

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) Activity Report: 1st October 2023 to 31st December 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 outreach program. 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 31st December 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 499,980	04 February 2020
VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 234,980	26 June 2020
VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 167,968	12 August 2020
VisionSpring, Inc.	505, 8 th Avenue Suite, 12A-07, New York-10018	United States of America (USA)	USD 293,611	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 449,950	07 May 2021
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10109	United States of America (USA)	USD 399,950	18 May 2021
The World Zoroastrian Organisation	6943 Fieldstone Drive, Burr Ridge, Illinois, 60527-5295	United States of America (USA)	USD 9,980	26 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
Schumacher GmbH	Industriestr. 47, D-68169, Mannheim	Germany	EURO 34,955	23 Jun 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 299,978	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 499,950	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 239,950	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
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 474,950	18 May 2023
American Friends of EdelGive Foundation	450 Lexington Avenue, 4 th Floor, New York, NY-10017	United States of America (USA)	USD 21,316	20 June 2023
Integrated Science LLC	21, George Street, STE, G03, Lowell, MA 01854-2249	United States of America (USA)	USD 14,960	31 July 2023
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 399,950	31 July 2023

VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 464,950	27 September 2023
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 349,950	06 December 2023
		Total USD	USD 6,564,056	
		Total Euro	EURO 34,955	

Programs/Program Undertaken between 1st October 2023 to 31st December 2023:

A. Improving the lives and productivity of Tea tribes (tea garden workers and their families/dependents) through 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 October 2023 till 31st December 2023, a total of 64,403 tea tribes and their household members were screened in the tea estates of Assam, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, India and 36,053 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 in following locations of Assam, India:

- Goodricke Tea, Jorhat
- Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF), Jorhat
- Farm to Food, Golaghat and Nalbari
- Every Infant Matter, Baksa Tea Gardens, Baksa
- Amalgamated Plantations, Powai Tea Estate, Tinsukia

2. Tea garden workers and their families/dependents in following locations of Tamil Nadu, India:

- Rousdonmullai Tea Estate, Nilgiris

3. Tea garden workers and their families/dependents in following locations of West Bengal, India:

- Goodricke Tea, Dooars, Alidwarpur, and Darjeeling
- Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF), North Bengal

Eye-Screening Statistics: 1st October 2023 to 31st December 2023

- 1. Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 64,403 tea pickers and their households in the tea estates of Assam, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, India, among them 49% (n = 31,343) were males and 51% (n = 33,056) were females.
- 2. Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 64% (n = 41,293) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
- 3. Referrals made for the screened population:** 16% (n = 10,263) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 75% (n = 7,704) identified with suspected cataract and 25% (n = 2,559) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centres.

4. **Eyeglasses distribution:** 87.03% (n = 36,053) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 60% (n = 21,544), Pre-cuts: 7% (n = 2,369) and Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 33% (n = 12,140).
5. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 85.47% (n = 30,815) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening outreach program.
6. **Post-coverage rate** in the population was 87.03%.

Pictures:



Testimonial: Amalgamated Plantations, Assam

Name: Makandowa

Gender: Female

Age: 48

Occupation: Tea Garden Worker

Location: Dhekia Khua



Makandowa has been working in the tea estate over the years and this profession has been a subsequent source of income generation for her family. She registered herself and got her eyes screened. The optometrist examined her eyes and gave her eyeglasses. After wearing the prescribed VisionSpring Foundation eyeglasses, she noticed a difference in her eyesight which made it simpler for her to work efficiently in her profession. She expressed her gratitude to the whole team and expressed her happiness for the same.

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, Ladakh, and Punjab through eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses.

The objective of the program was to reach out to 54,826 artisans, weavers, and their households in the artisans and weavers' clusters of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Ladakh, and Punjab through eye-screenings and distribute 34,676 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 October 2023 to 31st December 2023, 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, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Punjab and 34,676 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 the following organisations in India:

- Venkatagiri Municipality in Venkatagiri (Andhra Pradesh)
- Society for North-East Handmade Paper Development (SNEHPAD) in Bongaigaon and Golaghat (Assam)
- IWA Silk Farmer Producer (ISFPCL) in Kamrup (Assam)
- Meher Chand Mahajan Charitable Trust, Leh (Ladakh) and Chamba (Himanchal Pradesh)
- Village Care Society in Nagpur (Maharashtra)
- Doddaballapura Weavers in Bengaluru (Karnataka)
- Aasraa Foundation in Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)
- Joti Foundation in Bhatinda and Fazilka (Punjab)
- Jaipur Rugs Foundation in Alwar, Jaipur, Mirzapur, Bhadohi, and Ajmer (Rajasthan)
- Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) in Jaipur (Rajasthan) and Agra and Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh)
- ACCESS Development Services in Kota (Rajasthan) and Cuttack (Odisha)
- Sanjay Mane Foundation in Surat (Gujarat)

Eye-Screening Statistics: 1st October 2023 to 31st December 2023

1. **Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 54,826 weavers, artisans, spinners, and their household in the weaver and artisan clusters of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Punjab in India, among them 46.4% (n = 25,450) were males and 53.5% (n = 29,371) were females.
2. **Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 70% (n = 38,221) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
3. **Referrals made for the screened population:** 71% (n = 6,989) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 70% (n = 5,013) identified with suspected cataract and 29% (n = 1,976) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centres.
4. **Eyeglasses distribution:** 91% (n = 34,676) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 53% (n = 18,423) and Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 37% (n = 12,827) and Pre-Cuts: 10% (n = 3,426).
5. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 91% (n = 31,456) of the people who received their eyeglasses got their first ever pair of eyeglasses through the eye-screening outreach program
6. **Post-coverage rate** in the population was 91%.

Pictures:



Testimonial: Mehar Chand Mahajan Charitable Trust

Name: Chandra Sharma
Gender: Male
Age: 47 Years
Occupation: Panchayat Pradhan
Location: Kohladi, Gram Panchayat, Chamba



Chandra was facing difficulties in seeing nearby things and reading mobile text messages. He was eager to get his eyes screened and got himself registered. The VSF team provided him with a pair of eyeglasses. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the team for organizing outreach program in the village, especially since villagers often have to travel as far as Pathankot and Amritsar for eye checkups. He mentioned VSF team that he will call his relatives who live far away and encourage them to come and visit the outreach program for eye-screening.

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 eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses.

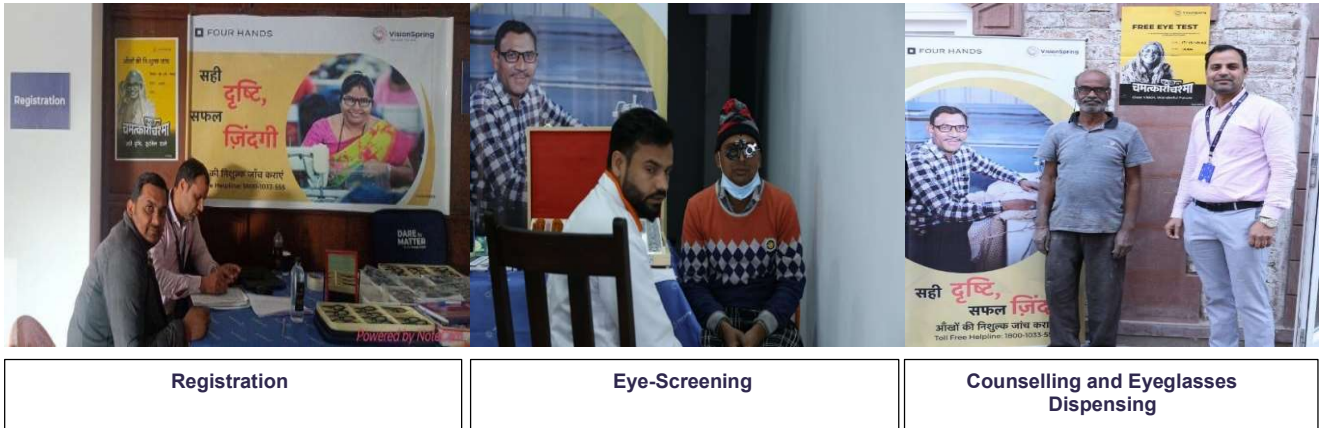
Background and Scope:

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 October 2023 to 31st December 2023

- Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 7,972 factory workers in the factories of Trifox Toyz in Jhandapur (Uttar Pradesh), Uno Minda in Manesar and Rewari (Haryana), Wearwell India in Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Four Hands in Jodhpur (Rajasthan).
- Eyeglasses distribution:** Total 4,421 eyeglasses were distributed.

Pictures:



Testimonials: Four Hands, Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Name: Vijay Kumar

Gender: Male

Age: 36 Years

Occupation: Carpenter

Location: Sankara Handicrafts, Jodhpur, Rajasthan



Vijay mentioned that he has been working as carpenter for more than 12 years. He has been experiencing frequent headaches, and after working long hours, he develops blurry vision, and require frequent breaks from his work. He visited the outreach program for eye-screening, and he was provided a pair of eyeglasses for his near vision problem. Vijay expressed his gratitude to the whole team for assisting him and providing him with eyeglasses which helped him to perform well in his profession. With the eyeglasses, he feels confident and works efficiently and productively.

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



Locations: Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi NCR, Haryana, and Punjab in India

VSF collaborated with multiple mission-aligned organizations/bodies such as Pratham in Sitapur and Unnao (Uttar Pradesh), Aurangabad (Maharashtra), Dausa and Jaipur (Rajasthan), Joti Foundation in Fazilka and Bathinda (Punjab), Navjyoti India Foundation in Bawana (Delhi NCR), Sampark Sathi Foundation in Delhi (Delhi NCR), Humanity Foundation in Delhi (Delhi NCR), Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in Shahdara (Delhi NCR). Please refer to **Table 1** for detailed information.

VSF conducted eye-screenings of 1,58,929 children and provided 22,723 eyeglasses from 1st October 2023 to 31st December 2023. These eyeglasses helped children see clearly and improved learning outcomes as 70% 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 October 2023 to 31st December 2023

- 1. Distribution of children screened:** Screened 1,58,929 children in various states of India.
- 2. Eyeglasses distribution:** 22,723 eyeglasses were distributed to the children who had refractive error.
- 3. First Time Wearers (FTWs):** Out of 22,723 eyeglasses distributed to the children, 39% (9,077) were the first-time eyeglasses wearers.

Table 1:

S. No.	Partner(s)	Location(s) in India
1.	Pratham Education	Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh Unao, Madhya Pradesh Aurangabad, Maharashtra Dausa and Jaipur, Rajasthan
2.	Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital	Alwar, Rajasthan Delhi Saharanpur, Mohammadi, and Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh
3.	Anjana Ghosh Memorial Social Welfare Trust	Medinipur, West Bengal
4.	Raj Healthcare Society	Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
5.	Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama	Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
6.	Dantan Manav Kalyan Kendra	Medinipur, West Bengal
7.	CMO Noida	Noida, Uttar Pradesh
8.	Adarsh Foundation	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
9.	Rotary International	Delhi, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Gurugram, Haryana Kochi, Kerala
10.	Sankara Eye Hospital	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
11.	Joti Foundation	Bathinda and Fazilka, Punjab
12.	Aditya Nirmal Society	Indore, Madhya Pradesh Sholinghur and Kilkodungalur, Tamil Nadu
13.	Parvati Group	Yavatmal, Maharashtra
14.	NPCB	Amritsar, Punjab
15.	Office of the Reproductive and Child Health	Churu, Rajasthan
16.	Drushti Lions Netralaya	Mumbai, Maharashtra
17.	Navdrushti Seva Sanstha	Panvel, Maharashtra
18.	National Health Mission	Vijayanagara, Vijaypur, Shimoga, and Tumkur, Karnataka
19.	Community Eye Care Foundation	Pune, Maharashtra
20.	CBM India Trust	Ranipool, Pakyong, and Rongli, Sikkim
21.	Every Infant Matters	Kargil, Ladakh
22.	Haryana State Blindness Control Society	Jind, Panchkula, Panipat, Rewari, and Sonapat, Haryana
23.	Arogya Foundation	Ranchi, Jharkhand
24.	Govt. of Nagaland	Kohima, Nagaland
25.	Mehar Chand Mahajan Vidyawati Charitable Trust	Kupwara, Jammu and Kashmir
26.	Rotary Eye Institute Navsari	Navsari, Gujarat
27.	Sampark Sathi Foundation	Delhi NCR
28.	Navjyoti India Foundation	Delhi NCR
29.	Municipal Corporation of Delhi	Delhi
30.	India Humanity Foundation	Delhi NCR
31.	Drushti Netralaya	Dibrugarh, Assam
32.	Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK)	Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan
33.	Vision and Eye Centre	Kota, Rajasthan

Pictures:



Registration

Eye-Screening

Counselling and Eyeglasses Dispensing

Testimonial:

Name: Toufiq
Gender: Male
Age: 13 years
Occupation: Student



Toufiq, a student in class 8, shared that for the past month, he had been having trouble seeing things clearly. Although he informed his parents about it, they could not arrange eye-screening. It was only during the VSF outreach program at school that his eyes were examined for the first time. He received his first pair of eyeglasses, and he adores it. He wears eyeglasses regularly to school and he can see everything clearly.

Testimonial:

Name: Hrithik
Gender: Male
Age: 13 years
Occupation: Student



Hritik, a student of class 8 shared that after the lockdown, he experienced weak eyes, as he could not see clearly. When he told his teacher about this, he was made to sit on the first bench to see the blackboard clearly. But, after the VSF outreach program at school he got his eyes tested. He received a pair of eyeglasses and was able to see clearly.