**Comprehensive Eye Care with Community Development Programme**

**Impact made by the project**
The target slum communities have been rid of avoidable blindness where all patients identified during door to door surveys were successfully treated. Vision Centers established in the communities continue to provide primary eye care services.

**Sustainability**
Empowerment of communities and Community Based Organizations has led to the communities taking over local responsibilities pertaining to eye health.

**Local Standard Chartered engagement**
Staff engaged in implementation of various project activities such as outreach clinics, health awareness and monitoring.

**Main objectives for the project**

**Goal:** Elimination of avoidable blindness in the slums of Fatehnagar and Shahabad Dairy by 2013

**Objective 1:** To strengthen primary eye care services in the slum communities through active community participation.

**Objective 2:** To strengthen and integrate primary eye care into primary health care services in order to reduce avoidable blindness in the community.

**Objective 3:** To strengthen the sustainable, self reliant, comprehensive eye care program by effective utilization of existing infrastructure of the government and NGOs.

### Provision of Primary Eye Care Services

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<td>Training 24 Women Community Health Workers</td>
<td>A detailed door to door survey covering 70,475 persons, resulting in identification of all persons in need of eye care services in the two slums</td>
<td>Reduction in backlog of patients with blinding conditions, whereby 2,371 patients underwent surgeries</td>
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<td>Establishing two Vision Centers</td>
<td>27,423 patients undergoing comprehensive eye exams and 3,839 spectacles being dispensed</td>
<td>Increased access to primary eye care services in the target communities and reduction in refractive error related blindness</td>
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### SiB Project

**Implementing partner:** Operation Eyesight Universal  
**Total budget:** $549,362  
**Total SiB contribution:** $419,388  
**Project duration:** October 2008 to May 2014

**Situation analysis**
- **Target population:** 70,475  
- **Blindness prevalence:** 1%  
- **Leading causes:** cataract, refractive errors and childhood blindness

### Integrate primary eye care into primary health care

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<td>Training of Government Primary Health Care Workers in eye care</td>
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#### Mahesh, age 15  
**Location:** Hyderabad

Mahesh lives with his mother, a daily wage labourer in the slums of Hyderabad. He is a very conscientious student who wants to achieve good marks so he can take post-secondary training. He dreams of getting a job so he can support his mother. However his performance started going down drastically as his vision decreased due to uncorrected refractive error. Fortunately, Mahesh attended a school located in an area where Operation Eyesight was promoting eye screening for all students. A community health worker identified Mahesh’s eye problem and brought him to the local vision center, where he was diagnosed with uncorrected refractive error and prescribed eyeglasses free of cost. Today, Mahesh is able to read and write without difficulty. He is preparing for his examinations and has regained confidence that he will do well in his studies and have a brighter future.