



Her blindness was destroying two lives...

## Now Surajkali can **see** again, thanks to our amazing supporters!

It's normal to think about blindness as a personal condition. After all, it's easiest to imagine how it would affect your life. **But for Surajkali, blindness stole not just her independence, but her 10-year old grandson's, too.**

Surajkali is 65 and from India. She lives in Rurwaha Village in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. Her husband is a farmer while she manages their home. Two years ago, her eyesight began to fail. Eventually, she couldn't see at all. Her grandson, Suraj, had to guide her around her home, to the store and even to the toilet.

**Poor Surajkali!** She could no longer do her chores and tasks, and **poor Suraj**, who had to drop out of school to care for his Grandmother. Surajkali needed him so constantly that he couldn't play with his friends. Imagine how sad they both must have felt.



Surajkali's blindness put both her and her grandson Suraj's futures at risk.

Luckily, Surajkali was visited by a community health worker. Going door-to-door, the worker was one of many workers trained under Operation Eyesight's Community Eye Health model. In Kanpur, this is in partnership with Dr. Jawahar Lal Rohatgi Eye Hospital.

The community health worker identified Surajkali's blindness as cataract. Surajkali had never heard of this condition. She'd feared she'd be blind forever. The worker advised Surajkali to seek surgery.

The cataract in both of Surajkali's eyes were soon removed. **Now she can see again!** She has her independence back and can do her daily tasks. **Meanwhile, Suraj has returned to school.** He's happy that he can go out and play with his friends, something every child should be able to do. What's more, with an education, Suraj has hope for a brighter future. Imagine their joy!

Both Surajkali and Suraj have happy endings thanks to our supporters! We couldn't do our work without their generosity. **From us and everyone our supporters are helping, we say a giant THANK YOU!**



After her surgery, Surajkali's vision was restored! Want to learn more about our sight-saving work? Turn the page to see the highlights from our 2017 *Annual Report!*

## See what we achieved last year, thanks to you!

A lot happened in 2017! Our donors brought sight, and the hope that goes along with it to millions of people. From eye health education, thousands of surgeries and training thousands of front-line staff, we achieved so much!

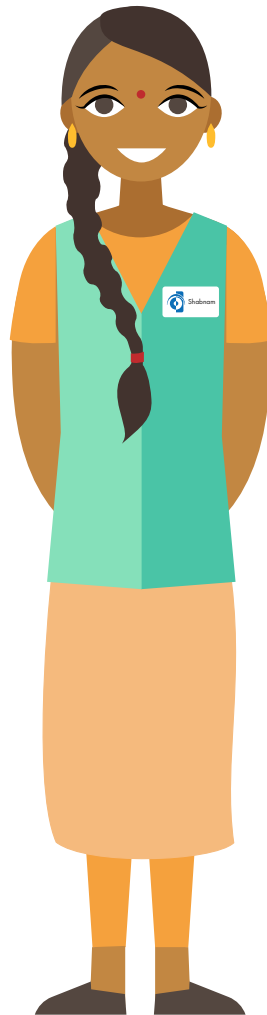
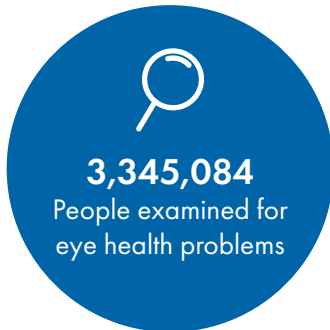
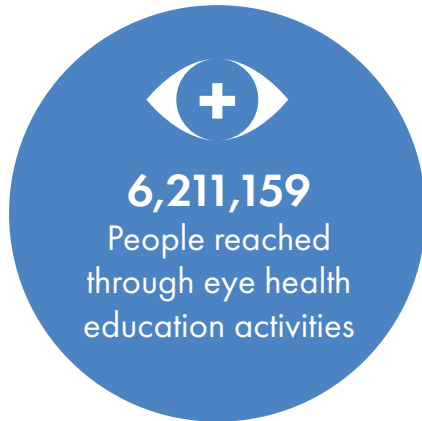
There's more! Turn the page to see the highlights from our 2017 Annual Report.

**Comments? Questions?** We'd love to hear from you!

# SEE our sustainable programs today

You're bringing hope and freedom to millions of people. Because of you, vulnerable populations in Africa and South Asia are receiving the eye care they need.

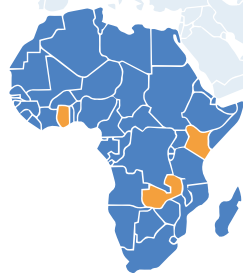
## 2017 Highlights



Community Health Worker



# KNOW that you're preventing blindness tomorrow



## 2017 Country Highlights

Because of your support in 2017, we prevented blindness and restored sight for so many people in the countries where we work.

### Kenya

- **Performed** 4,000 sight-saving surgeries
- **Provided** 290,000 people with antibiotics to halt trachoma infections, with support from the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust
- **Trained** over 250 eye health professionals



### India

- **Screened** more than two million people for eye problems
- Declared our 500th village as **avoidable blindness-free**
- Opened our 100th Vision Centre
- The **Operation Eyesight Institute for Eye Cancer** examined 26,420 patients and treated 4,219 people for eye conditions
- Nearly 230,000 people **received** pairs of eyeglasses
- **Performed over 190,000** sight-saving surgeries



### Zambia

- **Drilled** 21 water wells in Zambia's Sinazongwe, Luano and Ngabwe districts, bringing our total number of wells to 106
- **Trained** 33 community area pump minders to maintain the wells
- **Examined** nearly 210,000 patients for eye problems



### Ghana

- **Implemented** our eye health care model in Mfantseman Municipal District and completed door-to-door surveys on eye health in 20 communities
- Launched the **Ophthalmic Nursing School Project** to strengthen training for eye health professionals in Ghana
- **Completed** the final phase of our project with Standard Chartered Bank's *Seeing is Believing* initiative where we provided technical and financial support to 35 district hospitals



### Nepal

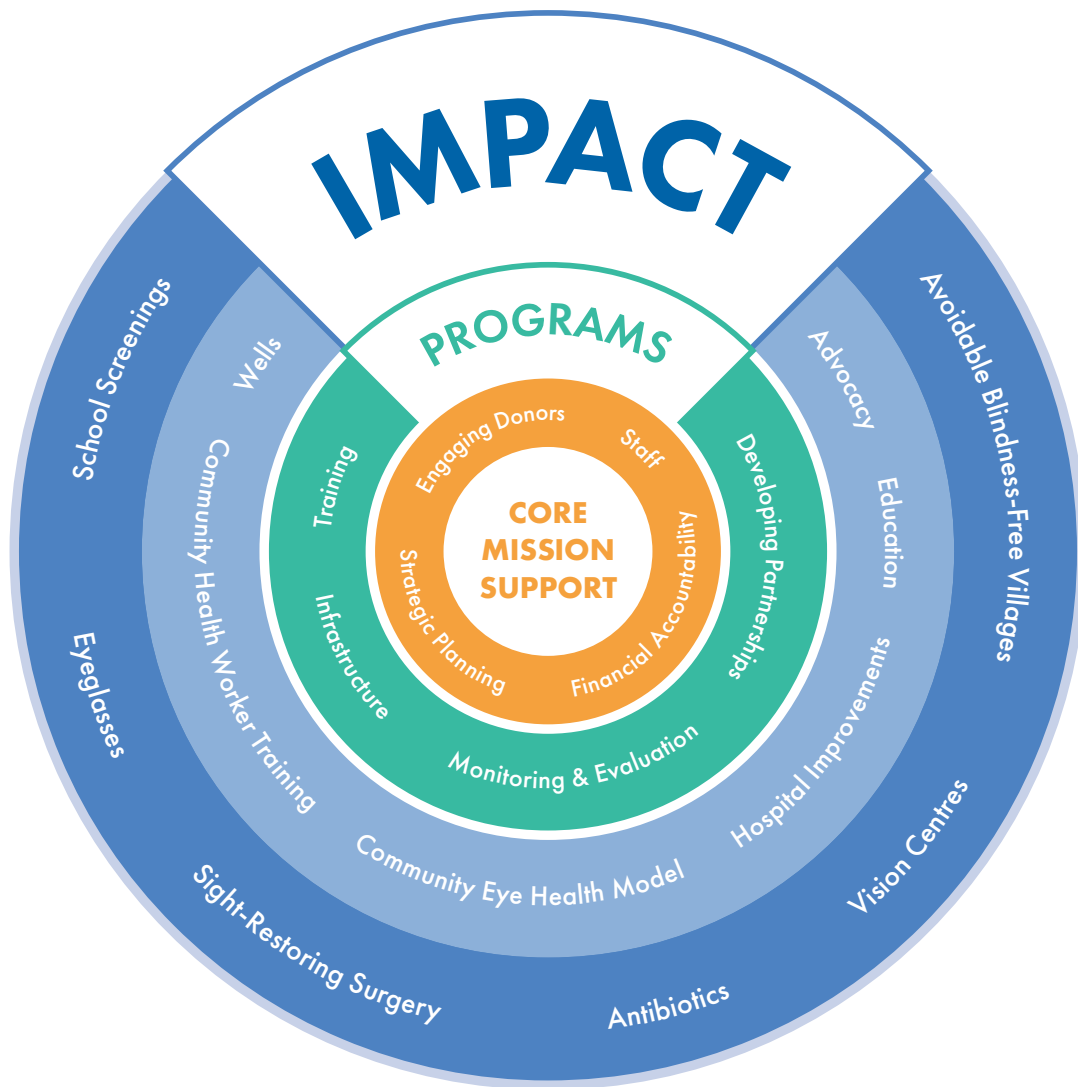
- Established three new **Vision Centres**
- Partnered with Gerald A. Cooper-Key Foundation to **upgrade the out-patient department** at Fateh-Bal Eye Hospital
- **Examined** more than 270,000 patients for eye problems





# Core Mission Support

In 2017, we raised an amazing **\$5.41 million**. We send a gigantic **THANK YOU** to each and every one of our donors for making this possible! Every gift matters, large or small. Below, you can see our philosophy for spending the money that you've entrusted us with. By investing in our core infrastructure, we grow your impact. We can't say it enough. **Thank you for your support!**



To request a print copy of our full 2017 *Annual Report*, please contact us toll-free at **1-800-585-8265** or **admin@operationeyesight.com**. The full report will also be available on our website, **operationeyesight.com/financials**, by July 1. **Thank you so much for your loyal support!**

# Changing Lives even after our time on Earth is done

Everyone wants their life to mean something and to be remembered. Have you considered how your loved ones will remember you? And will you continue to make our world a better place, even when you are gone?

The one thing that we at Operation Eyesight know for certain is that our supporters – like you – care deeply about others.

By making a gift in your will to Operation Eyesight you'll continue to help vulnerable communities living with avoidable blindness, even when you're no longer on this earth.



This adorable little girl from Nepal loves her Grandma. And it's thanks to people like you that they both have access to the quality eye health care they deserve. Imagine how many more could be provided with the comfort of knowing they have access to quality eye care when they need it if you were to leave a Legacy Gift?

## 7 ways you can connect with us!

- 1 Call our friendly office staff at **1-800-585-8265**
- 2 Provide us with your email address, and we'll be happy to send you **SightLines** electronically instead of in the mail. You'll also help us cut down on printing costs!
- 3 Visit [operationeyesight.com/newsletter](http://operationeyesight.com/newsletter) and sign up for our Glimpse eNews bulletin for quick email updates.
- 4 Read more inspiring stories about the people you've helped at: [operationeyesight.com/blog](http://operationeyesight.com/blog)
- 5 Visit us on Facebook: **OperationEyesightUniversal**
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**Because of you, children will be able to attend school, fathers will be able to put food on the table and mothers will see their children's smiles – all because they can see.**

And all because you took the step of leaving behind that life-saving gift.

And what about those of us who are left without our loved ones? What better way to honour a late loved one than to make a tribute gift in their memory?

**We know how hard it can be to lose a loved one, and we want to know who you're honouring so we can thank you and send our condolences.** If you do make a tribute gift to commemorate a special someone, please tell us who you're honouring and what their connection was to Operation Eyesight. You can do this by donating to our online Tribute Gift program at [operationeyesight.com/tribute](http://operationeyesight.com/tribute) or by calling Susan, on our friendly Donor Relations team at 403.670.2635.

Are friends and family of your loved one wanting to give back in their honour, but they're not sure how? One option is to ask them to make a tribute gift as well. **Together we can make sure the memory of your loved one continues to change lives even after they've gone – For All The World To See!**



# Make your gift today!



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**Yes!** I will support Operation Eyesight's sight-saving projects by making a regular monthly gift of:

\$50  \$30  \$20  \$10  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I prefer to make a one-time gift of:**

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**Payment Options:**

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Information about how to leave a gift in my will

Full 2017 Report to Donors

**Tell us your story!**

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# thank you