# Activity Report 2012-13

**Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust (KEHT)** 

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#### Message from the Chairman

We at Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust pledge to meet the patients' requirements by offering expert ophthalmic care with compassion through a committed professional team; patient safety and well-being shall always be our top priority. We shall strive for continuous quality improvement and comply with international standards to implement quality systems. We commit to provide equitable and efficient eye care to all sections of society, thus restoring sights at No cost through surgical interventions and to reach to more people who are un-served with eye care, this year Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has empowered the forest animators to identify people with eye problems in the forest areas of our state. To continue to help the state of Odisha reduce avoidable blindness a lot of initiatives are yet to be taken, however to enact them your support is needed.

-Sarangadhar Samal

# **Legal Status**

KEHT founded on 1st January 2012 by a group of volunteers of Odisha.

KEHT is registered under Society Registration Act XXI of 1860 on dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013

## Eye screening camp for differentially able children:

The Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Heritage sponsored an eye screening camp for differently able children at Chetna Campus in Bhubaneswar on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and Kalinga Eye Hospital has provided the medical assistance for the Eye treatment. The camp screened 136 children, and 11 were provided with refractive corrective spectacles. Many differently able children have multiple health concerns, including sight impairment. Providing eye care can help a child become more independent and can help him or her do better in school.

#### Eye Screening camp at the OFSDP Office:

A screening was held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project's (OFSDP) office, which was attended by PCCF of Kenduleaf and P.D. of OFSDP Sri Vinod Kumar. Animators have also shared their experiences of becoming a guard of vision. After remarks to the crowd, Animators from several (villages) who had been trained to screen patients through Kalinga Eye



Hospital's Vision Technician Training program screened workers. This allowed forestry department officials to see the results of the training, and also allowed Animators to screen 78 patients and provide 44 with medicine.

#### Empowering the forest community to detect eye problems

In the second phase of Animator training, 1,436 people are scheduled to be trained to carry out vision exams of their entire villages. The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project has worked together with Kalinga Eye Hospital to train a member from each village and provide him or her with a kit to screen for eye diseases and problems. After an Animator has screened the entire population of his

or her village, a doctor travels to a central location and sees patients from several villages that the Animators have identified as having eye problems. 796 people were trained in round one of the project, and almost 1,500 patients were seen at five eye camps.

#### From Forest Guards to Vision Guardians:

In support with the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP) Odisha, KEH decided to empower the Animators from different forest ranges to detect the common eye problems amongst the community and in this regard, after training these animators have screened the general population of their villages and identified the people are in need of eye care treatment. Amongst all Keonjhar district has conducted the Eye camps at first and 5 eye treatment camps were conducted in five strategic locations of the district through which 2463 people been screened, 1561 were provided with ophthalmic medicines, 978 were provided with refractive corrected glasses and 370 has undergone cataract eye surgery. Without this initiative 2463 people of the dense forest areas of our state would not have accessed the eye care and might remain with eye problems.

# **Helping restoring sight:**



There are few non-profit global health delivery organizations have joined hand with Kalinga Eye Hospital in restoring sight of the people are in need with KEH to provide comprehensive ophthalmic care and education about preventative measures through conducting outreach eye treatment camps. Many patients in Odisha cannot access eye care because of a variety of reasons, such as lack awareness

transportation, loss of wages, or lack of need. To work around these barriers to care, outreach camps were designed to help patients restore their sight. Outreach camps are conducted in a radius of about seven hours from the clinic in the local villages to minimize the patient travelling. Patients from these camps who need surgery are transported back to the hospital for treatment and once surgery is done, patients are counseled about the postoperative care and are dropped back at their respective villages and regularly provided with follow up care by our outreach teams. This year, 6094 patients were provided with free sight-restoring cataract surgery,

## Volunteering at Kalinga Eye Hospital.

Volunteers from diverse backgrounds, professional photographers, medical students, undergraduates, and professionals from all over the world come visit Kalinga Eye Hopital to extend their support in the field of community ophthalmology. This opportunity is a unique chance for volunteers to explore Odisha while learning about the barriers to healthcare in the region, all while lodging at KEH along with the paramedic staff members, which allows them to become fully immersed in the life of the hospital. This year, 11 volunteers have joined hand with KEH on a variety of activities.

# **Eye Camp with Dibya Jiban Sangha**

With the help of DibyaJibanSangha, Angul, an eye treatment camp was conducted at Podapada High School in Angul on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 where 497 people were screened. Out of these 497 people, 201 were identified as having cataracts, and 175 of these people opted to have surgery at KEH. In addition, 91 people were provided with refractive corrective glasses and 277 were provided with medicine.

## **Eye Camp with TSRDS**

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013, an eye camp sponsored by Tata Steel Rural Development Society, Kalinganagar and has identified 20 people from the Kalinganagar area for free cataract surgeries. These people were operated on at KEH at no cost to the patients.

# Eye treatment camp with MPCL, Angul

Monnet Power Company Limited sponsored an eye camp on November 14, 2013, to honor Children's Day. The camp worked to spread the principles of the day, such as good practices to promote eye health, child eye health and proper screenings. AGM-CSR Harmeet Sehra was present at the camp, and spoke briefly to those who had arrived to be screened. In total, 307 people were screened, 87 were provided with medicine, 61 with refractive corrected glasses, and eight people with cataracts were counseled to undergo sight restoration surgery at Kalinga Eye Hospital and MPCL will finance the surgery as part of their corporate social responsibility plan.

# **Involving the Community Workers-ASHA Worker:**

To reduce avoidable blindness Kalinga Hospital has involved community workers and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), workers instituted by the Government of India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) as part of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), have helped Kalinga Eye Hospital to detect more than 611 cataract cases in Keonihar Kendrapara districts of our state and



out of them 497 have under gone the sight restoration surgery.

## Making Eye Care accessible:

After faithfully serving the people in and around Dhenkanal district for over 10 years, it has been decided that the time has come to expand the ophthalmic services to serve more people throughout Odisha, and instead of extending towards the coastal Odisha, Kalinga Eye Hospital has desired to move towards the western part of Odisha and on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013, it has opened its new location in Angul with a goal of developing the center to a secondary eye care center by 2015 that will reduce avoidable blindness in the state.

# **Eye Camp with Rungta Mines**

Being a socially responsible corporation, RUNGTA mines has conducted an eye treatment camp at Galpada U.P school, on 23/3/2013 and Jhadabandha U.P School

on 24/3/2013 through which 461 people were screened, 287 were provided with ophthalmic medicines, 113 were provided with refractive corrected glasses and 68 underwent cataract eye surgery.

## Kalinga Eye Hospital Annual Action Plan for the year 2014

- 12000 adult & 200 child eye surgeries to be conducted at No cost to the patients.
- 200 Out reach comprehensive eye screening camp to be conducted
- Introduction of mobile eye clinic with tele-ophthalmology facility.
- Five fixed community eye treatment Center (Vision Center) to be developed.
- Setting Low Vision & Glaucoma Clinic at the Base Hospital
- 400 community workers and 100 school teachers to be empowered on detection of common eye problems amongst the community.
- Introduction of Diploma in Ophthalmic Technician course.
- Setting the Management Information System (MIS) and Electronic Medical Record at Kalinga Eye Hospital.

#### **SPREAD THE LIGHT**

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