

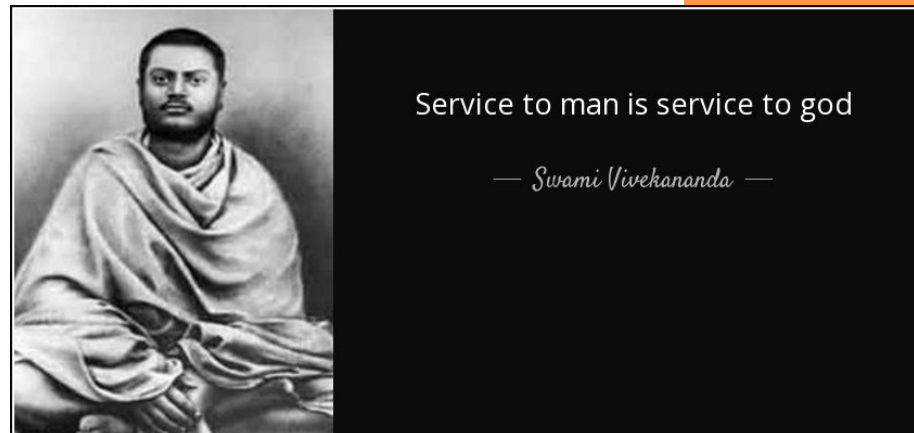
Why Donate to Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital?

Sankar Foundation is leading Eye Health and Vision Care since 1997

help someone to see! On your privilege, patronage, bequeath and support.

- ✓ Sankar Foundation (SF, bearing Registered No. 9485/84), a Public Charitable Trust, its core value is “SERVICE TO MAN IS SERVICE TO GOD” (Please refer to <http://inspiredgeit.com/Sankar-Foundation/our-journey/>). *Our institution is* registered with Income Tax Department and obtained PAN, Section 10 (23C), 12 A, 17 (2) (b), 80G, and also attained Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) account with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

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- ✓ Blindness has been recognized as an important public health problem in India. Of the 37 million blind across the world 15 million live in India. 90% of the blindness is prevalent in the age group of 50+. 75% of the blindness is avoidable. Prevalence is high in rural and tribal areas. Coastal districts of AP is inflexed with a high prevalence of eye problems. Women have high prevalence due to social neglect and access issues. 1.2 Millions of curable blind people are living in North Coastal Andhra

Pradesh. They have a decreased ability to see because they do not have access to glasses and cataract surgery. Higher age, low literacy levels and the presence of comorbidities such as diabetes and hypertension were significantly associated with the presence of visual impairment. Blindness might affect these persons daily functioning, lead to social occlusion and a vicious circle of poverty, malnutrition and untimely death. We found that poverty, lack of awareness and limited resources in Ophthalmology are the root cause of their sufferings.

Number of Blind Persons and Blind-Person-Years Due to Easily Treatable and Possibly Preventable Causes in Andhra Pradesh				
Cause of Blindness	Prevalence of Blindness (%)	No. of Persons*	Years with Blindness†	Blind-Person-Years (in millions)
Cataract-related	0.94	714400		3.58
Aphakia	0.06	45600	5	0.23
Refractive error-related	0.30	228000		7.84
Corneal disease	0.12	91200		2.67
Opacity after childhood fever	0.07	53200	43	2.29
Others	0.05	38000	10	0.38
Glaucoma	0.10	76000		0.38
Primary angle-closure	0.05	38000	5	0.19
Primary open-angle\	0.05	38000	5	0.19
		13,22,400	10	17.75

Prevalence and Causes of Blindness in in Andhra Pradesh										
Cause of Blindness*	Cataract	Refractive error	Retinal disease	Glaucoma	Corneal disease	Optic atrophy	Amblyopia	Congenital eye anomaly	Microphthalmos and Other	Total
% of Total Blindness	44.0	16.3	10.9	8.2	7	6.0	4.3	1.1	2.2	100
% of Curable blind patients in Rural Area 65.5, in Urban Areas 37.5.										

- ✓ Hence, our Founders and Trustees started a big task to bring light back into the lives of those unfortunate people and to foster excellence in ophthalmic patient care free of cost and established Sankar Foundation Super Specialty Eye Hospital (SFEH, bearing [Registered No. 150/1997](#)), registered by Government of Andhra Pradesh, on 2nd June 1997 at Simhachalam, Visakhapatnam, in

a 2 bedroom rented building. In fact, there is no other eye institute is in a position to restore eye-health /sight (which is curable) of millions of below poverty line people suffering in Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam and East Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh and bordering districts of Odisha. Hence, to alleviate the plight of these poor and needy eye patients, our Foundation took upon the gigantic task by harmonizing eye patient health, safety with technological progress and started eye treatment free of cost. To complete this mega task, it is highly requires to procure sophisticated equipment and to meet endless recurring expenditure on day to day basis - a regular inflow of funds is desperately in need, and we also planned to make our eye hospital a self-sustainable project.

- ✓ To achieve this truly inspiring and lovely vision and mission, our Foundation has started to offer eye care services to the affordable patients, i.e., from semi to full paid patients as well as initiated to raise funds from other NGO's, Corporates, Philanthropists. We empanelled with State Government, Central Government and PSUs for the treatment of their running employees and their dependents and retired employees and their dependents. And cross-subsidized these revenues to provide free eye treatment for the Below Poverty Line at their doorsteps. And made the community ophthalmology to reach the grassroots living in slum areas and rural and tribal people.
- ✓ We achieved better outcomes of eye surgery by continuously improving the quality of surgical training, improving the eye care infrastructure to provide reasonable follow-up care. We are creating a new social network for eye health, new models of providing good quality and sustainable eye care in rural, tribal and urban slum areas are showing reasonable results. We are also addressing the total potential cataract blindness in rural female subjects, which was more than in the male subjects.

- ✓ Seeing the good charitable work being carried out by our institute, *a number of Darma Dhatha /Good Samaritans (someone who tries to help people in trouble or need)*, NGO's, Corporates, and Philanthropists has been supporting our SFEH institution to fulfil our mega and perennial eye care programs (Please refer <http://inspiredgeit.com/Sankar-Foundation/testimonials-page/>). Government of Andhra Pradesh HMFWD Dept. has awarded SFEH in appreciation of its outstanding services under the National Programme for Control of Blindness, as a Best NGO (GOI-Aided) on the occasion of WORLD SIGHT DAY CELEBRATIONS 10-10-2002. Certificate of Merit is awarded to Sankar Foundation by the Collector & District Magistrate on the occasion of Independence Day Celebrations -2005 as rendered good record of service in Medical Assistance to Poor People on 15-August-2005. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has alienated 2 acres of Land for this Foundation at the foothills of Simhachalam to construct a hospital. Incidentally, this hospital was among the 2,000 eye hospitals in six countries selected for a visit by Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom John Major. In that land Ground breaking ceremony performed for construction of the new Hospital building by Sir John Major, Former Prime Minister UK, on 9th March 2005 , accompanied by Lord Marvin Davis, Group CEO, Standard Chartered Bank. Our Foundation has constructed the state-of-the-art modern 200 bedded eye hospital with one lakh Square feet G+4 building on this land and procured all major equipment (Bio Medical Equipment), started operation of this new premises from March 29th 2008.
- ✓ This institution has full-fledged super-specialty clinics, including, Anterior Segment and Posterior segment , Vitreo-Retinal Services, Cornea, Glaucoma, Paediatric Ophthalmology, and Orbit and Oculoplasty, manned by highly-qualified 18 specialists with a combined experience of over 228

years. These full time medical staff are assisted by 189 full time staff and has an experience of treating over 19,14,027 as out-patients and performed over 2,78,472 eye surgeries as in-patients from 2nd June 1997 to 31st March.2018. It is fully equipped with the State-of-art equipment : SIRIUS Topograph, YAG Laser, Phaco Machine, Operating Microscope, Fundus Fluorescien Angiography (FFA), B-Scan, Ultrasound Biomicroscopy (UBM), Topography, Ocular Coherence Tomograph (OCT) , Non Mydriatic Fundus Camera, Humphery Field Analyzer (HFA), High end Sterilizer, Green Laser and Operation Theatre Complex (9 Operation Theatres).

✓ For furthering the legacy and cause and care of eye health and vision care, our Sankar Foundation has advanced into (Please refer to <http://inspiredegit.com/Sankar-Foundation/history/>) : 1. Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital ; 2. Medical Education and Paramedical Education in Ophthalmology: Offering 7 Long Term Fellowship: duration 24 to 30 months. Short-term Fellowship. Our institute is accredited by the National Board of Examinations to offer a 3-year training programme leading to DNB in Ophthalmology. conducts Diploma Course in Ophthalmic Assistant (DOA) for 30 students and Diploma Course in Ophthalmic Technician (DOM) recognized by Para Medical Board , Government of Andhra Pradesh; 3. Sankar Foundation Research Institute: Striving to develop new therapeutic agents through innovative techniques to reduce the cost and increase the affordability, quality of health care to the common man and make Sankar Foundation Eye hospital a premier eye care center through strong research support.

- ✓ We thankfully acknowledge Our Key Donors, philanthropists, paid patients and all well-wishers who have supported our institute to procure these infrastructures and meet the recurring expenses since our inception. We respectfully anticipate all of your backup and patronage to realize our mega task and challenge of offering Eye Health and Vision Care to one and all.



Sankar Foundation team Sparkles Smiles in Millions of Families!

The Mission and the Vision of Founder Trustees have been in progress with *an innovative baton*. Trustees and supporting staff have been freshly replicating the cycle of success and transforming the lives of millions.



**Performance of Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital
from 2nd June 1997 to 31 March 2018**

Apr'17 to Mar'18

CATARACT SURGERIES

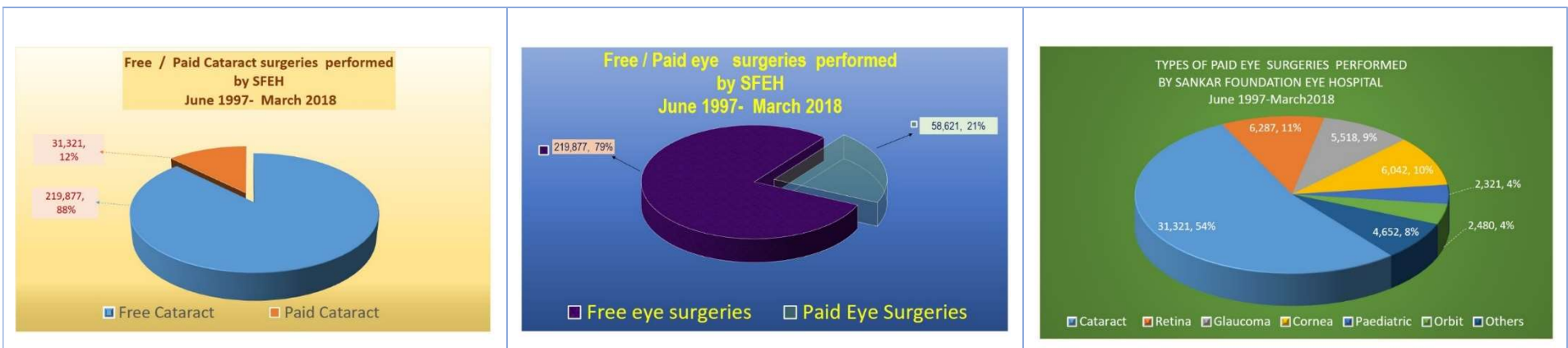
Free surgeries: SICS- MANUAL SMALL INCISION CATARACT SURGERY (Organized 6,190 of Out Reach Camps in Rural Areas and Tribal Villages , identified , mobilized and performed these surgeries to the Below Poverty Line Patients)	2,19,877	9,151
Paid surgeries : SICS, PHACOEMULSIFICATION	31,321	4,752
Total Cataract surgeries	2,51,198	13,903

TYPE OF SURGERY SPECIALITIES

Retina	6,287	695
Glaucoma	5,518	223
Cornea	6,042	1,219
Paediatric	2,321	167
Orbit	2,480	507
Others	4,652	131
Total Surgeries	27,300	2,942

OUT PATIENTS

Total Out Patients	16,46,795	89,662
No of outreach Camps	6,190	206
No of camp patients screened	9,47,358	27,692
No of surgeries done	2,08,264	7,663
No of School Screening camps	1,177	66
No of Children Screened	2,67,958	11,264
No of spectacles given	6,696	817



These Tables / Pie-diagrams, concludes as noted below:

Cataract surgeries performed : Free / Paid	Number of surgeries , %
For the below poverty line people, free of cost, as part of Charity.	2, 19,877, (88%)
For paid patients	31,321, (12%)

Type of Eye surgeries performed (Cataract, Retina, Glaucoma, Cornea, Pediatric, Orbit & Oculoplasty and Other minor eye surgeries.) : Free / Paid	Number of surgeries , %
For the below poverty line people, free of cost, as part of Charity.	219,877, (79%)
For paid patients	58,621, (21%)

Thus, Sankar Foundation has been dynamically striving to help the community for advocating DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES by bridging Public and Private, the Central Government and State Government, National and International institutions. Our FOUNDATION is led by high credible personalities. No Trustee is authorized to use funds for personal demand.

Therefore, our Sankar Foundation has become the best and the biggest Community Eye Care Organizations in Andhra Pradesh using the donations in respective subspecialties of ophthalmology they are donated for. *(Please Refer to Our Key Donors in <http:Sankar-Foundation/donate/>, <http://inspiredegit.com/Sankar-Foundation/history/>)*

To recap, Blindness is a debilitating disease that kills the potential in children and adults alike. It does not need to be so. Every day we accomplish to make a difference in the lives of a few young and old. The number of beneficiaries that could easily go up if we had more funds/resources. We invite you to read the stories of change of a few lives that we instilled lifelong smiles. Help us to make a difference in many more such lives.

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