

Annual Report 2018-2019



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of the children, parents, grandparents, friends, and loved ones we serve, thank you for helping make 2019 an exceptional year for Seva. With your help, we provided eye care services to 1,539,981 individuals, in 20 different countries. Imagine the impact you have had on the world. More than one and a half million people.

More than that, though, you helped Seva continue to transform the way sustainable eye care is delivered worldwide — promoting greater access and effectiveness. This past year, we went back to our roots by transporting our founding principles into the 21st century to build a strong foundation for the future. Through a series of discussions, we gathered some of the best minds across the globe to help Seva explore how we can reframe the question and think differently about the best way to help more people see. This report highlights a couple of examples of how we are working to expand access and effectiveness.

Seva has also always emphasized training new ophthalmic professionals and paraprofessionals, particularly women, in underserved communities. This year's "Increasing Access" section highlights our ground-breaking learning exchange program with doctors from Kaiser Permanente, and the Visualiza eye care clinic in Guatemala. This will be the first of many regionally-focused training exchanges that we facilitate across the Americas.

Year in and year out what matters the most to us are the individuals and communities we serve. Our four decades of experience have taught us that treating childhood blindness and visual impairment is one of the most effective, life-changing health interventions we can undertake. Seva plans to screen one million children for visual impairment in the year 2020 and increase the years of sight restored to millions more. Read about how we plan to make this happen in this year's "Magnifying Seva's Reach" section.

As we reflect on this past year we are extremely grateful for your continued generous support. Together and within our lifetimes, we will truly be able to make avoidable blindness a thing of the past. Imagine that.



KATE MOYNIHAN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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BOARD CHAIR



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See the Impact You've Made !

Your support has made an incredible impact on the lives of the world's most vulnerable people. Restoring sight has been shown to be one of the most effective ways to relieve suffering and reduce poverty. Thank you for sharing the power of your generosity!

790,884

In 2018, we set a goal to reach 1 million children with eye care services by 2020. As of 30 June 2019, we have reached 790,884 children and provided those in need with eye glasses, medication, or surgery.

469,138

Because of you, 469,138 sight restoring cataract surgeries were completed in 2018 by GSI Hospitals.

5,049

Your support has helped to get 5,049 non-clinical staff trained, including hospital managers, hospital data administrators, program managers and community eye health workers.



302

Last year, your generosity helped get 302 clinicians trained. Clinical trainings include small incision cataract surgery (SICS), oculoplasty, diabetic retinopathy, phacoemulsification, corneal transplant, ophthalmic assistance, glaucoma and retina conditions. This also includes training 24 HIV/AIDS clinicians in Myanmar, Ukraine, India, and Mozambique to conduct an eye exam to detect CMV retinitis.



After a quick, safe, and inexpensive procedure, he could see, in his words, “as good as new again.”

- Eusebio, Guatemalan firefighter

INCREASING ACCESS

VISUALIZA - KAISER EXCHANGE

One of Seva’s key strategic priorities is increasing access to vision care worldwide. Exchanging information and building expertise are important components of this. It is for this reason that we are excited to tell you about our successful education exchange with Kaiser Permanente this past May.

Visualiza Clínica Médica Oftalmológica (known simply as “Visualiza”), a vision care clinic in Guatemala, generously hosted the exchange. Six Kaiser ophthalmologists, along with Seva Medical Director Dr. Chundak Tenzing, traveled to Guatemala City for the exchange. Each focused on a different specialty. The visiting doctors shadowed physicians from Seva partner clinics in Latin America, consulting on difficult cases, and learning about the challenges and nuances that doctors in the Global South face on a day-to-day basis. In October, Kaiser returned the favor by hosting Visualiza Medical Director Dr. Lucia Silva and some of her colleagues at their own facility in the U.S.

Visualiza has been one of Seva’s key partners in Latin America since 2006. They serve patients in Guatemala City, as well as the traditionally underserved rural region of Petén. Through its partnership with Seva via our Global Sight Initiative (GSI), Visualiza also serves as a “mentor hospital” to five “mentee hospitals” throughout Latin America. As a mentor hospital, Visualiza helps mentee clinics develop their community outreach, surgical, HR and hospital management skills to meet the high demand for quality eye care services.

Thanks to your support and all of our talented partners in the region, Seva funded 1088 free eye surgeries in Latin America as part of our World Sight Day efforts.



MAGNIFYING SEVA'S REACH

SIGHT FOR 1 MILLION CHILDREN

Seva is taking aim at childhood blindness this year like never before. By the end of the year 2020, with the help of our partners, we plan to screen one million children worldwide. As of June 30 2019, we have screened 790,884 children toward our target goal, and provided those in need with eye glasses, medication, or surgery. The need for pediatric eye care in the Global South is becoming increasingly pronounced in the 21st century.

The World Health Organization estimates that 1.4 million children around the world live with blindness, and another 19 million are visually impaired. Most of them live in the poorest regions of Africa and Asia. An estimated 500,000 children lose their sight each year.

Even more disturbing, as many as 60% of sight-impaired children in the developing world will die within a year of losing their ability to see. Those who survive but do not receive treatment face a lifetime of disability, stigma, and diminished prospects for their education and employment. Nearly half of all cases of childhood vision impairment could be treated or prevented if their families and communities had adequate access to vision care.



Seva's partners provide outreach to families in need, through community and school screenings. Our teams connect families with the nearest hospital offering pediatric ophthalmology. Partner clinics provide transportation, accommodation, and food. Meanwhile, parents receive counseling and long-term follow-up plans to ensure children have healthy vision for life.

By helping Seva restore sight to these children, you are literally giving them back their lives. They can play with friends, succeed in school, pursue their dreams, and live full, healthy lives. Thanks to your contributions, these children have a chance at a brighter future.

COLLECTING AND LEARNING FROM EVIDENCE

From its inception, Seva has been a data-driven organization at its core. In 1981, we undertook a groundbreaking, comprehensive survey of visual impairment in Nepal - the first of its kind in any country in the world. Since then, everywhere we work, we systematically collect and analyze data, adjusting our methods accordingly. We do this because we constantly strive to better serve a wider range of communities in need of care.

With partners in more than 20 countries, data collection methods often need to be customized to fit the needs of each hospital. Hospitals in the Global Sight Initiative (GSI) network operate with a variety of unique cultural contexts. Outreach in one country may present different challenges from outreach in another country. Through the Global Sight Initiative mentorship model, hospitals are able to improve outreach methods, and bring comprehensive vision care to those who otherwise would not have access.

YOUR GENEROSITY IS CHANGING LIVES

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Seva is dedicated to doing its part to end avoidable blindness in our lifetime. Our new C20/20 campaign will play a crucial part in achieving this goal, by growing our impact in four key areas:

EYE CARE FOR CHILDREN

Children suffering from blindness and low vision often require special procedures and equipment. In the areas where we work, most eye care facilities simply do not have the resources and trained doctors necessary to treat children. As part of this initiative, we will expand our range of school and community screenings, train new pediatric eye care teams, and provide the tools that medical centers require to serve children in need.

Our C20/20 goal is to raise an additional \$7 million to provide services for at least 3 million more children worldwide.

TECHNOLOGY

New technology is critical to fighting the blindness epidemic. By providing new equipment to our partners, vision impairing conditions can be detected, monitored, and treated earlier - decreasing the loss of vision our patients experience. Additionally, by using a combination of artificial intelligence and retinal imaging via telemedicine, patients can receive care in the home communities, rather than sending them to distant hospitals for less-frequent screenings.

Through C20/20 we will raise an additional \$6 million that will bring the best in technology to the hardest to reach communities across the globe.



VISION CENTERS

A primary eye care vision center (PECVC) is a permanent facility in a community that provides eye care services for populations between 25,000 to 100,000 people. They act as an extension of eye hospitals where trained staff perform eye exams, prescribe and provide glasses, and refer to hospitals. Up to 80% of eye care needs can be treated in the PECVC. PECVCs break down the geographic, cultural, and economic barriers that often prevent a population from receiving needed eye care services. Supported by the local leaders (mayor, clergy, school principal), PECVCs have a visible presence in the community.

C20/20 will raise \$6 million to fund 140 new vision centers that will reach 4 million people worldwide.

TRAINING & JOB CREATION

One of the biggest challenges to ending avoidable blindness is ensuring there are enough trained eye health providers of all levels — including paraprofessionals, ophthalmic nurses, and ophthalmologists. We are expanding our commitment to train more people worldwide and expand the capacity of our partners to ensure they are able to provide high-quality care for those in need.

C20/20 will raise an additional \$3 million for training and job creation to train thousands of paraprofessionals who will have a life-long impact on their communities and earn income that helps support their families.



SEE THE IMPACT YOU'VE MADE !

**1,539,981
ACCESS**



Thanks to your generosity, more than 1,539,981 people received eye care services.

**144,000
EVIDENCE**



Seva staff gave 10 invited lectures on global eye care at scientific meetings and co-edited an issue of the Community Eye Health Journal with a readership of 144,000 health care providers worldwide.

**5,351
CAPACITY**



You made possible the training of 5,351 Individuals including 302 Clinically Trained Individuals.

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EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE HELPS END TREATABLE BLINDNESS

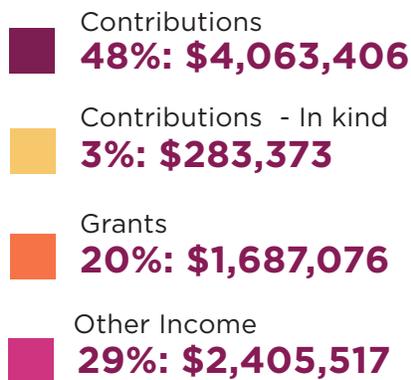
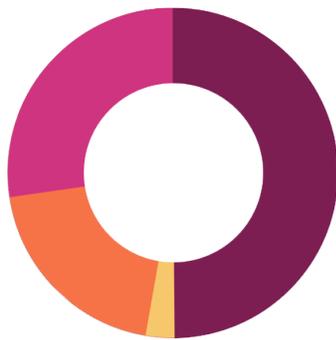
Last year, your generosity brought critical vision care to more than 1.5 million of the most vulnerable, isolated people around the globe. Because of you, countless men, women, and children worldwide can see clearly. Seva puts each and every dollar you give into immediate action, bringing the power of sight within everyone's reach.

This year, you gave \$6,184,967 to restore sight and prevent blindness in isolated and resource-poor communities. When you give to Seva, you bring long term, sustainable solutions to people in underserved communities everywhere. Every contribution you make represents a life-changing gift for someone in need.

As always, on behalf of everyone we serve, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

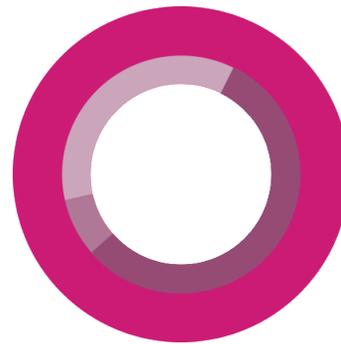
REVENUES

\$8,439,372



PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$5,957,054



Program Services: \$5,957,054
Fundraising: \$1,173,991
General & Management: \$889,280

The financial information as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019 has been derived from Seva Foundation's financial statements audited by SquarMilner LLP independent auditors. The condensed financial information should be read in conjunction with the 2019 audited financial statements and related notes. Contact Seva Foundation's office for copies of the complete audited financial statements.

CONCLUSION

We thank you for your continued support in making it all possible.

It has been a great year and you truly made the difference for us. We are extremely grateful for your generosity. We want to say a special thank you to the following individuals for all of their hard work!

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