

# Sharing Eye Care



## The Vision of Kalinga Eye Hospital

To promote quality of life in rural communities through providing affordable eye care services on a sustainable basis.

Kalinga Eye Hospital is a distinguished member of Vision 2020 India forum (a global initiative to eliminate the avoidable blindness)



According to the World Health Organization, 37 million people worldwide are blind — yet 28 million suffer needlessly. Their blindness could have been prevented or treated. And Kalinga Eye Hospital is fighting for the blindness so lets join our hand to eliminate blindness and transform lives.

## Kalinga Eye Hospital at a glance



Kalinga Eye Hospital at Dhenkanal, Odisha

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. KEH is a unit of the NGO -NYSASDRI. NYSASDRI is renowned for its contributions to rural community development in Od-

isha and has been accepted as an Associate Member of the **United Nations** Department of Public Information. KEH has received the District Award of Dhenkanal for three consecutive years in recognition of performing a record number of cataract surgeries. KEH is also an Associate institutional Member of **VISION 2020**, a national organization dedicated to improving eye health in India, and has been supported by the World Health Organization.

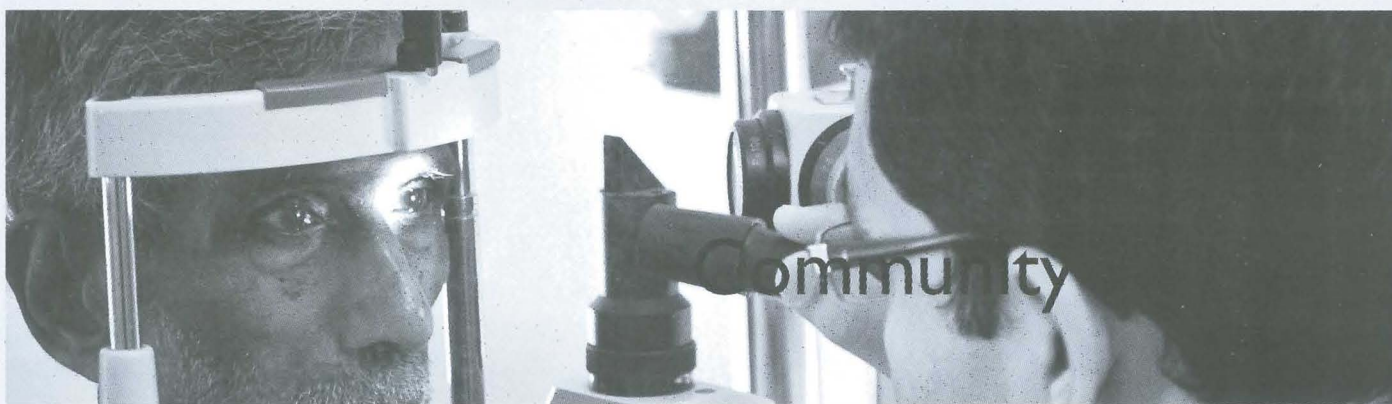
## Bringing care to the deprived

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 sur-

gery, 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 need-less blindness from the community.





## Eradicating Needless Blindness; OFSDP

The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP) is a project of the Government of Odisha working with a focus on regeneration and reforestation along with improving the living conditions of the people residing in and around the forest. This is accomplished by providing residents livelihood options consistent with conservation of the forest and its sustainable management. But people who reside in those location have limited access to eye or health care and as a result the blindness population in those areas are increasing, at the same time screening all population within a stipulated time frame is not possible by

a technician and also not a sustainable model, so aiming to improve the quality of life through eye care of those residing in the forest areas, Kalinga Eye Hospital has approached the OFSDP and presented the issues faced by people with eye problems. Lives can be tremendously transformed with greater access to these services. So it was decided that the animators from each 980 Vana Suraksha Samiti (VSS) will be empowered to detect eye problems in the community and will hold the primary screening; as a result eye problems can be detected at a early point of time and will be treated in the confirmative eye screen-

ing camps that is to be hold by the Eye Hospital in the selected locations. In the first phase of the project, Kalinga Eye Hospital, along with the people from OFSDP, have instructed five villages on eye care, and have also conducted eye treatment camps in the area. Through these five eye screening camps, 1456 people have been screened and medically treated, 279 people have received refractive corrected glasses, and 236 people have undergone sight-restoring surgeries at Kalinga Eye Hospital. The training of the animators will be starting from the second phase that is from February 2013 followed by 100 eye treatment camps.



*Dr. Rasananda Garnayak screening the patients at one of the OFSDP sponsored Eye camp.*

*Angul, Bhadrak, Dhenkanal, Deogarh, Keonjhar, Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur, Khurdha, Kendrapara & Sambalpur district of Odisha are been covered under the Community eye care services.*

## Eye screening of Drivers.

An eye screening camp was organized in Dhenkanal town for Driver trainees of all the Dhenkanal driving training institutes in order to improve road safety, especially in the NH55, connecting NH5 to NH6. The camp was organized by the Dhenkanal Road transport Office in

presence of Dr. Bishnu Charan Behera, the Chief District Medical Officer, Dhenkanal. 177 Driver Trainees were examined by Kalinga Eye hospital, Dhenkanal Ophthalmologists for Eye ailments, the results of which were: 1 patient was diagnosed with cataract related blind-

ness, 27 were diagnosed with refractive error and were prescribed glasses and a further 79 were given prescription medications. This program was highly successful and will help to keep safer roads in the near future.



*Eye screening of the Drivers at the camp site.*