lives through the community outreach programme and provided interventions for 72,800+ students under its Mission Roshni programme. Givaudan's support towards the Mission Nayan programme helped us enable Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) screening for 1,019 neonates and 89 neonates were provided further treatment at no cost. Mission for Vision is grateful to Givaudan for their faith and continued support that provides further fillip towards our mission of eradicating needless blindness and promoting an inclusive world.



*At Givaudan, we greatly value the power of collaboration and Mission for Vision has cemented our belief that a lot can be achieved if we work together. It has been an incredible journey towards enabling quality eye care that has positively impacted thousands of lives. We are extremely pleased with the outstanding work being done through its eye health programmes of Mission Nayan (Retinopathy of Prematurity), Mission Roshni (School Eye Health) and Mission Seva (Community Eye Health). We look forward to a continued partnership focused on eradicating avoidable blindness throughout India.*



**Mr Karthikeyan Shanmugam**

*Regional Ops Support Manager, APAC&Ops Director,  
Fragrance & Beauty, Manufacturing. Givaudan*





Mission for Vision  
partners in eye health

**21**  
STATES  
OF INDIA

**170**  
DISTRICTS  
OF INDIA

**25**  
PARTNERS

**39**  
EYE  
HOSPITALS



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