

# Seva Foundation

Transforming lives by restoring sight.



Seva's vision is a world free of avoidable blindness. Seva is a leading innovator in the delivery of vital eye care services to the world's most vulnerable, including women, children, and indigenous peoples.

Restoring sight relieves suffering and reduces poverty. Since 1978, Seva has:

- Provided surgeries, eyeglasses, medicine, and other eye care services to 57 million people.
- Supported the development of self-sustaining eye care programs for underserved communities in 20 countries.

*Every year, Seva funds programs that provide eye care to millions of the world's most marginalized people.*





*According to the World Bank, restoring sight is one of the most cost-effective health interventions to reduce poverty.*

# WHY SIGHT?

Over a billion people live with unaddressed vision impairments and hundreds of millions more need ongoing eye care.

Thankfully, 90% of all vision impairment can be prevented or cured with your help. Restoring sight is one of the most effective ways to relieve suffering and reduce poverty.

Blindness affects individuals, families, and the community. It keeps people trapped in poverty. Restoring one person's sight gives two people their lives back: the person who was blind and their caregiver.

Although more than half of people living with blindness and visual impairment are women and girls, they only receive one-third of eye care services worldwide.

**Seva is committed to making eye care accessible for women and girls.**

Seva prevents and treats blindness in children. According to USAID, half of children who become blind die within one year. **Children who have their vision restored are given an average of 50 years of sight.**

# SIGHT = FREEDOM

## WHO IS BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED?

**Over 1 billion people have a vision impairment that was preventable or is treatable.**

## WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

**Nearly 90% live in developing countries.**

**90%** OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT CAN BE PREVENTED OR TREATED

## HOW SEVA HELPS:



### **Surgery**

Safe and effective cataract surgery restores sight for \$50



### **Glasses**

To correct refractive error



### **Medicine**

To prevent blindness and treat eye disease



### **Infrastructure**

Training, equipment, vision centers and outreach

# SEVA'S DRIVERS FOR SUCCESS



**Vision Centers** are local permanent establishments that can address up to 80% of all eye care needs. They make basic eye care accessible to a community, no matter how remote, while also spreading awareness and serving as the foundation of a larger global referral network.



**Eye Care for Children** focuses on providing kids with comprehensive pediatric eye care. Awareness building and eye screening services are embedded into schools and communities, developing referral networks so that children get the care they need to thrive.



**Training and Jobs Creation** expands access to eye care by scaling up the training and use of ophthalmic support staff and developing sustainable programs which create jobs for local women and men and stimulate the economy in their communities.



**Technology** is utilized and developed throughout our programs to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of outreach initiatives, vision screenings, hospital flow, complex surgical procedures, and to multiply the efforts of in-demand eye care specialists around the world.

# A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION

Seva's programs have reduced the cost of cataract surgery to just \$50 and have been instrumental in making eye care available to marginalized people.

## Seva provides:

- Training for local doctors and community outreach personnel.
- Updated eye care technology and techniques.
- A financially sustainable model that leverages sliding-scale patient fees to ensure everyone has access to care regardless of ability to pay.



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