

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) Activity Report: 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023

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 eyecare 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) has received FCRA grant amount from 1st January 2020 to 30th September 2023 as per the table below:

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 (USA)	USD 10,000	26 May 2021
Schumacher GmbH	Industriestr. 47, D-68169, Mannheim	Germany	EURO 34,955	23 May 2021

The World Zoroastrian Organisation	6943 Fieldstone Drive, Burr Ridge, Illinois, 60527-5295	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, 4 th 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 399,950	06 July 2022
Integrated Science LLC	21, George Street, STE, G03, Lowell, MA 01854-2249	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
International Medical Corps	12400, Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, California 90025	United States of America (USA)	USD 44,979	14 September 2022
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 4,99,950	27 September 2022
American Friends of EdelGive Foundation	450 Lexington Avenue, 4 th Floor, New York, NY-10017	United States of America (USA)	USD 26,997	16 December 2022
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 2,39,950	21 December 2022
Integrated Science LLC	21, George Street, STE, G03, Lowell, MA 01854-2249	United States of America (USA)	USD 37,450	26 December 2022
Integrated Science LLC	21, George Street, STE, G03, Lowell, MA 01854-2249	United States of America (USA)	USD 37,449	26 December 2022
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 239,950	31 January 2023
International Medical Corps	12400, Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, California 90025	United States of America (USA)	USD 4,483.68	6 February 2023
Integrated Science LLC	21, George Street, STE, G03, Lowell, MA 01854-2249	United States of America (USA)	USD 29,950	17 March 2023
		Total USD	USD 4,838,049.68	
		Total Euro	EURO 34,955	

Programs/Program Undertaken between 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023:

A. Improving the lives and productivity of Tea tribes (tea garden workers and their families/dependents) through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses, in association with the Tea Estates in Assam, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal.

Background and Scope:

During the period of 1st July 2023 till 30th September 2023, a total of 39,467 tea tribes and their household members were screened in the tea estates of Assam, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, India and 20,196 eyeglasses were provided to those who required them. Those with complex eye diseases were referred to the Government/other hospitals in the area for further diagnosis and treatment. This program was conducted in collaboration with the following organisations:

1. Tea garden workers and their families/dependents located in following locations of Assam, India:
 - Goodricke Tea, Sivasagar , Jorhat , Mangalda, Lakhimpur, Sonitpur, and Cachar
 - Rungamatttee Tea, Golaghat
 - Ghillidary Tea Estate, Golaghat
 - Jalannagar Group of Tea Estates, Bahadur
 - Tingamira Tea Estates, Tinsukia
 - Dinjoye Tea Estate, Dibrugarh
 - Chota Tingrai Tea Estate, Tinsukia
 - Mokalbari Kanoi Tea Estate, Dibrugarh
 - New Sonwal Tea, Mariani District, Jorhat
 - Rossell Tea, Dikom, Namsang
 - Romai Tea Estates, Dibrugarh
 - Kharikatia Tea Estate, Jorhat
 - Nagrijuli Tea Estate, Baksa
 - Nokhroy Tea Estate, Tinsukia
 - Kamakhyabari Tea, Sivasagar
 - Rossell Tea, Namsang
 - Romai Tea Estate, Dibrugarh
2. Tea garden workers and their families/dependents located in following locations of Tamil Nadu, India:
 - Rousdonmullai Estate, Nilgiris
3. Tea garden workers and their families/dependents located in following locations of West Bengal, India:
 - Goodricke Group, Dooars and Darjeeling

Eye-Screening Statistics*: 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023

1. **Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 39,467 tea pickers and their households in the tea estates of Assam, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, India, among them 49% (n = 19,535) were males and 51% (n = 19,931) were females.
2. **Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 62% (n = 24,374) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
3. **Referrals made for the screened population:** 11.26% (n = 4,445) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 68.36% (n = 3,039) identified with suspected cataract and 31.64% (n =

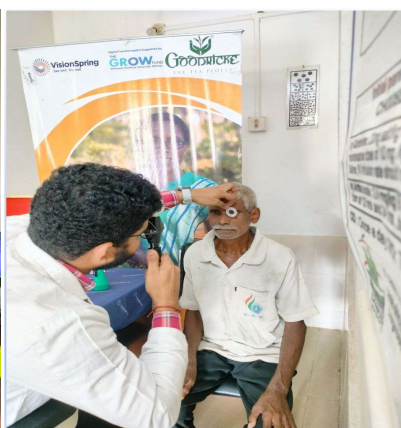
1,406) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centres.

4. **Eyeglasses distribution:** 82.85% (n = 20,196) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 63% (n = 12,828), Pre-cuts: 7% (n = 1,378) and Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 30% (n = 5,990).
5. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 96.6% (n = 19,511) 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 82.85%.

Pictures:



Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening



Eye-Screening



Counselling and Eyeglasses Dispensing

Testimonial: Goodricke Tea Estate

Name: Anjali Bhumej

Gender: Female

Occupation: Tea leaf picker

Location: Darjeeling



Anjali was struggling with her impaired eyesight. Her poor and blurry vision hampered her ability to identify and select the right leaves for plucking. This led to reduced productivity. After getting herself screened for vision, she noticed a difference in her eyesight which made it simpler for her to work. She expressed her gratitude to the whole team and expressed her happiness for being allowed to choose her eyeglasses.

***Note:** 20,397 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1st August 2023 to 30th September 2023 and 11,448 eyeglasses were dispensed. The program is currently operational and is expected to be completed by 31st December 2023.

B. Improving the lives and productivity of artisans, weavers and their households in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, and Punjab through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses.

The objective of the program was to reach out to 84,835 artisans, weavers, and their households in the artisans and weavers' clusters of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, and Punjab through eye-screenings and distribute 58,704 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.

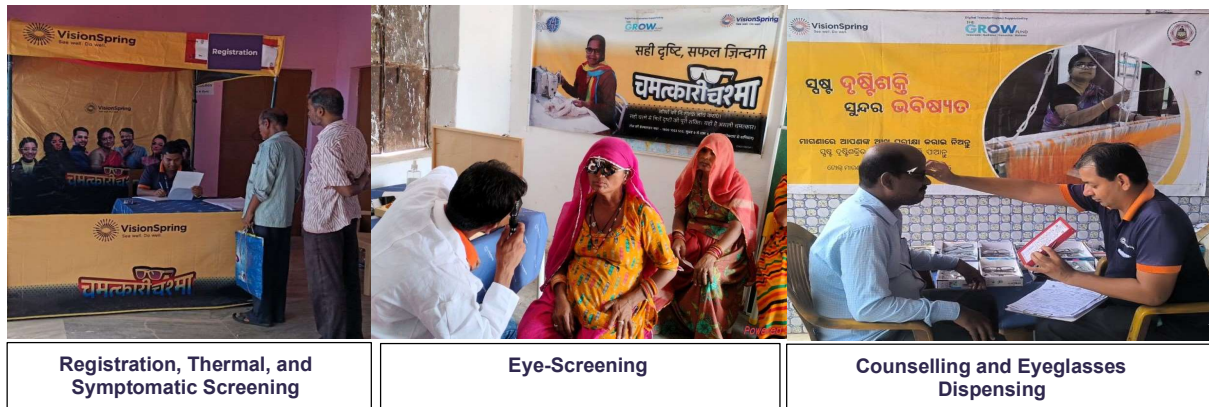
Between 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023, 84,835 weavers, artisans, spinners, and their household were screened for vision in the weaver and artisan clusters of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, and Punjab and 58,704 eyeglasses were provided to those who required them. Those with complex eye diseases were referred to the Government/other hospitals in the area for further diagnosis and treatment. This program was in collaboration with:

1. Venkatagiri Municipality in Venkatagiri (Andhra Pradesh)
2. Society for North-East Handmade Paper Development (SNEHPAD) in Jorhat and Golaghat (Assam)
3. IWA Silk Farmer Producer (ISFPCL) in Kamrup (Assam)
4. Shree Sai Kala Krida and Sanskrutik Mandal Kolhapur in Ichalkaranji (Maharashtra)
5. Village Care Society in Nagpur (Maharashtra)
6. Society for Development of Human Resources through Handloom and Allied Activities (SHRADDHA) in Nuapatan (Odisha)
7. Jaipur Rugs Foundation in Alwar, Jaipur, Mirzapur, Bhadohi, and Ajmer (Rajasthan)
8. Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) in Jaipur and Bikaner (Rajasthan), Agra and Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh), and Howrah (West Bengal)
9. ACCESS Development Services in Kota (Rajasthan), Bishnupur (West Bengal), Maheshwar (Madhya Pradesh), and Nuapatna (Odisha)

Eye-Screening Statistics*: 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023

1. **Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 84,835 weavers, artisans, spinners, and their household in the weaver and artisan clusters of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Punjab in India, among them 49.7% (n = 42,224) were males and 50.3% (n = 42,067) were females.
2. **Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 70% (n = 58,704) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
3. **Referrals made for the screened population:** 19% (n = 10,937) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 70% (n = 7,624) identified with suspected cataract and 30% (n = 3,313) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centres.
4. **Eyeglasses distribution:** 86% (n = 50,488) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 53% (n = 26,593) and Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 38% (n = 19,222) and Pre-Cuts: 9% (n = 4,727).
5. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 88% (n = 44,504) 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 86%.

Pictures:



Testimonial: Society for Development of Human Resources through Handloom and Allied Activities (SHRADDHA)

Name: Sabitri Das
Gender: Female
Age: 58 years
Occupation: Weaver
Location: Odisha



She was facing constant headaches and was unable to position the threads precisely. After registering herself for eye test she consulted the optometrist was provided with a pair of eyeglasses. She was satisfied with the comfortable glasses that gave her a feeling of confidence that she would be able to complete her work with precision and without any hassles as her vision was clear and improved. She expressed her gratitude to the VSF team and emphasised the need for such programs.

***Note:** 17,496 eye-screenings were done during the period of 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023 and 11,544 eyeglasses were dispensed. The program is currently operational and is expected to be completed by 31st December 2023.

C. 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 India, through COVID safe eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses

Background and Scope:

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 eye-screening and increase workers' access to high quality, affordable eyeglasses.

Eye-Screening Statistics: 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023

1. **Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 3,860 factory workers in the factories of Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) in Delhi NCR and Shahi Exports based in Bengaluru (Karnataka) in India.
2. **Eyeglasses distribution:** Total 144 eyeglasses were distributed.

Pictures:



Registration, Thermal, and Symptomatic Screening

Eye-Screening

Counselling and Eyeglasses Dispensing

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

Locations: Maharashtra, Karnataka, Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi in India.

AWARENESS SESSION



VSF collaborated with multiple mission-aligned organisations/bodies as mentioned below:

S.No.	Partners	Location(s)
1	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	Delhi NCR
2	National Health Mission (NHM)	Bengaluru, Karnataka
3	National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB)	Amritsar, Punjab
4	National Rural Health Mission	Ferozepur, Punjab
5	Mehar Chand Mahajan Vidyawati Charitable Trust	Himachal Pradesh
6	Haryana State Blindness Control Society	Kaithal, Gurugram, Jind, Bhiwani, Karnal, Panchkula, Sirsa, Yamuna Nagar, Hissar, Ambala, Panipat, Jhajjar, Panipat, Rohtak, Rewari, Gohana, Fatehabad, Kurukshetra, Charkhi Dadri, Palwal, Nuh-Mewat in Haryana
7	Jamshedpur Eye Hospital	Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
8	Arogya Foundation	Ranchi, Jharkhand
9	Visual Eyez	Gurgaon, Haryana
10	Rotary Bangalore IT Corridor	Bangalore, Karnataka
11	CBM India Trust	Bangalore, Karnataka
12	Rotary Eye Institute	Navsari, Gujarat
13	Community Eye Care Foundation	Pune, Maharashtra
14	H.V Desai Eye Hospital	Pune, Maharashtra
15	Kamal Welfare Trust	Mumbai, Maharashtra
16	Parvati Group	Umarkhed, Maharashtra
17	Drushti Lion's Netralaya	Jalna, Maharashtra
18	Raddiant Eye Care	Nashik, Maharashtra
19	Navdrushti Seva Sanstha	Raigad, Maharashtra
20	Government of Nagaland	Kohima, Nagaland
21	KD Hospital	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
22	J P Eye Hospital	Mohali, Punjab
23	Joti Foundation	Shri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab
24	Blind People's Association	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
25	Office of Deputy Commissioner	Rupnagar, Punjab
26	Global Hospital Institute of Ophthalmology	Mount Abu, Rajasthan
27	Office of the Reproductive and Child Health	Churu, Rajasthan
28	RBSK	Sikar, Rajasthan
29	Sankara Eye Hospital	Bangalore, Karnataka
30	M.N Eye Hospital	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
31	Nirmal Ashram Eye Institute	Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
32	Rotary Club of Ghaziabad Anant	Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
33	Raj Healthcare Society	Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
34	CMO Gautam Budh Nagar	Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
35	The Sitapur Eye Hospital Trust	Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh
36	Visual Eyez	Noida, Uttar Pradesh
37	Dantan Manav Kalyan Kendra	Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal
38	Anjana Ghosh Memorial Social Welfare Trust	Kolkata, West Bengal

39	Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital	Delhi NCR; Alwar, Rajasthan; Saharanpur, Shahjahanpur, Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh
40	Rotary Club New Delhi	Delhi NCR

VSF conducted eye screenings of 25,133 children and provided 21,310 eyeglasses from 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023. These eyeglasses helped children to see clearly and improved learning outcomes as 70% of learning is through vision. It helps children to actively participate in school and would contribute in making their future bright.

Eye-Screening Statistics: 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023

1. **Distribution of children screened:** Screened 25,133 children in various states of India.
2. **Eyeglasses distribution:** 21,310 eyeglasses were distributed to the children who had refractive error.
3. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** Out of all the eyeglasses distributed to the children, 90% were First-Time Wearers (FTWs) of eyeglasses.

Pictures:



Testimonial:

Name: Gauri
Gender: Female
Age: 14 years
Occupation: Student



Gauri shared that she had been facing problems with her eyesight for almost 2 to 3 months. She was also facing difficulty in seeing the blackboard and had a constant headache but didn't think it could be related to her eyes, and thus, she never got her eyes checked. She was happy to be a part of VSF organised eye-screening program that was conducted in her school. Now after receiving her eyeglasses, she is able to see everything clearly.