



AKHANDJYOTI  
Sight. Life. Hope.

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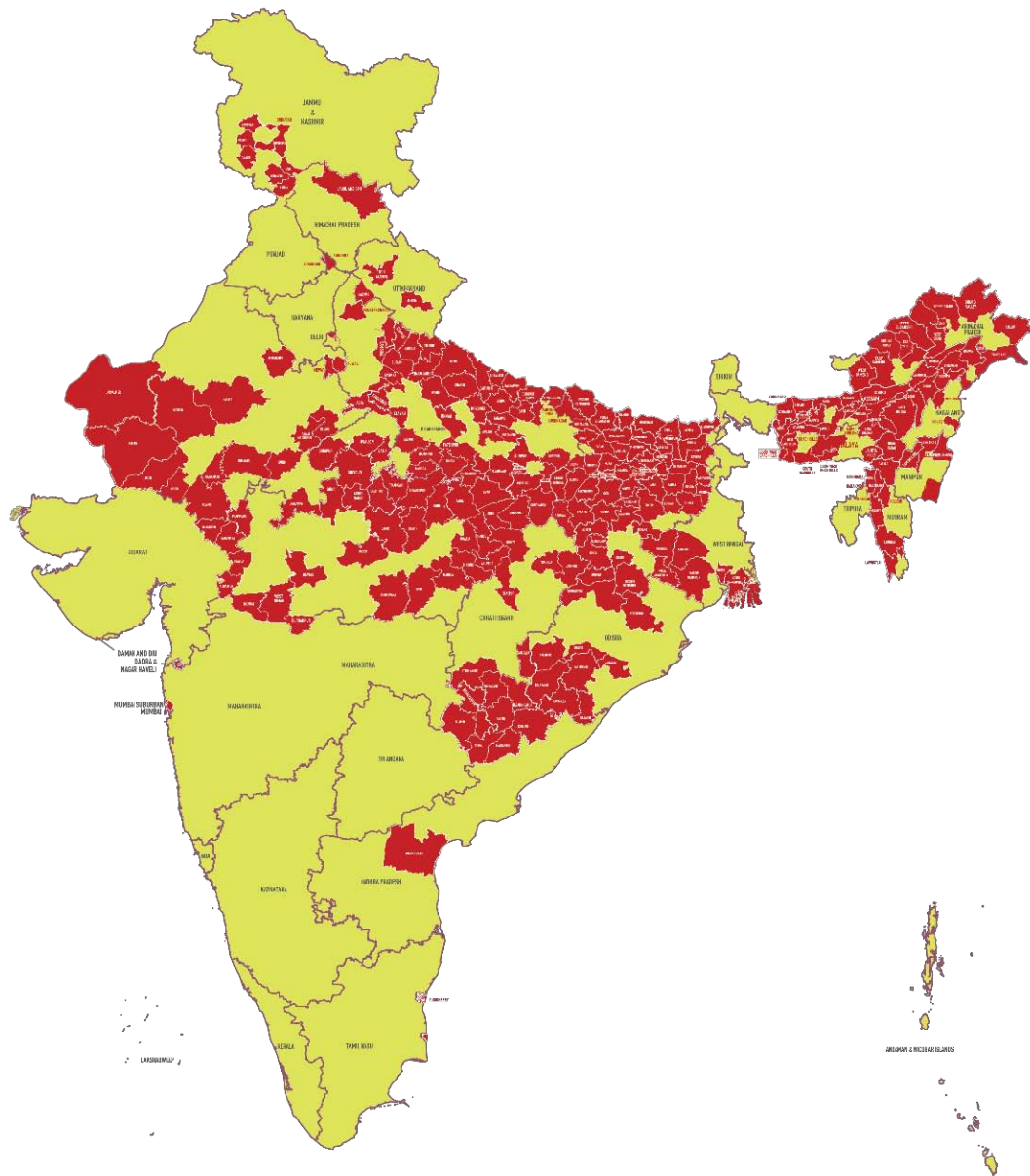
To help eradicate curable blindness by providing in low-income geographies affordable, accessible, sustainable, quality curative and preventive eye care services and empower women to achieve this.

# Mission

To spearhead in Bihar the eradication of curable blindness by 2022, build up an internationally recognised Centre of Excellence in eye care – the world's first in a rural area – which is accessible and affordable. Throughout, we will be relentless and empower women to achieve our objectives and to make a broader societal impact by training girls from rural areas.

# Working In The Most Challenging Geographies

Presently we are working extensively in Bihar and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. We shall always work in the poorest districts of India.



● Low-income districts in India



# 2018-19

## At A Glance

Number of lives touched

**496,797**

Total receipt for projects and programmes

**\$5,030,599**

Total spent on projects and programmes

**\$4,765,326**

\* INR figures are converted to USD, considering 71 as the forex rate.





## Number of people screened

**274,616**

## Through eye camps

68,460

Through hospital OPDs

24,526

## School children screened

## Number of surgeries performed

# 65,942

## Adult patients

411

## Paediatric patients

## Number of cataract surgeries performed

# 64,584

## Adult patients

314

## Paediatric patients

\* All figures are for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019



No. of spectacles dispensed

**18,054**

Through eye camps

**23,054**

Through OPD

**2,353**

Through school screening

Total no. of eye camps held

**3,309**

Geographies covered

**16 districts**

in Bihar

**4 districts**

in Uttar Pradesh

\* All figures are for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## Gender Equality Programme

This initiative seeks to improve the life of a girl child. It offers girls education and career opportunities as qualified optometrists, while nurturing them into role models and empowering them as change agents in the local community. The programme also uses football as a medium to bridge the much widening gender divide in a male-dominated society. This intervention is christened as the 'Football to Eyeball' programme.

Total no. of girls in the programme at present  
**203**

No. of girls qualified and employed as Optometrists  
**63**

No. of girls studying Optometry  
**56**

No. of girls inducted this year  
**27**

No. of girls enrolled in the  
basic eye care programme  
**64**





# In Case You Missed It

Highlights of 2018 - 2019

# Creating The Akhand Jyoti Website

The Akhand Jyoti website [www.akhandjyoti.org](http://www.akhandjyoti.org) was launched in August 2018 to offer our donors and well-wishers an interactive platform to know more about us, receive regular updates, and donate online to support our cause.



The website serves as an online treasure trove of heart touching human interest stories that constantly inspire us and our supporters to eradicate curable blindness and fight against patriarchy by empowering rural girls.



We believe maintaining transparency in financial reporting is critical and take great pride in our accountability to our donors and other stakeholders. Our website provides all its visitors the opportunity to go through and download financial reports.





# Inaugurating Bihar's First Specialised Paediatric Eye Care Unit

It is estimated that over 456,000 children in Bihar suffer from refractive errors. In addition, an estimated 50,000 children suffer from blindness due to cataract from birth, which can be cured. In our commitment to take eye care services to areas of need and reach the children of Bihar, in April 2019, with support from Orbis International, we launched Bihar's first Children's Eye Centre at Mastichak. Mr. Bob Ranck, President & CEO, Orbis International inaugurated our newly renovated paediatric unit.



Not only will it address the unmet need for quality child eye care services in the region but also help us inch towards seeing a nation where no child is needlessly blind or visually impaired.



We are answering the prayers of millions of parents and helping the children of Bihar look towards a brighter future.



# Foundation Laying Ceremony Of Our Upcoming Hospitals

Samastipur – 40 bed hospital during the first phase  
Purnea – 40 bed hospital during the first phase

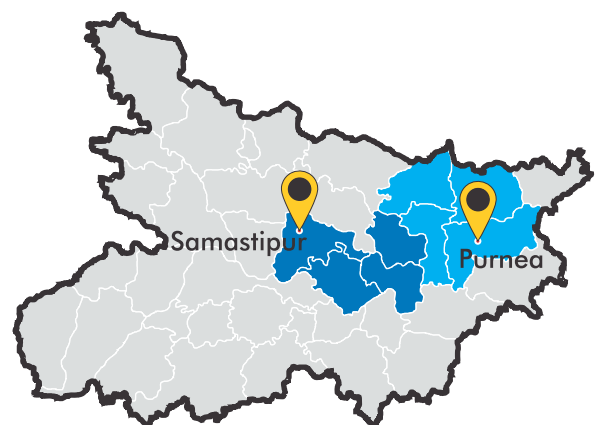
The 40 bed hospital at Samastipur with support from Naraindas Morbai Budhrani Trust will enable us reach out to the people of the four districts of central Bihar, namely, Samastipur, Begusarai, Khagaria and Saharsa.



The 40 bed hospital at Purnea with support from The Savitri Waney Charitable Foundation will further help us reach out to the people of the four districts of Purnea, Madhepura, Supaul and Araria.



Both these hospital locations have been strategically chosen to widen our reach in Bihar.



## 5 New Primary Vision Centres Launched

**Piro** (District: Bhojpur, State: Bihar)

**Gopalganj** (District: Gopalganj, State: Bihar)

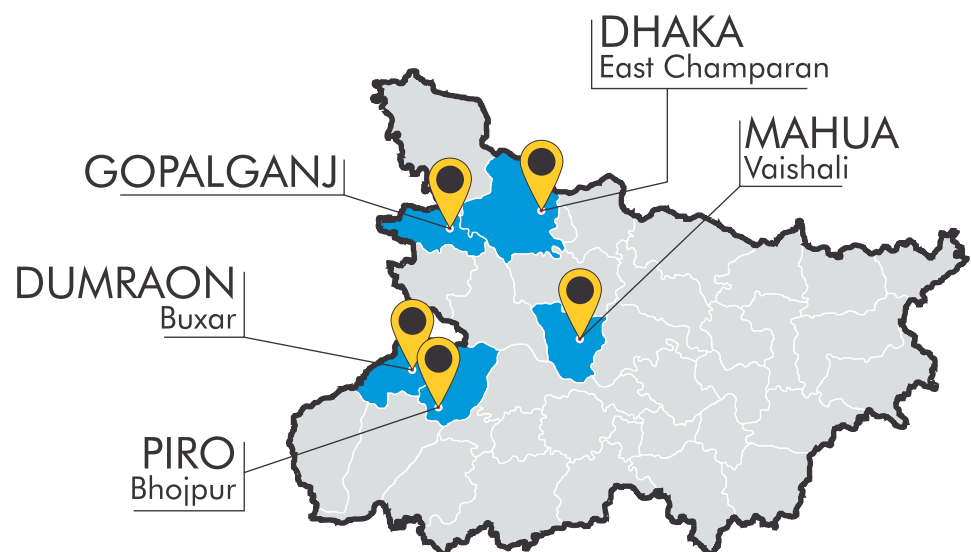
**Dumraon** (District: Buxar, State: Bihar)

**Mahua** (District: Vaishali, State: Bihar)

**Dhaka** (District: East Champaran, State: Bihar)



Our five new vision centres are strategically placed to widen our reach into the rural hinterlands of Bihar, thereby enabling us to pursue our mission of eradicating curable blindness from Bihar by 2022.



# Inauguration Of In-house Spectacle Manufacturing Unit

It is estimated that 19 million people in Bihar need spectacles but do not wear one. Akhand Jyoti is on a mission to correct their vision by providing them with affordable eyewear.



In February 2019 an in-house spectacle manufacturing unit was inaugurated at the Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital's tertiary centre at Mastichak, Bihar.  
Mr. Jayesh Parekh, Member, Advisory Board, Akhand Jyoti inaugurated the unit.



The addition of this state-of-the-art unit enables us to manufacture spectacle lenses at a much lower cost than the market price. It further helps us deliver spectacles to patients on the very same day of his visit and examination at the centre.





# Fundraising Campaign In Singapore

Akhand Jyoti organised its 1st overseas fundraising campaign in collaboration with BridgeAble Pte. Ltd. at Singapore from 2nd to 11th of March 2019. Mritunjay Tiwary, Executive Trustee and Founder, Akhand Jyoti, along with his team motivated not only the Indian diaspora but also Singaporeans of other origin to come forward and donate to the cause.



Total commitment  
secured  
**\$309,859**

Total fund raised  
(till March 2019)  
**\$85,228**

\* INR figures are converted to USD, considering 71 as the forex rate.



## A little bit of help goes a long way

We are thankful to our youngest donor – 9 year old **Hridaan Popuri** from Singapore, studying at standard 3. Hridaan's compassionate heart was so moved by our cause, that he donated his sole savings from his piggy bank to gift eyesight to two patients.



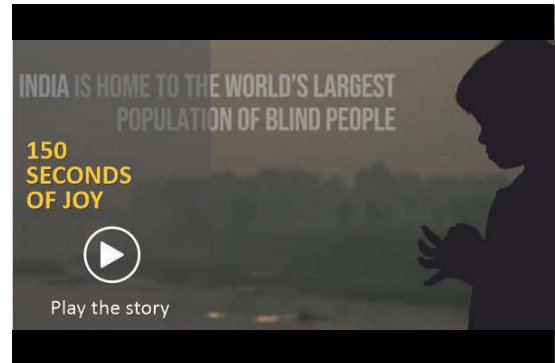
# Making Of Films

## '150 Seconds Of Joy'

This film is about the story of Bharti – a paediatric patient born blind with cataracts in both eyes. She remained isolated from the outside world till 10 years of age, when Akhand Jyoti intervened and restored her sight and childhood. Bharti now goes to school, plays with friends and is living a normal life.

Film by - Sunhil Sippy

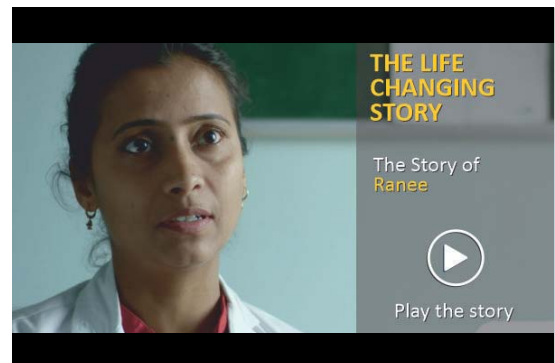
Supporting Partners - PVR Nest and Savitri Waney Charitable Trust



## 'The Life Changing Story'

This is the story of Raneer – a girl who struggled through her life until she was inducted into Akhand Jyoti's Gender Equality Programme. She is now a compassionate optometrist helping us in our efforts to eradicate curable blindness.

Film by - Archana Borhade



## 'The Twin Dreams'

Twin sisters Chhaya and Chhavi from the hinterlands of rural Bihar were victims of domestic violence in a conservative society. They were pulled through life by a determined and strong-willed grandma. From being footballers by day to optometrists by day, their story portrays how Akhand Jyoti is breaking patriarchal stereotypes and bridging the gender gap in Bihar.

Film by - Archana Borhade

Supporting Partner - Our Better World



# School Screening Programme

It is estimated that 50,000 children are blind from birth due to cataract and this can be cured. Further an estimated 456,000 suffer from refractive errors, which hinder their holistic development.



Akhand Jyoti with support from Orbis International and Essilor is on a mission to provide primary screening to school going childrens, spectacles to correct their vision, and sight restoring surgeries, all for free.



Our impact numbers

**24,526**

Students screened

**95**

Schools covered

**2,353**

Spectacles dispensed





# World Glaucoma Week Campaign

During the 'World Glaucoma Week' (10 – 16 March 2019), Akhand Jyoti organised a free eye check-up camp for Glaucoma patients at our Mastichak Tertiary Centre.



More than 100 patients attended the camp and were advised by our panel of doctors, specialised in Glaucoma.

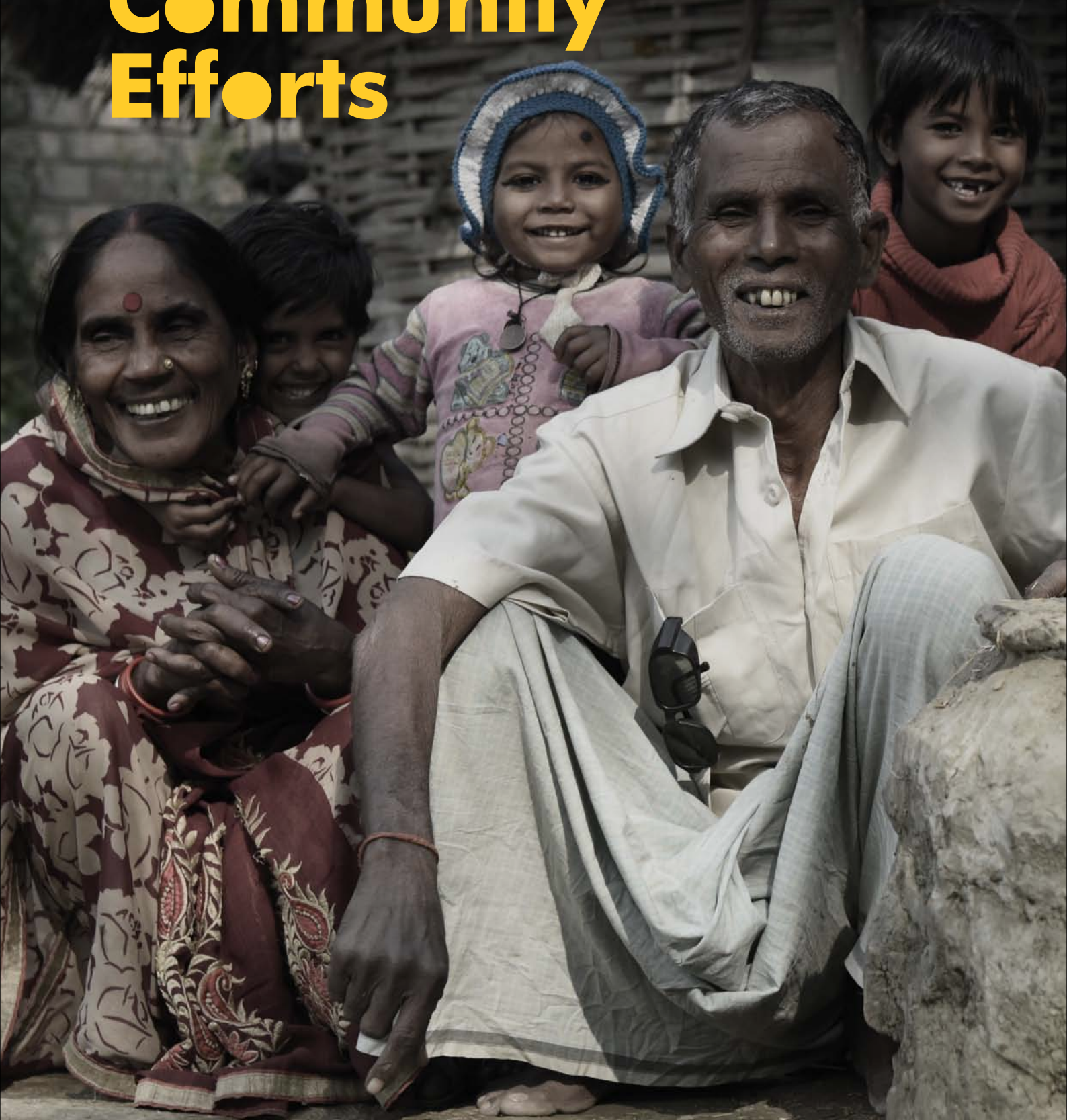


The campaign reinforced awareness about Glaucoma – how it can be checked through regular consultation with the doctor.





# Our Community Efforts





Distributed blankets to 600 underprivileged families on Akhand Jyoti's Foundation Day – 3rd December 2018.



Celebrated 100 paediatric surgeries with support from PVR Nest in collaboration with our longest standing partner The Savitri Waney Charitable Foundation.



Distributed notebooks, drawing kits and snacks to underprivileged kids on the festival of Diwali.



# 13 Years Of Impact



## 2006



1 Tertiary Centre - 30 beds



6,000 Surgeries



0 Girls

## 2009



1 Tertiary Centre - 100 beds



23,000 Surgeries



4 Girls

## 2011



1 Tertiary Centre - 150 beds



1 Secondary Centre - 30 beds



35,000 Surgeries



40 Girls

## 2012



1 Tertiary Centre - 200 beds



1 Secondary Centre - 30 beds



47,000 Surgeries



80 Girls

## 2013



1 Tertiary Centre - 250 beds



1 Secondary Centre - 30 beds



56,000 Surgeries



110 Girls

## 2014



1 Tertiary Centre - 300 beds



1 Secondary Centre - 30 beds



65,000 Surgeries



130 Girls

## 2015



1 Tertiary Centre - 300 beds



1 Secondary Centre - 30 beds



1 Primary Vision Centre



65,000 Surgeries



150 Girls

## 2019



1 Tertiary Centre - 300 beds



1 Secondary Centre - 30 beds



7 Primary Vision Centres



65,000 Surgeries



203 Girls





# Our Supporters

Our partners are critical to our success in improving the lives of the poor across low-income regions of India. We work together to light up the lives of the people in need.

#### Our long-standing partners



#### Partners who came on board this year



#### Our major donors

Nalanda Charitable Foundation ● Atlas Equifin Pvt. Ltd. ● NE Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.

Rajesh Bothra ● Vipul Shantilal Shah ● Jag Sekhon ● Samir Mehta and Paromita

Vikaskumar N Gattani ● Ranodeb Roy & Dr. Mahua Menon

Venkatraman Anantha and Ramya Nageswaran ● Shital Raiyani

FTIM and Ashoka Pte. Ltd. ● Mr. Bharat Mekani and Ms. Kirtida Mekani

Smt. & Late Shree Hiranand Vishindas Farswani ● Suketu Shah



# The Leadership Board





**Mritunjay Tiwary**

Founder and Executive Trustee, Akhand Jyoti



**Dr. Ajit Kumar Poddar – Medical Director, Akhand Jyoti**



**Ravi Kant – Chairman, Advisory Board, Akhand Jyoti**  
(Former Vice Chairman and Managing Director of TATA Motors)



**Jayesh Parekh – Member, Advisory Board, Akhand Jyoti**  
(Co-founder of Sony Entertainment Television and venture capitalist)



**Amish Nathwani – Member, Advisory Board, Akhand Jyoti**  
(Former Senior Auditor at Bank of England)



**Snehanand (Ravi) Sinha – Trustee & Strategic Advisor, Akhand Jyoti**  
(Management Consultant with 33 years of corporate experience)



**Prof. Mala Sinha – Member, Advisory Board, Akhand Jyoti**  
(Ph. D., Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi)



**Ramesh Jude Thomas – Member, Advisory Board, Akhand Jyoti**  
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**Dr. Sally Webber – Member, Advisory Board, Akhand Jyoti**  
(Senior Ophthalmic Surgeon, UK)



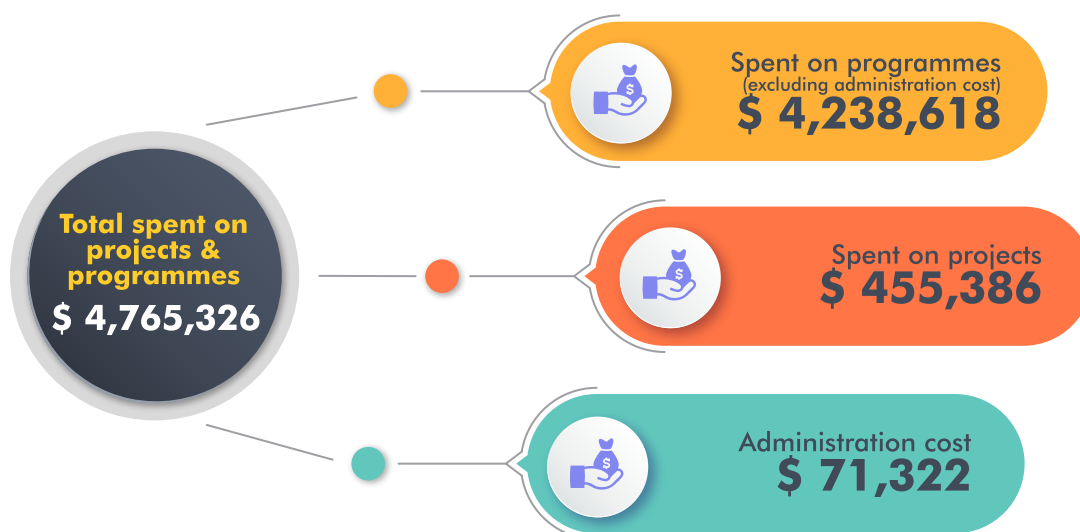
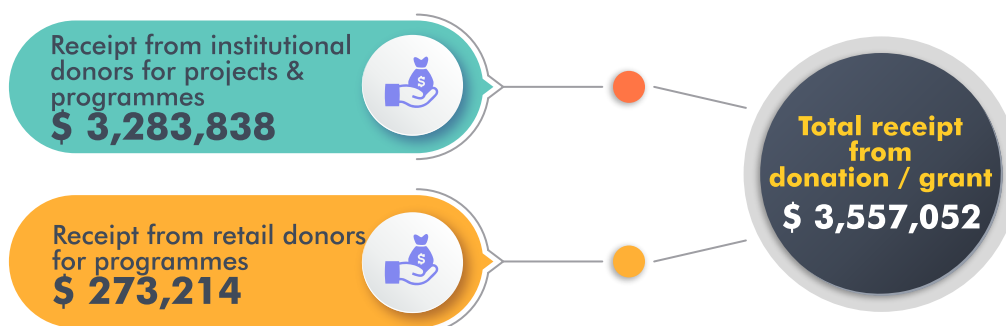
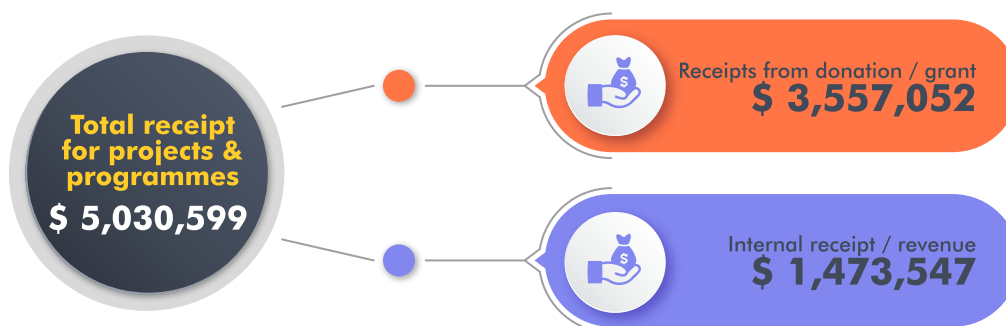
**Anshula Yuvaraj – Member, Advisory Board, Akhand Jyoti**  
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# Financials



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