



A SOLUTION IN
SIGHT
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A MESSAGE FROM SEVA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Every year at Seva is special as we work to prevent blindness and restore sight to people living in remote corners of the world. Each year brings unique challenges and accomplishments. Looking back on the past fiscal year, I am pleased to report a strong performance on every front. This was a year marked by financial and organizational stability, significant program growth and a successful strategic planning effort to lay the groundwork for the coming five years.

With nearly a million eye care services delivered and almost 93,000 surgical operations performed, Seva is closing in on a significant milestone of 4 million sight-restoring surgeries since our founding in 1978.

While vital eye care services and surgeries are the most visible outcomes of our work, these achievements are only possible due to the robust network of partners, programs and facilities we have put in place over several decades across 20 countries. These numbers are the result of years of training and capacity building for our staff and partners, which are the real hallmarks of our success in creating sustainable systems and institutions.

We look to the future with tremendous anticipation. Seva's commitment to strong partnerships and community building is taking hold. Together with our partners, we look forward to addressing the five priorities within our strategic plan—creating universal access to quality eye services, building capacity for sustainable programs, promoting awareness about avoidable blindness, influencing eye health practices and policies, and fostering a community of service.

Seva's work would not be possible without our friends and supporters. We are deeply grateful for every contribution, no matter the size. We are humbled by your ongoing confidence in our work. In turn we pledge to use every resource as efficiently and effectively as possible towards our shared commitment to eliminate avoidable blindness and visual impairment.

Yours in service,



Jack Blanks
Executive Director

P.S. Seva Foundation, Seva Canada and our longtime partner Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology have just been awarded the prestigious Champalimaud Vision Award for 2015. This 1 million euro award for exceptional service is the blindness prevention world's highest honor. We take great inspiration from this recognition. This award belongs to all our partners, volunteers and supporters, to whom we are grateful.



A SOLUTION IN SIGHT

Seva began our work 37 years ago with a commitment to change the world by eliminating preventable blindness. Our goal is to create a world where no person will lose their vision because they are unable to afford access to eye care. By cultivating strategic partnerships and using a systems-building approach, Seva has helped programs in more than 20 countries develop high quality eye care infrastructure.

THIS FISCAL YEAR



The Seva community supported sight-saving surgery for 92,792 people who were otherwise unable to afford care.



961,030 people received eye care services, including eye examinations, free and low-cost glasses, medicine to treat infection and sight-saving surgery.



172,985 children had their eyes examined and received vital eye care.



5,055 doctors, nurses, community health workers, school teachers and hospital administrators were trained.



GLOBAL SIGHT INITIATIVE

Above: Global Sight Initiative partners are trained in quality surgical techniques. (Tanzania)

AN EYE HOSPITAL IS AS STRONG AND CAPABLE AS THE PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE

Seva's core program strategy is to increase the abilities of clinical and non-clinical hospital staff to create quality, sustainable eye care programs. One of the ways Seva does this is through the Global Sight Initiative, a formalized network of training and mentoring to improve service delivery.

Many eye hospitals around the world function far below their potential. Seva's Global Sight Initiative increases the volume, quality and accessibility of services by under-performing hospitals through training and consulting from established mentor hospitals. The Global Sight Initiative promotes a financial sustainability strategy that enables hospital growth year after

year. This approach builds a community among eye hospitals and supports their shared goal to reach more people in need.

This year, Seva is proud to add 14 eye hospitals to our Global Sight Initiative network, bringing the total number of institutions to 76. Eleven mentor institutions are now supporting the growth of 65 mentee hospitals, all of which are located in areas where poverty levels are high and outreach services are low.

A recently completed study of the Global Sight Initiative showed that by the fourth year of mentorship, hospitals are performing an average of 69% more sight-saving surgeries over their baseline.



BRIDGING THE GENDER GAP

Due to cultural and financial barriers, two out of three people who suffer with visual impairment are women or girls. Seva's outreach programs are working diligently to reach this vulnerable population. Of the 92,792 sight-saving surgeries that Seva supported this fiscal year, 55% were provided to women and girls.

For example, in Nepal, Seva has helped to train 2,798 female community health volunteers. The goal of these trainings is to ensure everyone has access to eye care. These female community health volunteers are now providing important services, with a particular focus on increasing the number of women who receive the eye care they need.

Top: One of many women served through community-based vision screening. (Nepal)

Bottom Left: A woman and her husband are full of joy after she receives sight-saving surgery. (Nepal)

Bottom Right: Bringing the world into focus with a quality eye exam. (Nepal)



SAVING SIGHT THROUGH SURGERY

The World Health Organization estimates that 80% of all visual impairment can be avoided or cured. This year, Seva supported sight-saving surgeries for 92,792 children and adults in need. With restored sight, each person is now able to return to school or work, helping to break the cycle of poverty.

EYEGLASSES, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

This year, Seva expanded our impact through the distribution of eyeglasses, surgical instruments, microscopes, autorefractors and other valuable equipment. Seva distributed \$664,583 in donated supplies and equipment to support our programs worldwide.



IMPROVING ACCESS TO EYE CARE THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMS

Seva is dedicated to increasing the number of highly skilled eye care professionals working to provide essential eye care.

This year, we supported the training of 5,055 doctors, nurses, community workers, volunteers and support staff. Trainings took place in Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Nepal, Tibet, and in many other countries where Seva works. Clinical trainings focused on building the skills of surgeons, opticians and vision technicians. Non-clinical trainings focused on data collection, counseling and hospital management.

In the United States, Seva continued our support of a technology training program that introduces Native American students in New Mexico to the field of eye health.

To strengthen all of this work, Seva's team of expert volunteers donated more than 1,000 hours of their time to develop our programs and local staff. Seva volunteers have a variety of expertise, including ophthalmology, ophthalmic nursing, health and wellness, hospital management, training, finance, organizational development and library science.



Top: Seva volunteer surgeon demonstrates pediatric eye surgery. (Tibet)

Above: Vision technology students train on autorefractors donated as part of Seva's American Indian Sight Initiative. (New Mexico)



“Seva has given so much help to so many people for so many years — such a wonderful example of love in action.”

BONNIE RAITT

Singer/Songwriter and Seva Ambassador

SEVA'S GLOBAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES (NEW MEXICO):

Seva's American Indian Sight Initiative, in partnership with the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute, conducted three outreach events providing primary eye health education for 1,200 people.

UNITED STATES (OREGON):

Through our long-time partnership with the Casey Eye Institute, Seva provided continuing medical education to two Nepali ophthalmologists in vitreoretina and oculoplasty.

MEXICO:

Seva conducted a cost recovery workshop with Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología (IMO). Through this workshop, IMO identified ways to lower their costs and provide more services to people who are unable to pay for eye care while also lowering their dependence on outside funding sources.



SOUTH AMERICA

PERU: Once a mentee of Visualiza Eye Care System, Clínica Oftalmológica Divino Niño Jesús became recognized as a mentor institution and will begin mentoring two Peruvian hospitals in the coming year.

Seva is making eye care accessible in more than 20 countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Madagascar, Malawi, Mexico, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Russia, Tanzania, Tibet/China, Uganda and the United States.

AFRICA

- **MADAGASCAR:** Seva supported Aravind Eye Care System to conduct training for a school screening method that enables teachers to screen their own students for eye care issues. This method capitalizes on the teacher's familiarity with their students; teachers are much more likely to recognize the signs of eye health problems than an outside health worker who conducts an eye exam once every other year.
- **TANZANIA:** Seva now supports hospitals in three regions of Tanzania (Mara, Iringa and Singida) bringing affordable, high-quality eye care services to almost 10 million people.



ASIA

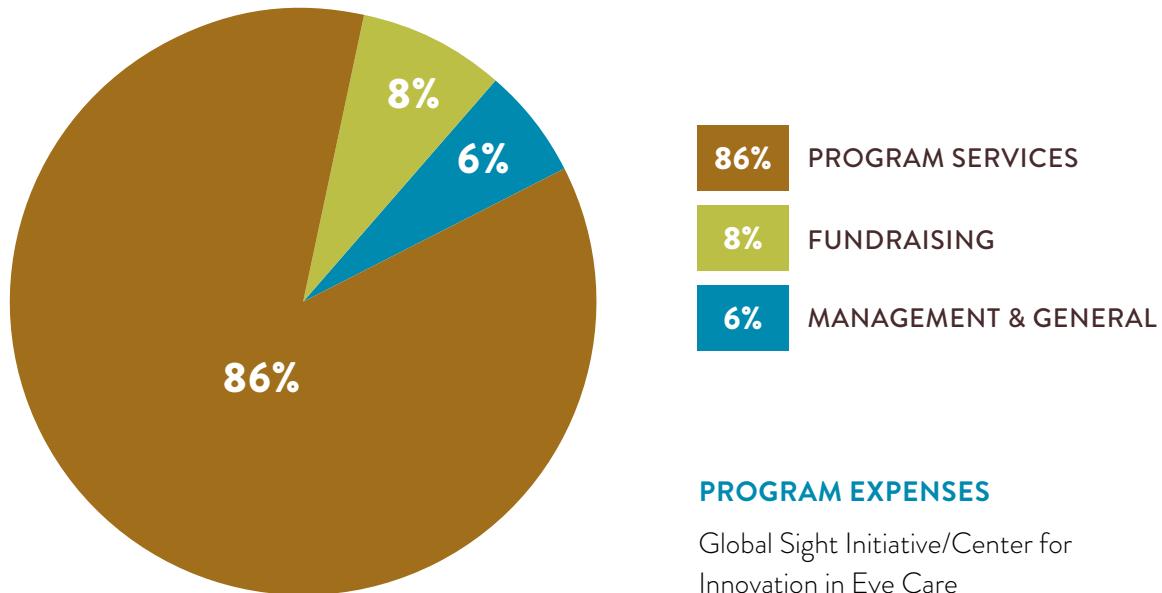
- **TIBET/CHINA:** Seva Tibet staff and the Menzikhang Hospital team launched the Tibet Cataract Surgery Training Center within Menzikhang, which is dedicated to training local cataract surgeons.
- **NEPAL:** Seva supported the conversion of three primary eye care centers into secondary centers with more comprehensive services and began construction on a new hospital in Thor District.
- **INDIA:** Seva created a road map to expand the Global Sight Initiative from 24 to 50 mentee hospitals in India.
- **CAMBODIA:** The inaugural eye camp was held in Kampot Province, the newest province in Cambodia where Seva is supporting eye care services.
- **RUSSIA:** Seva conducted a refresher training for infectious disease experts to detect CMV Retinitis, a blinding disease that affects individuals with HIV.



2014–2015

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year Ended June 30, 2015



REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions	\$3,955,034
Contributions – In-Kind	1,330,024
Grants – Federal	167,972
Grants – Foundations and Corporations	2,166,952
Grants – Other	-
Realized and Unrealized Gain / (Loss)	15,605
Special Events	97,524
Dividends, Interest and Other Income	59,795
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	\$ 7,792,906

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$ 6,160,985
Fundraising	566,183
Management & General	409,671
Total Expenses	\$ 7,136,839

Change in Net Assets

Net Assets, Beginning of Year	2,742,128
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 3,398,195

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Global Sight Initiative/Center for Innovation in Eye Care	\$ 1,103,770
AIDS Eye Initiative	25,688

ASIA

Bangladesh	\$ 82,378
Cambodia	412,627
India	563,388
Myanmar	5,946
Nepal	1,824,059
Pakistan	83,248
Tibet/China	518,421

AFRICA

Egypt	\$ 30,386
Ethiopia	36,116
Tanzania	85,059
Uganda	37,723

NORTH, SOUTH & LATIN AMERICA

Guatemala	\$ 147,901
Paraguay	42,596
Peru	53,940
U.S. Sight Program	187,291
Program Education	920,448
Total	\$6,160,985



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