

Report for the Calendar Year 2013

Under the service project the following girls are been supported to stand on their own feet and been trained for the paramedics at Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal.

1. Kamakshi Sahoo
2. Dharitri Ghose
3. Jyotshna Rani Sahoo
4. Subhadra Patra
5. Santilata Sahoo



Kamakshi Sahoo, daughter of Keshab Chandra Sahoo, residence of Bhuban, Dhenkanal, has observed people affected with Blindness and the incident where a small girl child had lost her life in a road accident due her blindness had totally changed her. That girl child was brought to one of the Eye Screening camp of Kalinga Eye Hospital by her and Ophthalmologist had examined found nothing could be done. Then after completing her graduation in Arts, she has joined Kalinga Eye Hospital in November 2012 to learn things and save people going blind.



Dharitri Ghose, daughter of Nirmal Chandra Ghose, residence of Hindol Road, Odapada, Dhenkanal has wished to help people are in need of, so after completing her education in Bachelor in Arts, she has joined Kalinga Eye Hospital on 19.11.2012 with a vision of becoming a better human to serve the humanity are in need of.



Jyotshna Rani Sahoo, daughter of Hrudananda Sahoo, residence of Ranjapasi, Gengutia, Dhenkanal belongs to a poor family, so to give support to her family and to stand on her own feet, after completing her bachelor degree in Arts, she has joined Kalinga Eye Hospital on 7.7.2012 as trainee staff and in a year she has prompted to Paramedic.



Subhadra Patra daughter of Maheswar Patra, of residence Similia, Sadar, Dhenkanal, had always wish to help people and make people happy, so after completing graduation in Arts, she has joined Kalinga Eye Hospital in September 2012 to become a good paramedic, so that even she can help people anywhere in the world with her knowledge and skill and make herself satisfied being a human.



Santilata Sahoo, the only daughter of Hata Kishore Sahoo, residence of Jangu, Kankadahada, Dhenkanal. Jangu is a remote village located in the border of two districts of Odisha and people are deprived of basic health and education facilities and even though Santi tried to get the best education facilities, what she could afford, cause she was also aware that his father being a shopkeeper can't help her more and after completing her +2Science, she has joined Kalinga Eye Hospital in November 2012, with a goal to stand on her own feet and can help her family and make their parents proud of her. She has a strong desire to become a senior paramedic.

Support for Surgery:

Blindness has profound human and socioeconomic consequences in all societies. The costs of lost productivity and of rehabilitation and education of the blind constitute a significant economic burden for the individual, the family and society. The economic effects of visual impairment can be divided into direct and indirect costs. The direct costs are those of the treatment of eye diseases, including the relevant proportions of costs for running medical and allied health services, pharmaceuticals, research and administration. The indirect costs include lost earnings of visually impaired people and their caregivers and costs for visual aids, equipment, home modifications, rehabilitation, welfare payments, lost taxation revenue and the pain, suffering and premature death that can result from visual impairment.

And considering the cost of blindness under this collaborative project 30 children and 1424 adult people have got their sight restored(list of persons undergone the sight restoration surgery is annexed) and below are some of the stories of some operated cases.



Dukhia Dehury

Dukhia Dehury, 8 year old male child was facing problem in seeing things properly. His parents also did not pay any special attention to the child's problem and did not suspect in the least that there could as well be a medical problem related to it. They dismissed his prolonged rubbing of eye problem, bend head, simply as part of growing up. However Ms. Pravati, a village child care professional realized that this lack of timely development of the child could be due to a vision related disorder. As Ms Pravati was trained to identify pediatric eye diseases at a workshop organized by KEH; on a close examination she identified congenital cataracts in the left eye of Dukhia and suggested that the family take Dukhia to KEH for a consultation. Realizing that they would not be able to afford the hospital fees or the cost of surgery on a farmer's wages, Dukhia's parents did not take any action towards the treatment of their child. With no insurance or social security, it was impossible for Dukhia's family to afford medical treatment that would improve Dukhia's vision. They assumed that he would have to live with this eye problem for the rest of his life.

However, after learning that KEH provides free screenings at rural outreach camps, Dukhia's parents took him to one of the camps. There Dr. Gadnayak, who was conducting the camp confirmed congenital cataracts in his left eyes and, realizing that Dukhia's family could not afford surgery, ensured that all medical costs were covered by the hospital under the DIK Project.

Since his surgery in August 2013, Dukhia has learned to see straight and plays like any other children of his age. His parents are relieved that he can function normally and are grateful to KEH & DIK for providing the surgery free of charge.



Jyotshanmayee Pradhan

The state of Odisha is located in the eastern part of the Indian subcontinent. Illiteracy level and poverty level is also very high owing to the poor economy of the state. The people who live in the villages are very superstitious and adhere to

many myths and mythological stories. No one can even imagine that these beliefs of the innocent minds can sometimes hinder their general development and health. There is this very interesting belief among the people that girl child are equal to male child as a result girl children some time suffers a lot in the rural region of Odisha.

Similar is the case with Jyotshna, a thirteen year old girl who belongs to a village called Dalapaka in Odisha. Her father Bikram is a daily waged laborer, his mother Babita a housewife and both the parents are illiterate. Even though they had promoted Jyotshna and sent her school for education. 18 months ago, she began to notice blurry vision in her left eye, which she describes as a fog like curtain over the front of her eye and gradually it had affected her a lot and she couldn't see the black board properly in her school and tried to take note subjects from her friend who was sitting next to her but her school teacher didn't know her problem and found her as a discipline child, coping from her friend and most of time she got insulted and finally six months before, she dropped her school. Even after dropping her school. After getting the answers from Jyotshna, Babita had requested Bikram to take her to a medical for her eye exam and they did so, but when they found surgery is the only solution to her and they don't have money to do that, they remained silent, so as Jyotshna, as a result she was losing her vision day by day.

Fortunately, Bikram heard about the eye screening camp was running near to his village by Kalinga Eye Hospital and he had took Jyotshna for another check up with a hope that may be it can correct with Medicine or a pair of glasses, but every hope disappeared when the Ophthalmologist examined and shared that surgery is the only solution. Hearing that Bikram was taking Jyotshna from the camp and the camp manager Narottama had asked the reason for not going for surgery and after a long counselling and discussion, Bikram got some relief that her daughter can be operated with No cost to him and brought her to Kalinga Eye Hospital in the month of October 2013, where she had undergone for her left eye at No cost under the project. Now after her surgery she has resumed to her normal life and her education.



Sridhar Penthei

Sridhar Penthei 65, his falling vision made him dependent on his family, but diagnosis of cataract at the community eye screening camp of Kalinga Eye Hospital & the operation at the base hospital at No cost in August 2013 under the NYSASDRI project, made it possible for him to be independent & contribute again to the family income through farming beetle leaves & goats.

Juamani Rout

Juamani 80 year old female resident of Nukapali, Bhuban of Dhenkanal had lost her husband 12 years ago and she has three daughters and a son. All children are married and are staying away except his son. After marriage his son is working as a laborer in one of the steel plant distanced



150Kms from his home. So daughter in law and her two small grand children are staying with her. As they don't have a piece of land to cultivate and no other sources for livelihood, Jumani is dependent on her only son and he sends some money every month. As there is not a male person in the house to help in day to day activities, so Juamani and her daughter in law does everything for the home. But this blurry vision comes in between and though she is interested to help her daughter in law in her works but can't. Also situation is so worse at the moment that she is feeling very difficult to do her day to day toilet and sanitary work.

Regarding her eye problem even she has consulted a doctor a year ago and she had advised for cataract surgery but due to financial problems, she had decided to remain silent on the matter and tried to does thing whatever way she could. Her daughter in law couldn't able to manage day to day activities single headedly. As a result Juamani got affected a lot too.

Re-diagnosis of cataract at the community eye screening camp of Kalinga Eye Hospital & the operation of her left eye at the base hospital at No cost in December 2013 under the NYSASDRI project, made it possible for her to contribute again to the family.