

## Report of Kalinga Eye Hospital to DCI, USA

### Reporting Period from January to December 2013

Since its inception in 2002, KEH has been providing free, high quality eye care services to poor and underserved citizens of Odisha. As a result of our efforts, thousands of poor and marginalized people receive eye care and many regain the ability to see. By providing corrective lenses, treatment for eye diseases and surgery, KEH has helped thousands of people to regain their valuable eye sight. KEH has demonstrated its commitment to providing eye care to rural areas of Odisha and has been recognized by



both national and international organizations for its contributions to health care and community development.

Not every patient in need of eye care is able to travel to Kalinga Eye Hospital. Because Kalinga is committed to providing care to those in need, our outreach team visits rural communities to screen for eye diseases. Those in need of advanced care, such as cataract surgery, are transported back to Kalinga Eye Hospital and are

treated for sight restoration surgery at No cost. After their sight is restored, the patients are transported back to their villages. Through this model, Kalinga Eye Hospital ensures that no patients are left behind due to transportation barriers and helping eradicating the needless blindness from the community.



Besides providing regular ophthalmic services, KEHRC conducts micro-surgeries, organizes outreach screening camps in rural areas, conducts screening camps for school children, holds activities for early detection and prevention of eye problems, and provides training to important village-level people such as school teachers, ICDS Workers, and volunteers.



KEHRC also makes an effort to educate the public on eye care through publicity and awareness camps.

Almost 86% of patients who seek treatment at KEHRC cannot pay for the services and are provided services at a subsidized rate or free of cost. The free surgeries are supported partly by national and international donor agencies, the

government of India, and local volunteers and corporate groups. Distressed Children & Infants International (DCI) was supported the hospital to restore the sight of 300 adult & 10 Pediatric cases suffering with visual impairment in the year 2013.



DCI has supported 300 Adults and 10 Pediatric Cataract surgeries out of the 12,000 surgeries conducted by Kalinga Eye Hospital in the calendar year 2013.

### **Bali Dehury.. Gets his life back**

60 year old was suffering from cataract; after the removal of the operation bandage his excitement about regaining his vision overpowered his anxiety, he ran inside the hospital, touched the walls, floors everything that he could touch with.



Bali was eager to return to his work, and, thanked Kalinga Eye Hospital to make him able to see the world again.

### **I can see God through you**

50 year Bari Nayak was also suffering from bilateral cataract, her cataract lost her livelihood and made her dependant on others.



Now after surgery she can go the field with her goats, she can cook her food. On her first post operation follow up, she was so excited that she said "you people are the real God and I can see him through you"