

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) Activity Report: 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

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. 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 (\$) **36,76,621** from 1st January 2020 to 30th September 2022:

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	08 January 2020
VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 4,99,980	04 February 2020
VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 2,34,980	26 June 2020
VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 1,67,968	12 August 2020

VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 2,93,611	29 October 2020
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York,10108	United States of America (USA)	USD 269,980	29 January 2021
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York,10108	United States of America (USA)	USD 4,49,950	07 May 2021
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York,10109	United States of America (USA)	USD 4,00,000	18 May 2021
The World Zoroastrian Organisation	6943 Fieldstone Drive, Burr Ridge, Illinois,60527-5295, United States of America	United States of America (USA)	USD 10,000	26 May 2021
Schumacher GmbH	Industriestr. 47, D-68169, Mannheim, Germany	Germany	EURO 34,955	23 May 2021
The World Zoroastrian Organisation	6943 Fieldstone Drive, Burr Ridge, Illinois,60527-5295, United States of America	United States of America (USA)	USD 2,480	27 May 2021
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York,10109	United States of America (USA)	USD 41,195	01 October 2021
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York,10109	United States of America (USA)	USD 74,960	01 November 2021
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York,10109	United States of America (USA)	USD 2,99,978	05 November 2021
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York,10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 399,950	31 January 2022
American Friends of Edelgive Foundation	450 Lexington Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY-10017	United States of America (USA)	USD 26,997	27 April 2022
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York,10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 3,99,950	6 July 2022
Integrated Science LLC	Washington DC, United States of America	United States of America (USA)	USD 29,950	14 July 2022
International Medical Corps	12400, Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, California-90025,	United States of America (USA)	USD 49,980	14 July 2022

	United States of America			
		Total (in USD)	USD 36,76,621	
		Total (in Euro)	EURO 34,955	

Programs/Projects Undertaken between 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022:

A. Improving the lives and productivity of artisans, weavers and their households in Delhi NCR, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses

Background and Scope:

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) organised Eye-Screening Eyeglasses Outreach Program for the weavers and artisans, their families, and associated communities in the artisans and weavers' clusters in various locations in Delhi-NCR, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat, India. After making the locations COVID ready by doing COVID awareness creation, training on hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing protocols in the camp premises, VSF conducted eye-screenings with the COVID safe protocols. The objective of the project is to reach out to 55,000 artisans, weavers and their households. This program was conducted in collaboration with the Fair Trade Forum-India.

Eye-Screening Statistics*: 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

- 1. Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 24,308 weavers, artisans, spinners and their households in the weaver and artisan clusters of Delhi-NCR, Varanasi and Mirzapur districts in Uttar Pradesh, Barmer in Rajasthan, Ichalkaranji and Gondia in Maharashtra and Bhuj in Gujarat, India, among them 47% (n = 11,482) were males and 53% (n = 12,821) were females.
- 2. Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 63% (n = 15,328) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
- 3. Referrals made for the screened population:** 15% (n = 3,733) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 74% (n = 2,745) identified with suspected cataract and 26% (n = 988) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centers.
- 4. Eyeglasses distribution:** 96% (n = 14,772) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 49% (n = 7,177), Pre-cuts 0.5% (n = 81) and Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 50.5% (n = 7,514).
- 5. First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 67% (n = 9,916) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening camps.

6. Post-coverage rate in the population was 96%.

Please Note: 24,308 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022 and 14,772 eyeglasses had been distributed/dispensed. The project is currently ongoing and should get completed by December 2022.

Pictures - Barmer, Rajasthan, India



Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening

Eye-Screening



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Testimonials:

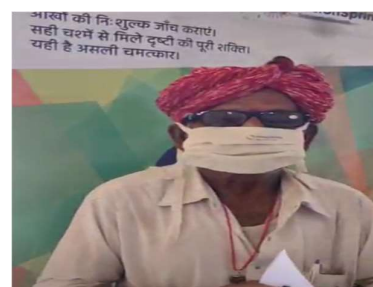
Name: Raj Kumar

Gender: Male

Age: 58 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Kutch, Gujarat, India



Raj Kumar visited the Eyeglasses Outreach Program where get his eye tested. Earlier, he was unable to work for longer hours as his eyes would turn red and watery. He was unable to deliver the required number of units and due to which he was facing financial issues. He got pair of eyeglasses which helped him to work more effectively and efficiently.

Testimonials:

Name: Santosh Rao

Gender: Male

Age: 46 Years

Occupation: Weaver (Quality Check)

Location: Kutch, Gujarat, India



Santosh shared his concerns related to his blurred vision, redness, and teary eyes. He got his eyes tested and received eyeglasses; he shared that post wearing eyeglasses he was able to clear more units at the quality check stage within lesser time. This also increased his productivity and efficiency at work.

Pictures - Bhuj, Gujarat, India



Handwashing



Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening



Eye-Screening



Counselling and Dispensing

Testimonials:

Name: Harish Chandra

Gender: Male

Age: 53 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Bhuj, Gujarat, India



Harish visited outreach program and got his eye tested. He was having trouble working for long hours especially sorting threads, weaving, and yarning and this made his eyes dry and itchy. After receiving eyeglasses, he was able to get his products weaved as per the time allocated to him.

Testimonials:

Name: Khena Parvat Khare

Gender: Male

Age: 49 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Bhuj, Gujarat



Khena visited outreach program and mentioned experiencing frequent headaches and black outs while working and sorting threads. He has been unable to complete his targets and goals which has ultimately affected his income. After getting eyeglasses from VSF, Khena noticed the difference in his vision. He mentioned his ability to sort threads and work on his units without making mistakes.

Pictures - Gondia, Maharashtra, India



Handwashing



Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening



Eye-Screening



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Testimonials:

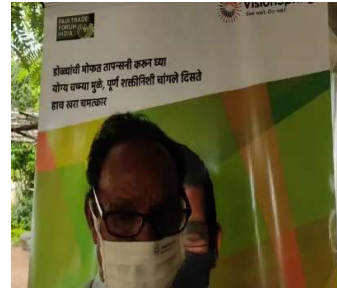
Name: Lakshman Shivram Godre

Gender: Male

Age: 55 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Gondia, Maharashtra



Lakshman visited the outreach program where he registered himself for eye-screening. He was experiencing blurred vision, watery and redness in the eyes. After getting eyeglasses from VSF the issues of blurred vision, watery and redness of the eyes were gone. He was comfortable enough to weave, stitch and yarn for longer hours. This brought in growth and improvement in his production

Testimonial:

Name: Rajesh Devakar

Gender: Male

Age: 49 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Gondia, Maharashtra



Rajesh visited the outreach program and mentioned he was experiencing blurred vision and irritation to his eyes. Rajesh was taking longer hours in delivering production units. On wearing the VisionSpring Foundation eyeglasses, Rajesh saw the difference in his vision. He felt that he was able to cater to his daily duties without any hurdles. His vision was clearer and did not face any irritation in his eyes. He was being able to deliver the required number of units as per the given time by his production team.

Pictures:



Registration, Thermal,
and Symptomatic
Screening

Eye-Screening

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Dispensing

Testimonials:**Name:** Papiya Roy**Gender:** Female**Age:** 49 Years**Occupation:** Weaver**Location:** Purulia, West Bengal

Papiya visited outreach program where she registered herself for eye-screening. She complained of eyes getting watery and itchy due to which she has been lacking behind in delivering her day-to-day production units. After getting eyeglasses from VSF, she was happy and cheerful.

Pictures - Karnataka, India

**Registration, Thermal, and
Symptomatic Screening**



Eye-Screening



Counselling and Dispensing

Testimonials: Karnataka

Name: Dinesh Pal

Gender: Male

Age: 58 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Karnataka



Dinesh visited the outreach program where he registered himself to get his eye checked. He mentioned about having severe headaches, and irritation in his eyes which has been causing him a lot of leaves and time off from work. On receiving the VisionSpring foundation eyeglasses, he mentioned about the difference he could feel in his vision. He mentioned about being regular at his workplace and delivering the required number of units as per the requirement. He shared of weaving better-quality units and clearing the quality check stage.

Pictures - Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra, India



Registration, Thermal and Symptomatic Screening



Eye-Screening



Counselling and Dispensing

Testimonials: Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra, India

Name: Shobha Bapat

Gender: Female

Age: 48 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra



Shobha has been working in the saree weaving industry for over 22 years. She visited the outreach program and got herself screened. She complained of blurred vision and difficulty in focusing on the same thing for a long time. After wearing the VSF eyeglasses, she expressed her comfort.

B. Improving the lives and productivity of artisans, weavers and their households in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses.

Background and Scope:

VisionSpring Foundation organized Eye-Screening and Eyeglasses Outreach Program for the weavers and artisans, their families, and associated communities in the artisans and weavers clusters in various locations in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat, India. After making the locations COVID ready by doing COVID awareness creation, training on hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing protocols in the camp premises, VSF conducted eye-screenings with the COVID safe protocols.

The objective of the project is to reach out to 35,000 artisans, weavers and their households in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, conduct eye-screenings and distribute/dispense eyeglasses to those who require, as well as includes the referral of cataract and other complex eye disease cases to nearby hospitals for further diagnosis and potential treatment. This program was in collaboration with Jaipur Rugs Foundation.

Eye-Screening Statistics*: 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

- 1. Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 16,833 weavers, artisans, spinners and their households in the weaver and artisan clusters of Bikaner, Jaipur, Alwar, Sikar and Dausa in Rajasthan, India, among them 45% (n = 7562) were males and 55% (n = 9121) were females.
- 2. Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 49% (n = 8267) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
- 3. Referrals made for the screened population:** 11% (n = 1805) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 75 % (n = 1354) identified with suspected cataract and 25% (n = 451) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centers.
- 4. Eyeglasses distribution:** 66% (n = 5491) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 57% (n = 3134) and Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 43% (n = 2354).
- 5. First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 90% (n = 4969) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening camps.
- 6. Post-coverage rate** in the population was 66%.

Please Note: 16,833 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022 and 5,491 eyeglasses had been distributed/dispensed. The project is currently ongoing and should get completed by December 2022.

Pictures:



Hand Washing, Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening



Eye-Screening

Counselling and Dispensing

Testimonials:

Name: Shah Begum

Gender: Female

Age: 52 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Bikaner, Jaipur



Shah visited the eyeglasses outreach program and got her eye-screening done. She complained of blurred vision and issues while threading a needle. She shared about the challenges while sorting threads, stitching, and weaving. This ultimately affected the final product. After receiving eyeglasses from VSF, she could work effectively and efficiently.

C. Improving the lives and productivity of artisans, weavers, and their households in Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts, Odisha through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses.

Background and Scope:

VisionSpring Foundation organised Eye-Screenings and Outreach Program in the camp setting for the weavers and artisans, their families, and associated communities in the artisans and weavers' clusters in various locations in the Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts, Odisha, India.

The objective of the project is to reach out to 10,000 artisans, weavers, and their households in the Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts, Odisha, conduct eye-

screenings and distribute/dispense eyeglasses to those who require, as well as includes the referral of cataract and other complex eye disease cases to nearby hospitals for further diagnosis and potential treatment. This program was in collaboration with Ideal Development Agency (IDA).

Eye-Screening Statistics*: 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

- 1. Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 2,203 weavers, artisans, spinners and their households in the weaver and artisan clusters of Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts, Odisha, India, among them 51% (n = 1122) were males and 49% (n = 1081) were females.
- 2. Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 58% (n = 1,283) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
- 3. Referrals made for the screened population:** 13% (n = 294) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 64% (n=187) identified with suspected cataract and 36% (n = 103) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centers.
- 4. Eyeglasses distribution:** 96% (n = 1,175) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 54% (n = 639) and Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 46% (n = 536).
- 5. First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 88% (n = 1030) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening camps.
- 6. Post-coverage rate** in the population was 96%.

Please Note: 2,203 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022 and 1,175 eyeglasses had been distributed/dispensed. The project is currently ongoing and should get completed by December 2022.

Pictures:



Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening

Eye-Screening

Counseling and Dispensing

Testimonials:**Name:** Konakkolita Mahanto**Gender:** Female**Age:** 35 Years**Occupation:** Weaver**Location:** Odisha

She visited the outreach program and registered herself for eye-screening. She complained of not being able to read alphabets and messages in her phone. After receiving VSF eyeglasses, she noticed the difference in her eyesight. She was able to read text messages and work with threads in comfort. She did not have to take help from her colleagues and was being more productive in deliver the units required.

D. Improving the lives and productivity of artisans, weavers and their households in the Jorhat, Golaghat and Majuli districts, Assam through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses.**Background and Scope:**

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) organised Eye-Screening and Outreach Program for the weavers and artisans, their families, and associated communities in the artisans and weavers' clusters in various locations in the Jorhat, Golaghat and Majuli districts. After making the locations COVID ready by doing COVID awareness creation, training on hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing protocols in the camp premises, VSF conducted eye-screenings with the COVID safe protocols. This program was in collaboration with Society for North-East Handmade Paper Development (SNEHPAD)

Eye-Screening Statistics*: 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

- 1. Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 13,867 weavers, artisans, spinners and their households in the weaver and artisan clusters of the Jorhat, Golaghat and Majuli districts, Assam, India, among them 39% (n = 5427) were males and 61% (n = 8340) were females.
- 2. Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 75% (n = 10352) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
- 3. Referrals made for the screened population:** 18% (n = 2544) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 76% (n = 1940) identified with suspected cataract and 24% (n = 604) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centers.
- 4. Eyeglasses distribution:** 98% (n = 10100) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 50% (n = 5081), Pre-Cut: 1% (n = 70) and Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 49% (n = 4949).

5. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 78% (n = 7841) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening camps.
6. **Post-coverage rate** in the population was 98%.

Please Note: 13,867 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022 and eyeglasses had been distributed/dispensed. The project is currently ongoing and should get completed by December 2022.

Pictures:



Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening



Eye-Screening



Counselling and Dispensing

Testimonials:

Name: Juri Dutta

Gender: Female

Age: 42 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Aparijat Jorhat, Assam



Juri visited the outreach program and registered herself for eye-screening. She described the difficulties she has been facing due to weak vision and has not been able to deliver the required number of units. With the help of VSF, she expressed her gratitude towards for new eyeglasses which has helped to increase her productivity and standard of work.

E. Improving the lives and productivity of the community members and their households in Punjab through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses

Background and Scope:

The objective of Clear Vision Punjab is to touch 1 million in Punjab and in Chandigarh, India, by means of doing eye-screenings till 2028. Eyeglasses would be provided to them who require them.

Eye-Screening Statistics*: 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

1. **Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 5,824 community members and their families in various location in Sangrur district, Punjab, India, among them 47% (n = 2741) were males and 53% (n = 3058) were females.
2. **Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 60% (n = 3481) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
3. **Referrals made for the screened population:** 12% (n = 672) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 83% (n = 556) identified with suspected cataract and 17% (n = 116) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centers.
4. **Eyeglasses distribution:** 65% (n = 2253) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 46% (n = 1038), Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 49% (n = 1108) and Pre-Cuts: 5% (n = 107).
5. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 68% (n = 1539) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening camps.
6. **Post-coverage rate** in the population was 65%.

Please Note: 5,824 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022 and 2253 eyeglasses had been distributed/dispensed. The project is ongoing and would be completed in December 2022.

Pictures:



Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening



Eye-Screening

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Testimonials:**Name:** Yashwant Singh**Gender:** Male**Age:** 58 Years**Occupation:** Agricultural worker**Location:** Barnala, Punjab

Yashwant visited the outreach program and shared his concern about facing difficulty in reading books and the newspaper, which has affected his work while farming. He was happy to witness how a pair of eyeglasses has changed his life he is able to read texts without any struggle. This also helped him in regaining his confidence at his workplace which led to higher productivity and efficiency.

F. Improving the quality of lives and productivity of the factory workers including improved workplace safety by conducting the Clear Vision Workplaces program in the factories in Delhi NCR, through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses**Background and Scope:**

VisionSpring Foundation piloted its COVID protocols in a factory in India to ensure its new COVID Safety toolkit could be used effectively. VisionSpring Foundation's Clear Vision Workplace program is designed to increase the coverage of vision screening and eyeglass wearing for working-age adults in India. Teams work with brands, national factory associations and individual factory management teams to integrate into the workplace regular vision screening and increase workers' access to high quality eyeglasses.

Eye-Screening Statistics*: 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

- 1. Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 7801 factory workers in the Texport factories in Bangalore and in factories namely, Sarita Handa and Fashion Accessories, based out of Gurugram and Manesar, Haryana, India, and a total of 7142 factory workers in the factory units of Shahi Exports located in Mysore, Karnataka, among them 64% (n = 4993) were males and 36% (n = 2808) were females.
- 2. Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 52% (n = 4063) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
- 3. Referrals made for the screened population:** 5% (n = 357) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 24% (n = 85) identified with suspected cataract and 76% (n = 272) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centers.
- 4. Eyeglasses distribution:** 91% (n = 3712) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 60% (n = 2232), Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 39% (n = 1440) and Pre-Cuts: 1% (n = 40).

5. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 99.9% (n = 3709) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening camps.
6. **Post-coverage rate** in the population was 91%.

Please Note: 14,943 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022 and 4,103 eyeglasses had been distributed/dispensed. The project is ongoing and would get completed in December 2022.

Pictures -Texport



Testimonials: Textport

Name: Pushpalata Kambale

Gender: Female

Age: 38 Years

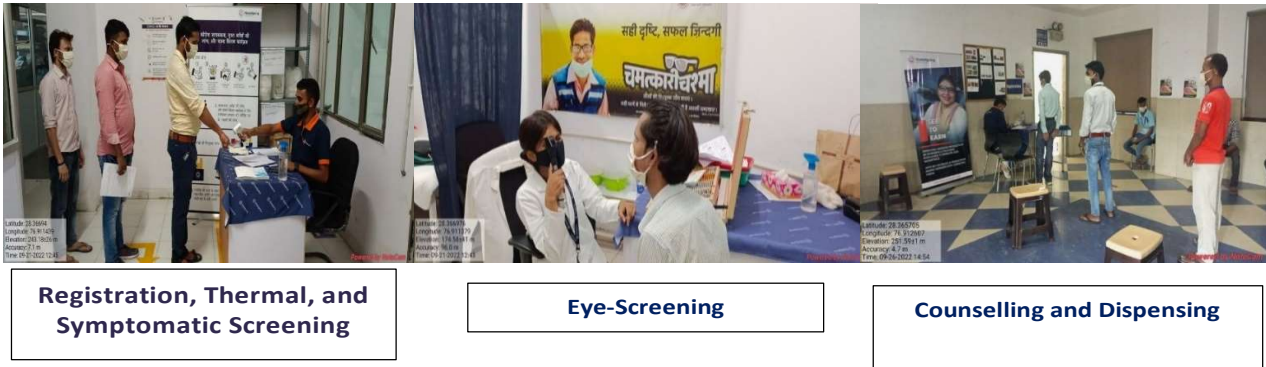
Occupation: Factory worker - Garments

Location: Textport, Karnataka



Pushpalata visited outreach program and mentioned her concern of unclear vision which was causing regular irritation and redness to her eyes. She was facing these issues for many weeks which has led to challenges in delivering her day-to-day activities at her workplace. On receiving her VSF eyeglasses, she experienced difference and was able to carry out her duties at her workplace without any issues or concerns regarding her eye vision.

Pictures - Sarita Handa and Fashion Accessories



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Testimonials: Sarita Handa and Fashion Accessories

Name: Shiv Kumar

Gender: Male

Age: 44 Years

Occupation: Stitcher

Location: Sector 37, Gurugram



Shiv Kumar visited the outreach program and registered himself for eye-screening. He was experiencing blurred vision and irritation in his eyes. He was not able to focus on his work for a long time because of the straining of the eyes. Post getting eyeglasses from VSF, he was able to work with threads and weave for longer time. The magic of clear vision gave him the opportunity to learn new skills and styles as per the requirements of the market.

F. Improving the lives and productivity of the tea tribes (tea garden workers and their families/dependents) in the Baksa district in Assam through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses

Background and Scope:

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF), organised Eye-Screening and Outreach Program for the tea tribes (tea garden workers and their families/dependents) in various locations in Baksa district, Assam. After making the locations COVID ready by doing COVID awareness creation, training on hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing

protocols in the camp premises, VSF conducted eye-screenings with the COVID safe protocols.

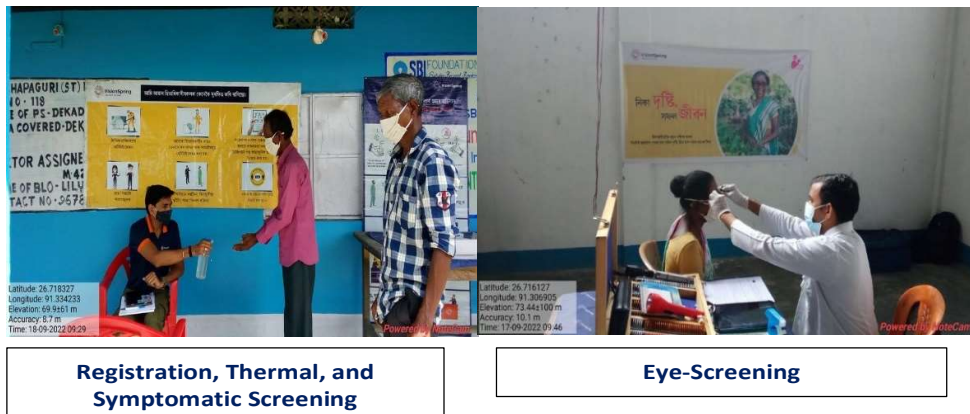
The objective of the project is to reach out to 13,500 tea tribes (tea garden workers and their families/dependents) in various locations in Baksa district, Assam, conduct eye-screenings and distribute/dispense eyeglasses to those who require, as well as includes the referral of cataract and other complex eye disease cases to nearby hospitals for further diagnosis and potential treatment. This program was in collaboration with **Every Infant Matters**.

Eye-Screening Statistics*:1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

- 1. Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 850 community members and their families in various location in Baksa district, Assam in India, among them % (n =) were males and % (n =) were females.
- 2. Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** % (n = 443) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
- 3. Referrals made for the screened population:** 24% (n = 200) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 82% (n = 163) identified with suspected cataract and 18% (n = 37) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centers.
- 4. Eyeglasses distribution:** 71% (n = 315) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 79% (n = 248), Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 18% (n = 58) and Pre-Cuts: 3% (n = 9).
- 5. First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 92% (n = 291) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening camps.
- 6. Post-coverage rate** in the population was 71%.

Please Note: 850 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022 and 315 eyeglasses had been distributed/dispensed. The project is ongoing and would get completed in December 2022.

Pictures:





Counselling and Dispensing

Testimonials:

Name: Rahul Gogoi

Gender: Male

Age: 48 Years

Occupation: Tea Picker

Location: Doomni, Nalbari, Assam



Rahul visited the outreach program and registered himself. He was experiencing difficulties in identifying the right kind of leaves to be plucked and was working continuously with articles at close vicinity caused his eye irritation. This has affected his productivity leading to inefficient and ineffective work. After receiving the VSF eyeglasses, he expressed his gratitude as he was able to work and delivering effectively.

G. Improving the lives and productivity of the tea tribes (tea garden workers and their families/dependents) in the tea estates located in the Golaghat district in Assam through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses

Background and Scope:

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF), organised Eye-Screening and Outreach Program for the tea tribes (tea garden workers and their families/dependents) in various tea estates located in the Golaghat district, Assam, namely, Negheriting, Balijan, Sitalpathar and Dooria, Assam, India. After making the locations COVID ready by doing COVID awareness creation, training on hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing protocols in the camp premises, VSF conducted eye-screenings with the COVID safe protocols.

The objective of the project is to reach out to 12,000 tea tribes (tea garden workers and their families/dependents) in various tea estates located in the Golaghat district, Assam, namely, Negheriting, Balijan, Sitalpathar and Dooria, conduct eye-screenings and distribute/dispense eyeglasses to those who require, as well as includes the

referral of cataract and other complex eye disease cases to nearby hospitals for further diagnosis and potential treatment. This program was in collaboration with Farm2Food Foundation

Eye-Screening Statistics*:1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

1. **Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 2966 community members and their families in Negheriting tea Estate, Assam, India, among them 49% (n = 1404) were males and 51% (n = 1468) were females.
2. **Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 74% (n = 2207) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
3. **Referrals made for the screened population:** 13% (n = 395) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 60% (n = 237) identified with suspected cataract and 40% (n = 158) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centers.
4. **Eyeglasses distribution:** 83% (n = 1829) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 47% (n = 1031), Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 36% (n = 798).
5. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 32% (n = 582) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening camps.
6. **Post-coverage rate** in the population was 83%.

Please Note: 2,966 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022 and 1,829 eyeglasses have been distributed/dispensed. The project is ongoing and would get completed in December 2022.

Pictures:



Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening



Eye-Screening



Counselling and Dispensing

Testimonials:

Name: Ashish Borkotoki

Gender: Male

Age: 47 Years

Occupation: Tea Picker

Location: Negheriting Tea Estate, Golaghat, Assam



Ashish visited outreach program and got himself registered. He has been working in the tea estate for more than seven years. He was experiencing itching and redness in eyes and got himself tested. On receiving the VSF eyeglasses, he expressed his happiness and thanked VSF for a clear vision which helped in delivering his work on time and without taking long breaks from work.

H. Improving the lives and productivity of 8,800 artisans, weavers and their households in Surat, Navsari, Ankleshwar and Kim, Gujarat through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses.

Background and Scope:

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) organised Eye-Screening and Outreach Program for the weavers and artisans, their families, and associated communities in the artisans and weavers clusters in various locations in Surat, Navsari, Ankleshwar and Kim, Gujarat, India. After making the locations COVID ready by doing COVID awareness creation, training on hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing protocols in the camp premises, VSF conducted eye-screenings with the COVID safe protocols.

The objective of the project is to reach out to 8,800 artisans, weavers and their households in Surat, Navsari, Ankleshwar and Kim, Gujarat, conduct eye-screenings and distribute/dispense eyeglasses to those who require, as well as includes the referral of cataract and other complex eye disease cases to nearby hospitals for further diagnosis and potential treatment. This program was in collaboration with Sanjay Mane Foundation

Eye-Screening Statistics*:1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

- 1. Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 5925 community members and their families in various locations in Surat district, Gujarat, India, among them 75% (n = 4471) were males and 24% (n = 1447) were females.
- 2. Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 41% (n = 2409) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
- 3. Referrals made for the screened population:** 5% (n = 298) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 56% (n =168) identified with suspected cataract and 44% (n = 130) identified with other complex eye diseases had been

referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centers.

4. **Eyeglasses distribution:** 82% (n = 1975) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 69% (n = 1369), Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 29% (n = 576) and Pre-Cuts: 2% (n = 30).
5. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 72% (n = 1422) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening camps.
6. **Post-coverage rate** in the population was 82%.

Please Note: 5925 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022 and 1975 eyeglasses had been distributed/dispensed. The project is ongoing and would get completed in December 2022.

Pictures:



Testimonials:

Name: Dinesh Pandey

Gender: Male

Age: 42 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Bestan, Surat, Gujarat, India

Dinesh visited the outreach program where he registered himself for eye-screening. He has been facing difficulty in reading texts messages which has led to constant strain to his eyes. After getting tested and receiving eyeglasses from VSF, he could read messages clearly and was not able to work at the dispatching station. He was confident in taking up additional responsibilities at his workplace which could leverage his income.



I. Improving the lives and productivity of 1,000 artisans, weavers and their households in the Nuapatna clusters in Cuttack, Odisha through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses,

Background and Scope:

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) organised Eye- Screenings and Outreach Program for the weavers and artisans, their families, and associated communities in the artisans and weavers clusters in various locations in the Nuapatna clusters in Cuttack, Odisha. After making the locations COVID ready by doing COVID awareness creation, training on hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing protocols in the camp premises, VSF conducted eye-screenings with the COVID safe protocols.

The objective of the project is to reach out to 1,000 artisans, weavers and their households in the Nuapatna clusters in Cuttack, Odisha, conduct eye-screenings and distribute/dispense eyeglasses to those who require, as well as includes the referral of cataract and other complex eye disease cases to nearby hospitals for further diagnosis and potential treatment. This program was in collaboration with Society for Development of Human Resources Through Handloom and Allied Activities (SHRADDHA)

Eye-Screening Statistics*:1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

- 1. Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 1000 artisans, weavers and their households in the Nuapatna clusters in Cuttack, Odisha, India, among them 65% (n = 653) were males and 35% (n = 347) were females.
- 2. Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 86% (n = 863) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
- 3. Referrals made for the screened population:** 11% (n = 108) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 56% (n = 60) identified with suspected cataract and 44% (n = 47) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centers.
- 4. Eyeglasses distribution:** 93% (n = 800) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 57% (n = 456), Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 37% (n = 292) and Pre-Cuts: 7% (n = 52).
- 5. First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 85% (n = 683) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening camps.
- 6. Post-coverage rate** in the population was 93%.

Please Note: 1,000 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022 and eyeglasses had been distributed/dispensed. The project is ongoing and would get completed in December 2022.

Pictures:



Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening

Eye-Screening

Counselling and Dispensing

Testimonials:

Name: Lily Sahu

Gender: Female

Age: 55 Years

Occupation: Weaver

Location: Mukta Nagar, Nuapatna, Cuttack, Odisha



Lily visited the outreach program and registered herself for eye-screening. She complained blurred vision and difficulty in threading a needle while weaving. She was given eyeglasses by VSF and was extremely delighted as she could do her daily tasks without any help and support of family members.

J. Improving the lives and educational outcomes of children through the provision of eyeglasses

Locations: Delhi NCR, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand in India

VSF collaborated with multiple mission-aligned organizations/bodies such as National Planning for Control and Blindness, SHS (New Delhi), Integrated Sciences, ITDP Palghar (Maharashtra), SSM Nanded, Rotary International (West Bengal), Urjavya Foundation (Jharkhand), Shroff Eye Hospital (New Delhi) and Dyal Singh College (Karnal).

VSF conducted eye-screenings of 74,146 children and provided 13,280 eyeglasses from July 2022 to September 2022. These eyeglasses helped children to see clearly and improved learning outcomes as 80% of learning is through vision. It helps

children to actively participate in school and would contribute to making their future bright.

Eye-Screening Statistics*:1st July 2022 to 30th September 2022

1. Distribution of children screened: Screened 74,146 children in various states of India.
2. Eyeglasses distribution: 13,280 eyeglasses were distributed to the children who had refractive error.
3. First Time Wearers (FTWs): Out of 13,280 eyeglasses distributed to the children, 9,374 were the first-time eyeglasses wearers.

Pictures:



Registration

Pre-Screening

Eye-Screening

Testimonial:

Name: Kalpana

Gender: Female

Age: 16 Years

Occupation: Student

Location: Najafgarh, New Delhi



Kalpana never got her eyes tested prior to VSF program. She used to copy from her classmates notes as she was experiencing blurry vision and could not see the black board. She got herself tested and received pair eyeglasses for distance vision. She was very happy with her new eyeglasses as she could see clearly and participate in school activities.