

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) Activity Report: 1st October 2020 to 31st December 2020

Mission

To provide eye-screening, primary eye-care services, and eye-health advice to the people at the bottom of the socio-economic pyramid.

Current Scenario

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates, more than 700 million people in the developing world struggle with poor life quality due to bad eyesight. It is estimated that uncorrected vision results in \$227 billion in lost productivity to the global economy. 1.1 billion globally need eyeglasses for near vision correction and their vision can be restored with just a simple pair of reading glasses. In India alone, an estimated 550 million (55 Crore) people require eyeglasses for vision correction. Blurry vision compromises one's ability to work effectively, to read and learn in school, and to navigate surroundings with ease and safety. For many living in developing countries suffering from vision loss, a pair of eyeglasses could mean the difference between opportunity and loss of income and quality of life.

Activities

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) is an NGO (not-for-profit) that does eye-screening for the poor people, provides primary eye-care services, and eye-health advice with FCRA Registration Number: 231661855. VSF also has the facility of providing eyeglasses to those who need them. VSF conducts community outreach activities and free eye-screening camps. The mobile eye-care units (vans) go to the remote interiors and provide last mile vision-care services to the poor. VSF also provides eye-care/eye-health advice centres and refers patients with complex eye diseases (such as cataract, etc.) to the nearest eye hospital. VSF helps change the lives of the poor people in India by aiding in restoring their vision.

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) received a grant amount of USD **927,910** from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020:

Name of Donor	Address of Donor	Country of Donor	Amount Received	Date of Remittance
VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 24,982	8 th January 2020

VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 499,980	4 th February 2020
VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 234,980	26 th June 2020
VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 167,968	12 th August 2020
VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 293,611	29 th October 2020
		Total	USD 1,221,521	

Programs/Projects Undertaken between 1st October 2020 to 31st December 2020

A. Gautam Gambhir Foundation: COVID-19 Emergency Response Activities



Background and Scope:

VisionSpring Foundation aims to work actively for the COVID-19 response with the Government and other stakeholders to protect the people of our nation from this pandemic. In order to achieve this objective, VisionSpring Foundation, in collaboration with Gautam Gambhir Foundation, identified 9,000 artisans/weavers, their families, and associated communities by organizing COVID-19 response activities in east and south-east Delhi areas, and after making the locations COVID-19 ready, and conducted eye-screenings in the COVID-19 safe 'New Normal' environment by adhering to the protocols of setting up the Eye screenings and Eyeglasses Outreach Programs in these areas and by providing corrective eyeglasses to those who require and refer people requiring cataract surgery and other medical interventions to Government/other hospitals in the area for further diagnosis and treatment.

VisionSpring Foundation has collaborated with the Gautam Gambhir Foundation, New Delhi to reach out to 9,000 artisans, weavers, and their households in the Kalyanpuri, Trilokpuri, Khichdipur and Okhla areas under the East Delhi constituency, to become COVID-19 ready and be prepared to face the pandemic.

VisionSpring Foundation's Core Capacities to Support COVID-19 Response:

A network of more than 350 healthcare providers: As a part of our normal operations, VisionSpring Foundation has provided eyeglasses and training supports to government, mission and private hospitals, primary care clinics, vision centres, eye hospitals and community health workers.

Supply chain centres: Our Supply chain centres in Noida and Pune, with procurement, warehousing, pick-pack and dispatch capabilities, sourced and delivered wide range of COVID-19 relevant supplies and equipment for frontline health providers.

A 200-person community mobilization team: Trained in community health service delivery, mobilization, health education and awareness raising, our team conducted COVID-19 education campaigns in slum communities, transportations hubs, schools, artisan collectives, agricultural estates and other high-risk, population dense areas.

Hotline and data-entry support: VisionSpring Foundation has a hotline service for its vision camp customers which we are offers COVID-19 information for callers. In addition, 15 data-entry operators are available to support rapid community assessments.

COVID-19 Intervention - Snapshot of Activities

- Provision and/or Distribution of Sanitation, Hygiene, and Appreciation Kits
- Health Announcements, Education, and Awareness Creation
- Sanitation and Hygiene Stations
- Free Supplies of Essential Commodities
- Pooled Procurement and/or Supplies of Essential Commodities

Results:

- **Phase 1: COVID-19 awareness creation**
 - I. Training on hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing protocols.
 - II. Distribution of hygiene kits (consisting of soap, detergent, masks, and
 - III. information/awareness materials) to 9,000 members from the artisans/ weavers
 - IV. communities and their households.
 - V. Installation of handwashing stations.
- **Phase 2: Eye-screenings with COVID-19 readiness with 9,000 members from the artisans/weavers' communities and their households, followed with the distribution of eyeglasses in the artisans and weavers' clusters.**



Programme Deliverables:

- I. COVID-19 hygiene kits distribution among the among weaver/artisan clusters.
- II. Awareness creation and counselling on COVID-19 response and readiness.
- III. Data collection as per the Data Collection Form (as shared below).
- IV. Capturing and sharing photos, videos, and testimonials.

- V. Data sharing with VSF on daily basis in the prescribed format and through the pre-defined mode.

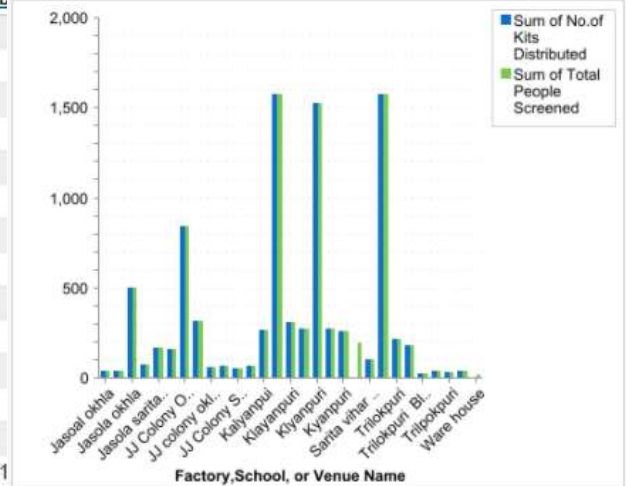
Program Collaterals: Awareness Leaflets



Geographical locations where the kits have been distributed 9 locations – weavers clusters and households

Kits Distribution Location Wise

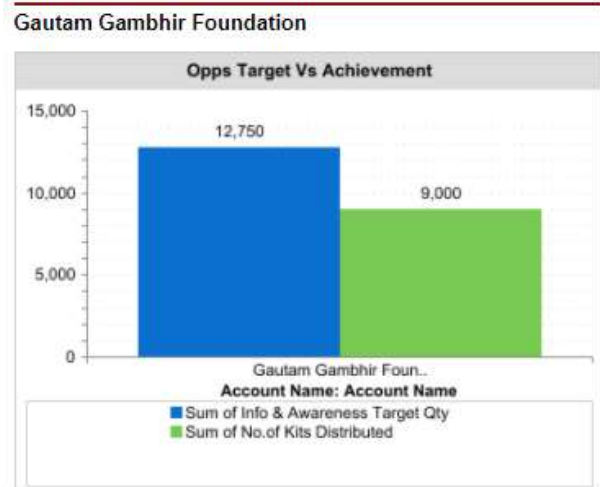
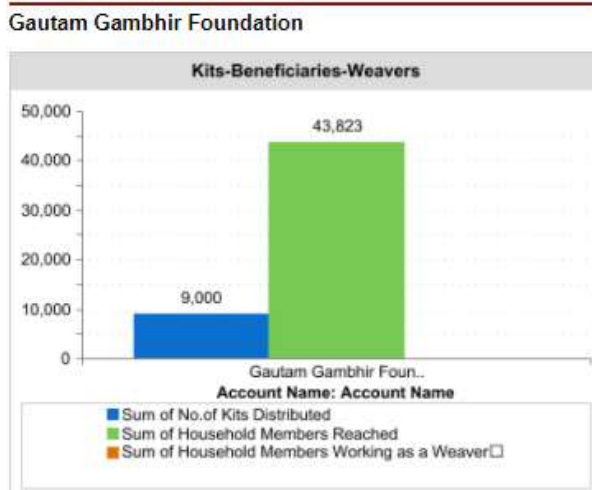
Factory, School, or Venue Name	Sum of No. of Kits Distributed
Jasoal okhla	
Jasoal okhla	
Jasola okhla	
Jasola okhla	
Jasola sarita okhla	
JAsola sarita vihar	
JJ Colony Okhla	
JJ colony okhla	
JJ colony okiha	
JJ Colony Sarita vihar	
JJ Colony Sarita Vihar Okhla	
Kalayanpuri	
Kalyanpui	
Kalyanpuri	1
Klayanpuri	306
Klaynpuri	270
Klyanpuri	1,525
Klyapuri	270
Kyanpuri	259
Novodit public school Dallupura	0
Sarita vihar Jasola	98
Sarita Vihar Okhla	1,570
Trilokpuri	216
Trilokpuri Block 33	181
Trilokpuri Block 33	23
Trilokpuri Delhi Block 33	36
Trihpokpuri	26
Triplokpuri	36
Ware house	0
Total	9,000





Kits - Beneficiaries - Weavers ratio

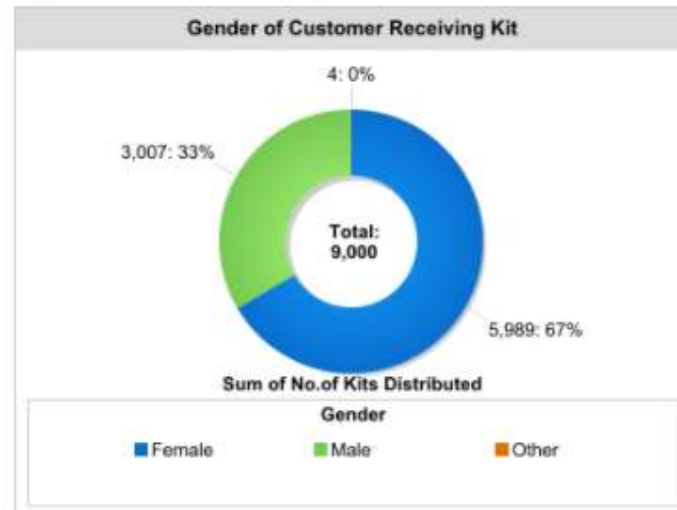
9,000 kits and 12,750 awareness leaflets have been distributed amongst the artisans and weavers' communities in the east and south-east Delhi. In the process, **VisionSpring Foundation reached out to 43,823 household members.**



Gender of beneficiaries receiving kits

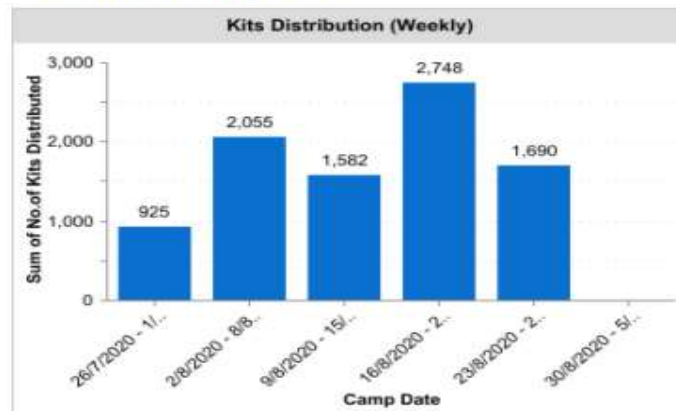
- Males - 33%
- Females - 67%

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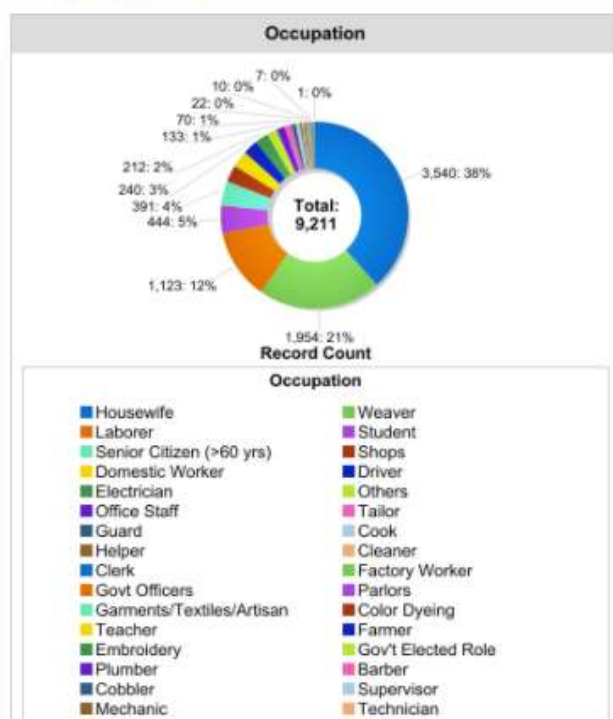
Weekly kits distribution Track Record

Gautam Gambhir Foundation

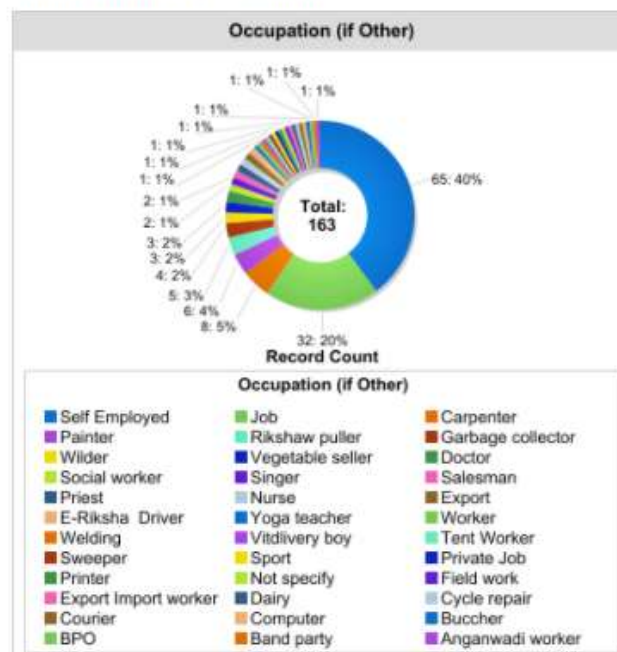


Occupation of beneficiaries who have received the kits

Gautam Gambhir Foundation



Gautam Gambhir Foundation



Installation of Handwashing Stations

As part of the COVID-19 emergency response initiative, VisionSpring Foundation installed 12 handwashing stations in 12 different locations in east and south-east Delhi in the weavers/artisans communities for the well-being of the weavers/artisans, their family members and the other community members.

VisionSpring Foundation in collaboration with the Gautam Gambhir Foundation inaugurated a community handwashing station in Madanpur Khadar in East Delhi as part of VisionSpring's #COVIDsafe initiative. The inauguration of the first handwashing station installed at Madanpur Khadar, was done by Gautam Gambhir, Founder, Gautam Gambhir Foundation, Former Ace Cricketer, and Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), East Delhi.



12 units of the handwashing stations that had been installed in the following 12 locations in east and south-east Delhi on the respective dates, as mentioned below.

**Handwashing station installed
at Aali Gaon in south-east Delhi**



**Handwashing station installed
at Khichdipur in east Delhi**





Handwashing station installed in front of Navodit Public School, Dallupura in east Delhi



Handwashing station installed in front of Kali Mata Mandir, Khichdipur in east Delhi



Handwashing station installed in Lahore Apartment, Vasundhara Enclave in east Delhi



Handwashing station installed in front of Kali Mandir, Jasola village in south-east Delhi



Handwashing station installed at Madurai Mandir, Trilokpuri in east Delhi



Handwashing station installed at Block 33, Trilokpuri in east Delhi



Handwashing station installed at Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Sarita Vihar in south-east Delhi



Handwashing station inaugurated and installed on 15 August 2020 at Madanpur Khadar



Handwashing station installed at Kalyanpuri police station main gate in east Delhi



Handwashing station installed at the MP office in Jagriti Enclave, Vikas Marg, in east Delhi

Path back to Eye Screenings – Pilot of Vision Screenings and Eyeglasses Outreach Program

Eye-screenings with COVID-19 readiness with 9000 members from the artisans/weaver communities and their households, followed with the distribution of eyeglasses in the artisans and weaver clusters to those who require: Cataract referrals.

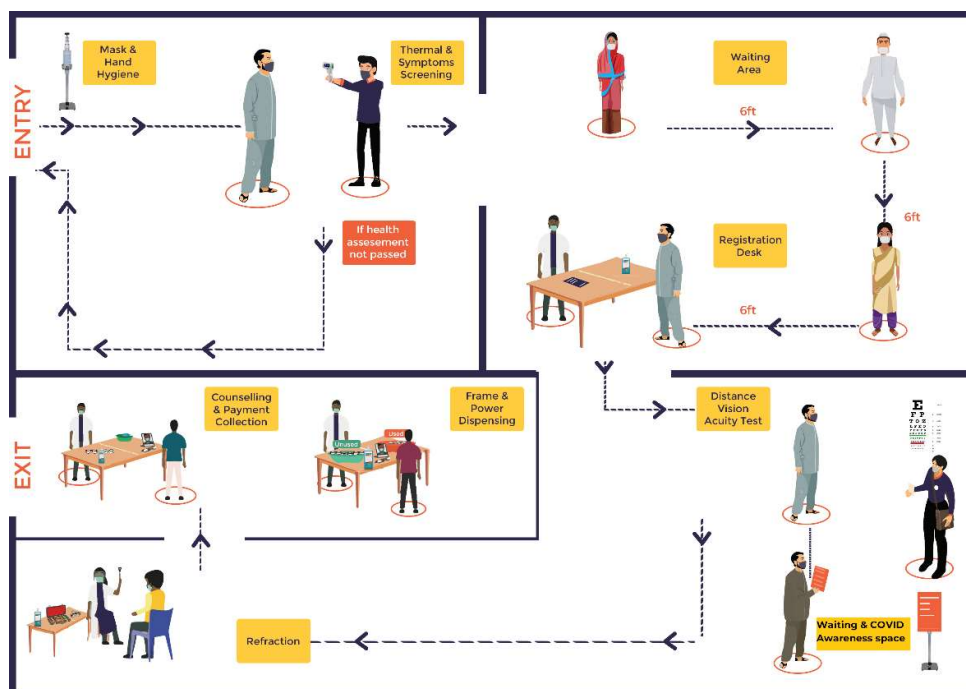
Steps in the Phase 2 Path Back to Eye Screenings Pilot included:

- Promoting social distancing and promoting respiratory hygiene by creating awareness on how to use, wear, maintain, wash, and make masks at the waiting areas of the camp.
- Promoting handwashing with soap at the handwashing station unit placed at the camp entrance.
- Registration and health screening at the Registration desk
- Pre-screening at the pre-screening kiosk
- Refraction at the technical screening desk
- Counselling and dispensing of eyeglasses.

The **pilot** was successfully conducted at **Navodit Public School, Dallupura, East Delhi** from by an Execution team of 8 members who conducted a total of 194 screenings and 109 eyeglasses were dispensed/booked at the site of the outreach program with one team screening around 35-40 people per day.



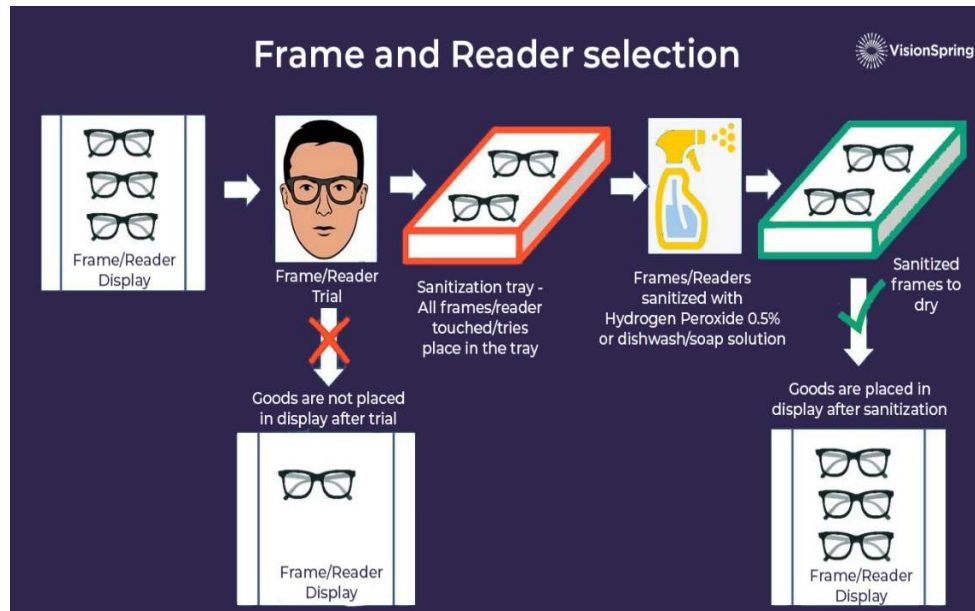
Layout of the Outreach Program – Vision Screenings in the ‘New Normal’



Vision Screenings and Eyeglasses Outreach Program



Handling used frames and readers

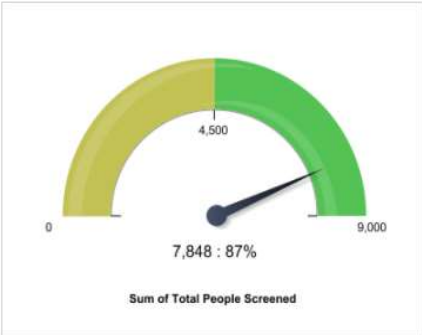


Path Back to Eye Screenings Statistics

- I. **Distribution of population screened - Screened** a total of **5,320 community members**, among them 53% (n=2,794) were males and 47% (n=2,526) were females.
- II. **Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population - 67% (n=3,542)** of all the screened individuals identified with **refractive error/presbyopia**.
- III. **Referrals made among the screened population - 13%** (n=706) identified with suspected cataract and with other visual disorders.
- IV. **Eyeglasses distribution - 56%** (n=2,967) of all population identified with a refractive error received eyeglasses - Readers - 49% (n=1,456), Prescription (Rx) glasses - 51% (n=1,511), through the vision screening program.
- V. **First Time Wearers - 65%** (n=1,916) of all population who received their eyeglasses, **got their first pair of eyeglasses** through the VisionSpring eye-screening camps.
- VI. **Post-coverage rate** in the population was 84%

Screening Statistics

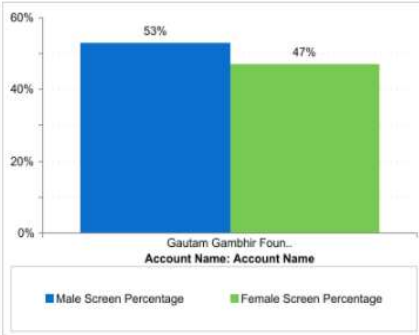
Screening Target vs Achievement



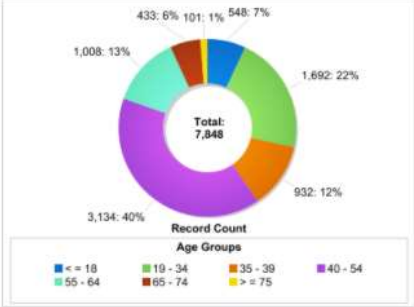
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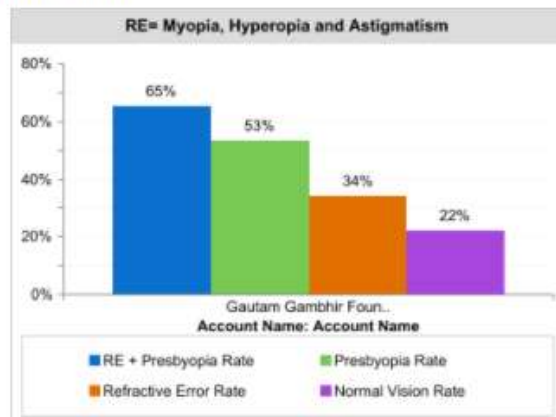
Male & Female Screening Percentage



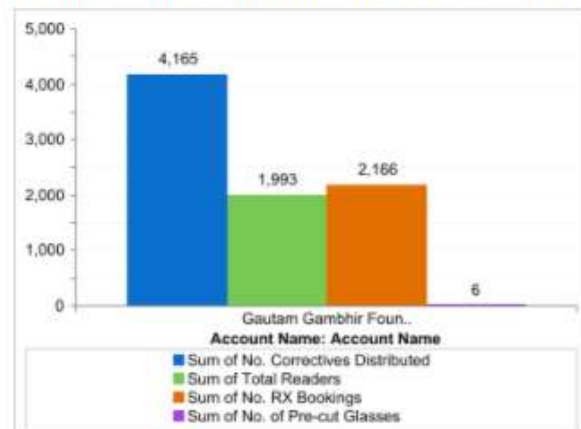
Age Groups



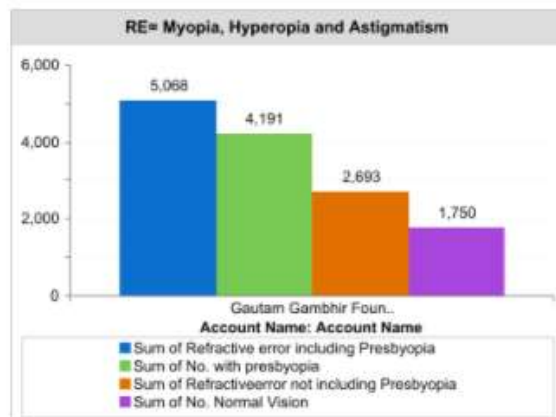
Diagnosis distribution (%): RE+Presbyopia, Presbyopia, RE & Normal



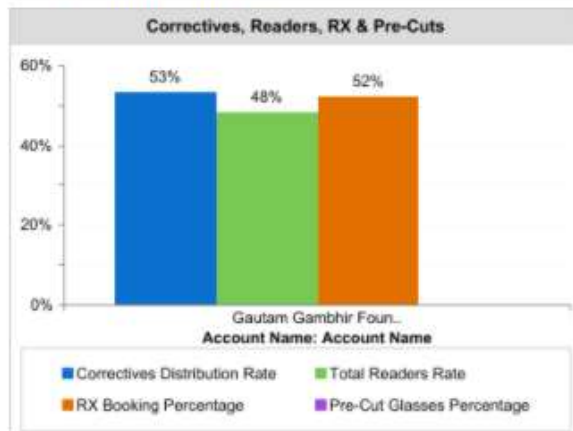
Eyeglasses distribution: Readers, RX bookings & Pre-cuts



Diagnosis distribution (#): RE+Presbyopia, Presbyopia, RE & Normal



Glasses Distribution Rate

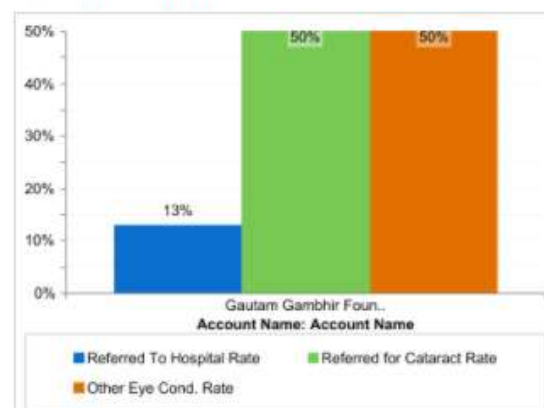


Total Glasses Distributed Same Day & Booked



Total Glasses Distributed Percentage = (Total Readers + Total Pre-Cuts)

Referrals Percentage



Testimonial



Name: Sanjiv Kumar

Age: 38 years

Occupation: Self-employed - Business

Location: Prithivraj Modern School, Ghiroli, New Delhi

Mr Sanjiv visited the Vision Screenings and Eyeglasses Outreach Program as he was having problems in reading the newspaper, checking messages on his mobile as well as managing his account books in his office. He shared that he was very impressed with the way the VisionSpring team introduced him to the handwashing station and educated him on how to wash his hands for 20 seconds as per the WHO guidelines and also made him aware of the benefits of handwashing so that he can maintain these safety precautions to fight COVID-19. Mr Sanjiv also shared that it was a commendable job being done by the VisionSpring team in sanitizing the hands of the customers, recording the temperatures through the thermal scanners and symptomatic health screenings at the registration desk followed by the sanitizing of the stools/chairs after every customer leaves, sanitizing the instruments and eyeglasses at the eye check-up counter and the dispensing of eyeglasses counter. He was prescribed a pair of reading glasses for his near vision problem and received the same at the dispensing and counselling counter. Mr Sanjiv shared that he was given an opportunity to select the eyeglasses and the frame designs from the stock of glasses that were available and was satisfied with the frame fit. He very happy to receive the glasses at a nominal price of INR 60/- only and especially delighted that he

Photo Gallery: Vision Screenings and Eyeglasses Outreach Program



Handwashing



**Registration, Thermal screening
and Symptomatic screening**



Technical



**Dispensing of eyeglasses and
counselling**

B. Provision of Children Eyeglasses

VSF associated with multiple mission-aligned organizations/bodies across the states of New Delhi, Gujarat, and Maharashtra in India to provide eyeglasses to the children who required them. A total of 1,999 children were provided eyeglasses through this initiative. This enabled these children to see clearly and would lead to enhancement of their educational outcomes as 80% of all learning is through vision. This initiative would help them actively participate.

Partner/Project Name	Eyeglasses
Children's Eyeglasses Model	32
Manavta Foundation Trust, Vadodara, Gujrat	32
AIIMS PEC	1430
Community Eye Care Foundation	505
	1999

C. Sambalpur Weavers – Vision Screenings and Eyeglasses Outreach Program



Background and Scope:

VisionSpring Foundation has collaborated with the **Vision India Foundation (Trilochan Netralaya)**, Sambalpur to reach out to 16,500 weavers and their households in the weaver clusters of Bargarh and Sambalpur districts in Odisha, India to become COVID-19 ready and be prepared to face the pandemic. This has been done by:

Phase 1: COVID-19 awareness creation; Training on hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing protocols; Distribution of hygiene kits (consisting of soap, detergent, masks, and information/awareness materials) to 16,500 weavers and their households.

Phase 2: Eye-screenings with COVID-19 readiness with 16,500 weavers and their households, followed with the distribution of eyeglasses in the artisans and weavers' clusters to those who require; Cataract referrals.

Program Deliverables:

1. COVID-19 hygiene kits distribution among the among weaver/artisan clusters.
2. Awareness creation and counselling on COVID-19 response and readiness.
3. Data collection as per the Data Collection Form (as shared below).
4. Capturing and sharing photos, videos, and testimonials.
5. Data sharing with VSF on daily basis in the prescribed format and through the pre-defined mode.

Implementation Plan:

Reach out to the weavers and their households in the weaver clusters in the Sambalpur and Bargarh districts.

Social Impact and Expected Outcomes:

- Provides feeling of immediate well-being.
- Direct tangible benefit to 16,500 weavers and and their households in the weaver clusters in the Sambalpur and Bargarh districts.
- Public Private Partnership (PPP) to raise funds
- Social Return on Investment is 24 times.

Phase 2 - Vision Screenings and Eyeglasses Outreach Program Kick-off

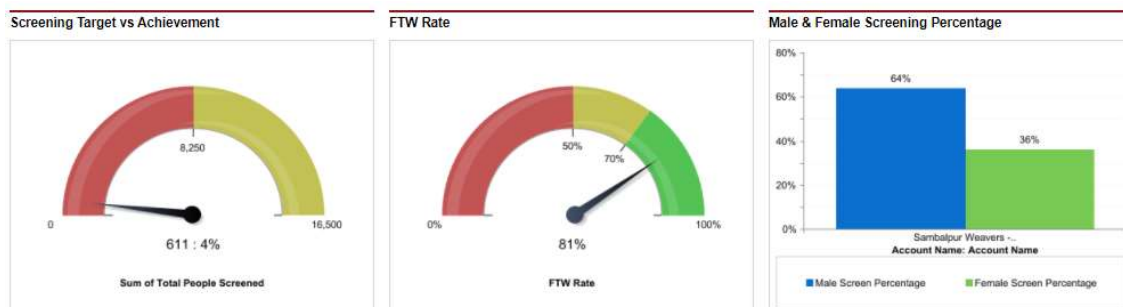
- Promoting social distancing and promoting respiratory hygiene by creating awareness on how to use, wear, maintain, wash and make masks at the waiting areas of the camp
- Promoting handwashing with soap at the handwashing station unit placed at the camp entrance.
- Registration and health screening at the Registration desk
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Sambalpur Weavers – Path Back to Eye Screenings Screening Statistics

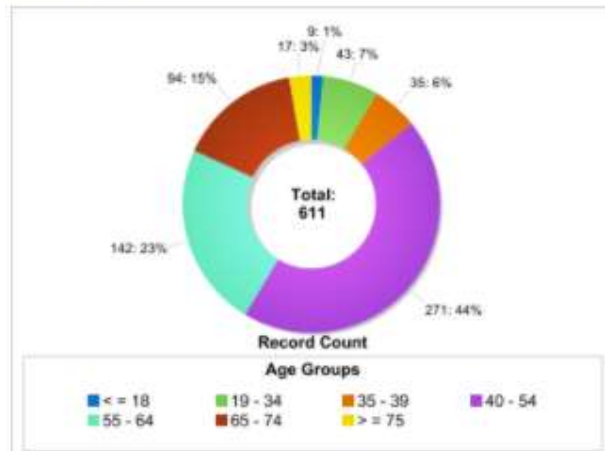
Distribution of population screened - Screened a total of 611 weavers and their household members, among them 64% (n=391) were males and 36% (n=220) were females.

- I. **Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population - 74% (n=453)** of all the screened individuals identified with **refractive error/presbyopia**.
- II. **Referrals made among the screened population - 20% (n=121)** identified with suspected cataract and with other visual disorders.
- III. **Eyeglasses distribution - 96% (n=435)** of all population identified with a refractive error received eyeglasses - Readers - 65% (n=283), Prescription (Rx) glasses - 35% (n=152), through the vision screening program.
- IV. **First Time Wearers - 78% (n=339)** of all population who received their eyeglasses, **got their first pair of eyeglasses** through the VisionSpring eye-screening camps.
- V. **Post-coverage rate** in the population was 96%

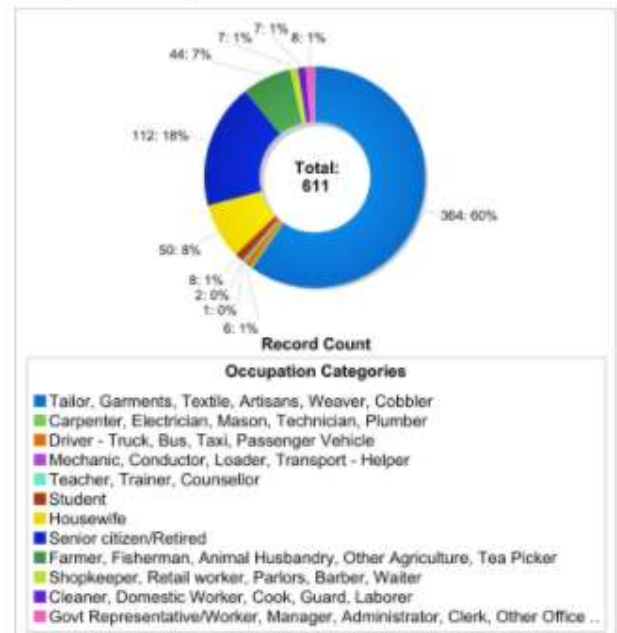
Screening Statistics



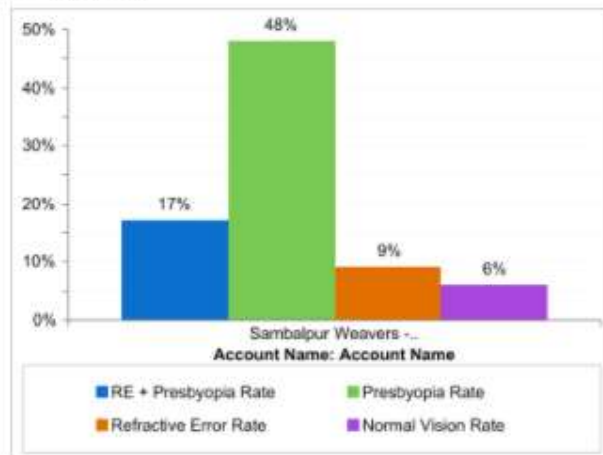
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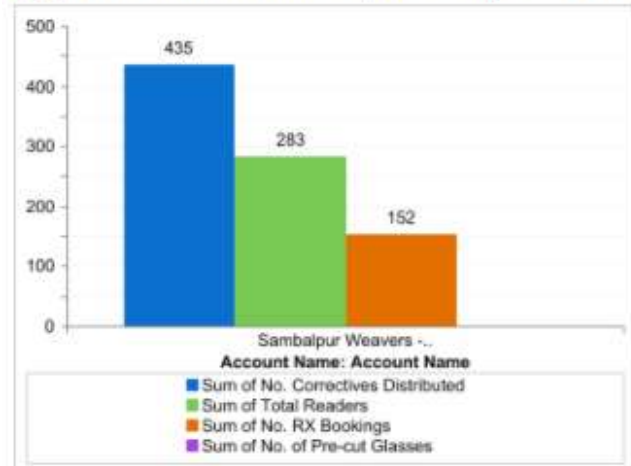
Occupation Categories



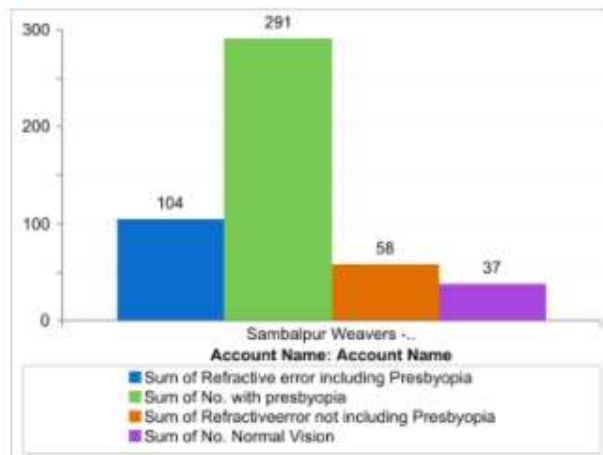
Diagnosis distribution (%): RE+Presbyopia, Presbyopia, RE & Normal



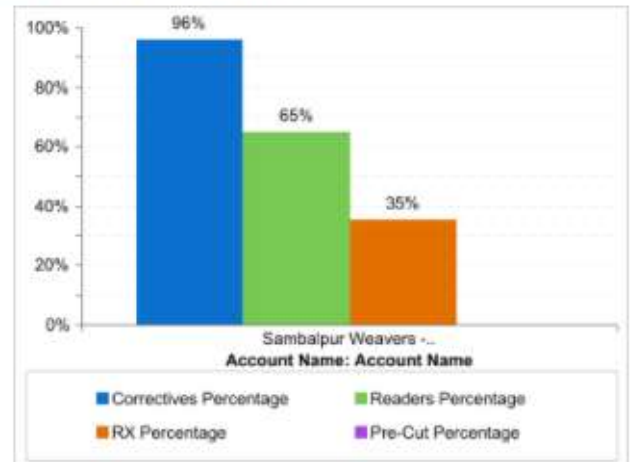
Eyeglasses distributed: Readers, RX bookings & Pre-cuts



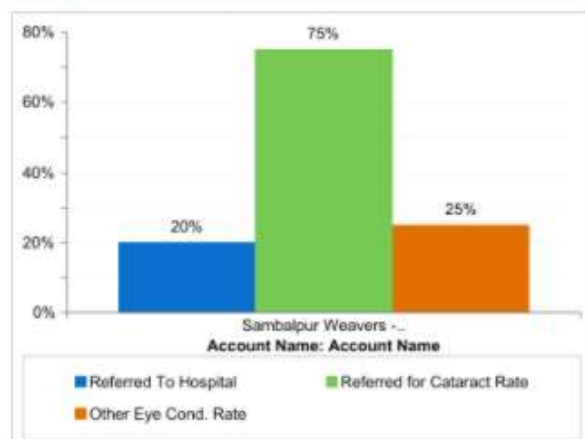
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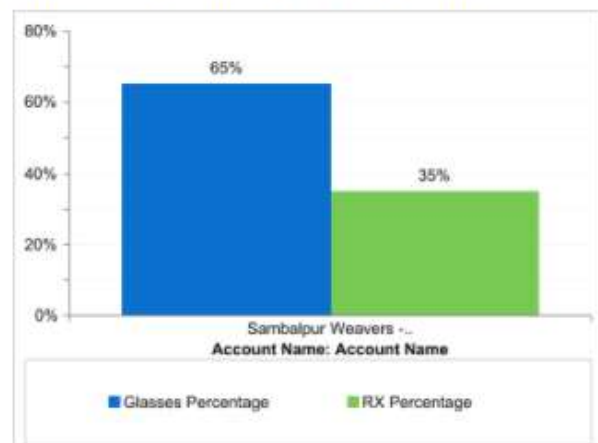
Glasses Distribution Rate



Referrals Percentage



Total Glasses Distributed Same Day & Booked



Testimonial



Name: Hari Meher

Age: 45 years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Bargaon weaver cluster, Bargarh, Odisha

Hari Meher visited the Vision Screenings and Eyeglasses Outreach Program as he was having difficulty in seeing clearly while doing his weaving work which quite often involves intricate work too. He shared that he was very impressed with the way the VisionSpring team introduced him to the handwashing station and educated him on how to wash his hands for 20 seconds as per the WHO guidelines and also made him aware of the benefits of handwashing so that he can maintain these safety precautions to fight COVID-19. Hari also shared that it was a commendable job being done by the VisionSpring team in sanitizing the hands of the customers, recording the temperatures through the thermal scanners and symptomatic health screenings at the registration desk followed by the sanitizing of the stools/chairs after every customer leaves, sanitizing the instruments and eyeglasses at the eye check-up counter and the dispensing of eyeglasses counter. He was prescribed a pair of reading glasses for his near vision problem and received the same at the dispensing and counselling counter. Hari shared that he was given an opportunity to select the eyeglasses and the frame designs from the stock of glasses that were available and was satisfied with the frame fit. He very happy to receive the glasses at a nominal price of INR 60/- only and especially delighted that he could now see clearly with his new glasses and is

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