Seva Foundation
Center for Innovation in Eye Care

The Center for Innovation in Eye Care is a global action network of eye health organizations and affiliated professionals who seek to reduce needless blindness. The Center builds upon the lessons learned through Seva Sight Programs and broader global alliances.

The goal of the Center is to accelerate development of durable eye care programs that optimize use of human and financial resources to serve the entire community. Special attention is given to fit of eye care within the broader spectrum of health and development. All of these activities are linked to accomplishing the goals of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight.

Center Projects:
- "So One Million Eyes Can See" Clinton Global Initiative Commitment to Action that builds the capacity of Centers for Community Ophthalmology in every region of the world to strengthen eye services and sustainability **
- "Eye Q", the web-based benchmarking service so eye care organizations around the world can gauge their effectiveness and take action to improve
- Bridge the eye care gender gap and address needs for children’s services through special initiatives, analysis, and policy development **
- "Ten by Ten", a joint project with Kilimanjaro Center for Community Ophthalmology to create ten community eye programs in Africa by the end of 2010 Conduct troubleshooting, monitoring, and evaluation
- Grameen Eye Hospital Network, a partnership with Prof. Md. Yunus, Grameen Health and Aravind Eye Care system to train all staff and establish service systems. Second hospital opens Spring 2009
- AIDS Eye Initiative puts tools from ophthalmology into the hands of HIV doctors to prevent blindness among people who are HIV positive (in partnership with Doctors Without Borders) **
- New service and training partnerships to broaden Seva impact and learning in Pakistan, Guatemala, and other settings
- VISION 2020 Human Resource Program Committee: coordinate and serve as secretariat for this interdisciplinary global work force development team

** Please see full page description of this project

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight is a global initiative launched in 1999 by the World Health Organization and the International Agency for the Prevention of blindness with member organizations around the world.

How the Center Works:
- Builds solution-seeking collaborations among international eye care organizations and related group
- Mobilizes eye care service programs in developing countries in setting the agenda, conducting action research, and promoting results
- Strengthens local capacity to analyze needs and identify solutions
- Stimulates a creative and strategic "think tank" approach among providers, planners, educators, and funders
- Leverages results via publications, training programs, fellowships, web-based methods, and committee work with the WHO (World Health Organization)
- Places Seva among a new spectrum of global organizations focusing on health care and development policy, and funders for these priorities
- Engages a growing pool of expert volunteers who dedicate significant time and other resources toward Center programs

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