

VisionSpring Foundation (VSF) Activity Report: 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024

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 30th June 2024 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
American Friends of EdelGive Foundation	450 Lexington Avenue, 4 th Floor, New York, NY-10017	United States of America (USA)	USD 24,066	23 January 2024
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 474,950	30 January 2024
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 474,950	14 March 2024
Loloi, Inc	4501 Spring Valley Road, Dallas-75244, Texas, United States of America (USA)	United States of America (USA)	USD 990	04 April 2024
American Friends of EdelGive Foundation	450 Lexington Avenue, 4 th Floor, New York, NY-10017	United States of America (USA)	USD 233.7	17 April 2024
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 474,950	03 May 2024
Fidelity Asia Pacific Foundation	Pembroke Hall, 42 Crow Lane Pembroke, PO Box HM 670 Hamilton HM CX, Bermuda	Bermuda	USD 87,431	11 June 2024
VisionSpring, Inc.	PO Box 756, New York-10110	United States of America (USA)	USD 474,950	21 June 2024
		Total USD	USD 8,576,576	
		Total Euro	EURO 34,955	

Programs/Program Undertaken between 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024:

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

Background and Scope:

During the period of 1st April 2024 till 30th June 2024, a total of 1,05,818 tea and coffee tribes and their household members were screened in the tea estates of Assam, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh, and West Bengal, India and 67,602 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:

- Rural and Tribal Development (RTD), Udalgiri, Kamrup*
- All Assam Small Tea Growers (AASSTGA), Bongaigaon, Charaideo, Goalpara, Golaghat, Jorhat, Karbi Anglong, Nagaon, and Sivsagar*
- North East Research and Social Network (NERSWN), Chirang, Kokrajhar, and Baksa*

- Nivedita Nari Sanstha, Silchar
- Tea Promoters India, Karbi Anglong and kamrup
- Youth Shining Association, Lakipur, Cachar

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

- Jalpaiguri District Small Tea Growers (JDSTGA), Darjeeling*
- Jalpaiguri District Small Tea Growers (JDSTGA), Jalpaiguri*
- National Health Mission (NHM), Darjeeling*
- Tea Promoters India, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri,

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

- Indo Sri Lankan Trust, Nilgiris*
- The United Planters' Association of Southern India, Coimbatore

4. Tea garden workers and their families/dependents in following locations of Kerala, India:

- Shreyas, Wayanad
- The United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI), Idukki

5. Tea garden workers and their families/dependents in following locations of Karnataka, India:

- The United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI), Coorg, and Chikmagalur*

6. Tea garden workers and their families/dependents in following locations of Arunachal Pradesh, India:

- Bisa Agro, Chanhlang

***Note: JDSTGA, RTD, UPASI, NHM, NERSWN, and AASTGA project will continue in the next quarter as well.**

Eye-Screening Statistics: 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024

- 1. Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 1,05,818 tea and coffee pickers and their households in the tea estates of Assam, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal, India, among them 47% (n = 49,625) were males and 53% (n = 56,193) were females.
- 2. Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 71% (n = 75,634) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
- 3. Referrals made for the screened population:** 14% (n = 14,668) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 77% (n = 11,261) identified with suspected cataract and 23% (n = 3,407) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centres.
- 4. Eyeglasses distribution:** 89% (n = 67,602) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 59% (n = 40,002), Pre-cuts: 9% (n = 6,023) and Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 32% (n = 21,577).
- 5. First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 95% (n = 64,538) 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 89%.

Pictures:



Testimonial: Indo-Sri Lankan Development, The Nilgiris

Name: Padmavathy
Gender: Female
Age: 40 Years
Occupation:
Location: Kengarai Village



Padmavathy and her colleague went through the organised process of the program, culminating in an eye checkup where they both received reading glasses. The impact was immediate and profound. With their new glasses, Padmavathy and her colleague found they could see clearly up close, an improvement that brought immense joy and relief. The new reading glasses not only improved their vision but also had a direct impact on their livelihood.

B. Improving the lives and productivity of artisans, weavers, and their households in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, and Karnataka through eye-screenings and provision of eyeglasses.

The objective of the program was to reach out to 30,757 weavers, artisans, and their households in the weavers and artisans' clusters of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Bihar through eye-screenings and distributed 17,336 eyeglasses to those who require, as well as it includes the referral of cataract and other complex eye disease cases to nearby hospitals for further diagnosis and potential treatment.

Between 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024, weavers, artisans, spinners, and their household were screened for vision in the weaver and artisan clusters of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Odisha, Bihar, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh and 17,336 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:

- Rural & Tribal Artisans in Udalguri (Assam)*
- ACCESS Development Services in Barmer (Rajasthan)*
- Jaipur Rugs Foundation in Jaipur (Rajasthan)
- HKV Benaras in Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)

- Kunj Innovation Trust in Sonbhadra (Uttar Pradesh)
- Mayurbhanj Foundation in Mayurbhanj (Odisha)*
- Panchganga Mahila in Mumbai (Maharashtra)
- Project Purkul in Haridwar and Dehradun (Uttarakhand)*
- RaviChhaya Foundation in Aurangabad (Maharashtra)*
- Skilled Samaritan in Muzaffarnagar (Uttar Pradesh)
- Udevu Weavers in Chitradurga (Karnataka)*
- Aranayak in Udalgiri (Assam)
- Umamaheswara Weavers in Vizianagaram (Andhra Pradesh)*
- Yuva Vikas Foundation in Mayurbhanj, Balasore and Kendrapara (Odisha)
- Yuva Vikas Foundation in Champaran, (Bihar)
- Seven Sister Development Assistance in Morigaon and Goalpara, (Assam)

Eye-Screening Statistics: 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024

1. **Distribution of people screened:** Screened a total of 30,757 weavers, artisans, spinners, and their household in the weaver and artisan clusters of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Odisha, Bihar Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka in India, among them 50% (n = 15,486) were males and 50% (n = 15,271) were females.
2. **Refractive error (poor vision) rate among the screened population:** 68% (n = 20,996) of all the screened individuals identified with refractive error/presbyopia.
3. **Referrals made for the screened population:** 15% (n = 4,723) have been referred to the hospitals out of whom 78% (n = 3,693) identified with suspected cataract and 22% (n = 1,030) identified with other complex eye diseases had been referred for further diagnosis to tertiary care hospitals and/or community health centres.
4. **Eyeglasses distribution:** 83% (n = 17,336) of all population identified with refractive error/presbyopia received eyeglasses; Reading Glasses: 57% (n = 9,887) and Prescription (Rx) Glasses: 33% (n = 5,746) and Pre-Cuts: 10% (n = 1,703).
5. **First Time Wearers (FTWs):** 92% (n = 16,026) 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 83%.

Pictures:



Testimonials: Yuva Vikas, Odisha

Name: Mata Mahuria

Gender: Female

Age: 31 Years

Occupation: Handlooms Weaver

Location: Sonapal, Odisha



Mata Mahuria, a skilled weaver from Sonapal, Odisha, had been struggling with her vision for a while. Mata went thorough eye checkup and was thrilled to receive a pair of eyeglasses to correct her vision problem. She was overjoyed and thanked the team for their help. Before, Mata faced many challenges - she struggled to read bus numbers, had trouble seeing clearly at work, and even experienced watery eyes. But with her new glasses, she is more productive at work, no longer needs to rely on others for help, and feels empowered to take on more tasks.

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



Teachers training with the help of Vision Wall

Locations: Haryana, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi NCR in India.

VSF collaborated with multiple mission-aligned organisations/bodies such as Nabha Foundation in Nabha (Punjab), Loyal Welfare Foundation in Agra, and Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Kalgidhar Society in Gurdaspur, Fazilka, Kapurthala, Pathankot, Firozpur, and Taran Taran in Punjab and Karnal, Kaithal, Jind, and Sirsa (Haryana), Joti Foundation in Sangrur (Punjab), CEHRO in Delhi (Delhi NCR), Devi Sansthan in Lucknow, and Unao (Uttar Pradesh), Varitra Foundation in Karnal (Haryana), Sai Kripa in Delhi (Delhi NCR), Mehar

Chand Mahajan Charitable Trust in Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir). Please refer to Table 1 for detailed information.

VSF conducted eye-screenings of 68,080 children and provided 5,148 eyeglasses from April 2024 to June 2024. 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 April 2024 to 30th June 2024

- 1. Distribution of children screened:** Screened 68,080 children in various states of India.
- 2. Eyeglasses distribution:** 5,148 eyeglasses were distributed to the children who had refractive error.
- 3. First Time Wearers (FTWs):** Out of 5,148 eyeglasses distributed to the children, 4,024 were the first-time eyeglasses wearers.

Table 1:

S. No.	Partner(s)	Location(s) in India
1.	Nabha Foundation	Nabha, Punjab
2.	Loyal Welfare foundation	Agra and Noida, Uttar Pradesh
3.	Kalgidhar Society	Gurdaspur, Fazilka, Kapurthala, Pathankot, Firozpur, and Taran Taran, Punjab
4.	Kalgidhar Society	Karnal, Kaithal, Jind, and Sirsa, Haryana
5.	Joti Foundation	Sangrur, Punjab
6.	CEHRO	Delhi NCR
7.	Devi Sansthan	Lucknow, and Unao, Uttar Pradesh
8.	Varitra Foundation	Karnal, Haryana
9.	Sai Kripa	Delhi NCR
10.	Mehar Chand Mahajan Charitable Trust	Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir
11.	Anandrishiji Netralaya	Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
12.	Anjana Ghosh Memorial Social Welfare Trust	Midnapur, West Bengal
13.	Dr. Shroff Charity Eye Hospital	Delhi NCR

Pictures:



Testimonial:

Name: Lakhpratap Singh

Gender: Male

Age: 14 years

Occupation: Student



Lakhpratap Singh, who is 9th class student from Akal Academy. For him, life was blurry, and this was normal. When VisionSpring camp was organised, he said, his world has never been so clear. He says, with eyeglasses he will not only be able to focus on his studies but also explore his favourite sports activities.

Testimonial:

Name: Vishu Singla

Gender: Male

Age: 17 years

Occupation: Student



Vishu Singla, who is from class 12th from Government School, Khonorikala, Punjab. He had constant headaches and was not able to see clearly from the blackboard. During our discussions, he mentions about variety of frames that were shown and he picked the blue colour, which is his favourite.