### Impact made by the project

The project established school eye health screening activities and contributed towards increased eye health awareness in schools by engaging teachers and building their skills and knowledge in PEC and VA testing. The project also strengthened eye health systems by providing quality eye care services at partner hospitals in five major cities.

### Sustainability

The project helped to train over 25,000 teachers in vision testing, who are now aware of the availability of services and are more sensitive to the needs of children with vision impairment.

### Local Standard Chartered engagement

The project provided volunteering opportunities for bank staff during the school screening sessions. They also participated in community awareness raising sessions.

### Main objectives for the project:

- Identify blind and low vision children within five project cities.
- Provide eye care services to children identified during school eye health activities.
- Increase eye health awareness in schools.
- Strengthen eye health systems through human resource development.
- Establish effective programme management systems.

### School-based screening and spectacle distribution

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<td>Training of over 25,000 school teachers on primary eye care and vision testing skills</td>
<td>Screening of 1.5 million school children in schools and through community screening programmes</td>
<td>School screening system established, where blind &amp; partially sighted children can get identified &amp; referred to the appropriate services</td>
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<td>4,291 school screening &amp; 649 community screening events arranged, where optometrists can refract children identified in screening</td>
<td>70,432 children refracted by the qualified optometrist, finding children with refractive error &amp; major &amp; minor surgical needs.</td>
<td>Students at schools are well managed in eye health and receive screening, referral &amp; spectacle provision where required.</td>
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<td>$124,000 invested into spectacle provision</td>
<td>56,663 received free spectacles</td>
<td>The spectacle provision created demand for spectacles and around 20% of spectacle breakage was replaced by parents</td>
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## SiB Project
Implementing partner: Sightsavers  
Total budget: USD 1.26 million  
Total SiB contribution: USD 1 million  
Project Duration: Jan 2011 to Dec 2015  
Location: Urban slums of Karachi, Lahore, Multan, Rawalpindi and Faisalabad

## Situation analysis
Target population: over 1.7 million children  
Blindness prevalence: 0.9% (according to the National Blindness Survey for 2003-2004)  
Leading causes: The major causes of childhood blindness are cataract, corneal ulcer, refractive errors, low vision and injuries.

## Rabia and his siblings
Name: Rabia  
Age: 7  
Location: Faisalabad

Rabia and his siblings were screened for eye problems by teachers that were trained by the project team. The children were diagnosed with a squint and were referred to the Allied Hospital for treatment by an ophthalmologist. However, the children failed to attend so the project team organised an awareness session in, which was attended by their mother. Following this, the project team took the children to the hospital and advised their mother that the treatment would be done free of charge. The children later underwent corrective surgery, which was successful.

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<td>$123,000 spent on surgical costs for children</td>
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<td>Relationship established between hospitals &amp; special schools, so optometrists teams could visit &amp; diagnose children</td>
<td>Children with low vision needs diagnosed &amp; received low vision aids</td>
<td>Children with low vision have improved sight reducing further disadvantage in the future</td>
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<td>$156,000 invested into Information Education &amp; Communication (IEC) materials &amp; for social organisers for health hygiene.</td>
<td>IEC materials and talks reached 563,286 people in project target areas</td>
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