



Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh
Eye Health Program-Rapti & Bahadurgunj

Dang, Lumbini Province.

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Message from the Chairman

On behalf of the Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh-Eye Health Program-Rapti & Bahadurgunj, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all individuals and institutions who supported our work during 2025.

I am deeply grateful to the Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted (NABP-Norway), Ms Kristin Kjæret, Director International, Ms Lykke E. Stavnes, Program Director for their continued and long-term support in strengthening eye care services.

I also extend my sincere thanks to the Central Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (NNJS) for its leadership and guidance. My appreciation goes to the NABP-Nepal Office for its close coordination and technical support. I would also like to thank LCIF, CBM, Helping Hands Health Education, Ruit Foundation, Siloam Centre for the Blind, South Korea, Ek Ek Paila, the Redli Eye Foundation, local NGOs, and organizations for their valuable financial and technical assistance.

I sincerely thank the Government of Nepal for its policy support and financial contribution, as well as the local and provincial governments for their strong cooperation in program implementation.

I would like to express my special thanks to Madam Sissel Helden for her continued encouragement and support, and to Mr Inge Sollerud, Norway, for his generous contribution to eye health services.

My heartfelt thanks go to all executive members of NNJS-Dang, ophthalmologists, doctors, paramedics, administrative staff, volunteers, and the entire management team of the Eye Health Program. Their dedication, professionalism, and hard work are the foundation of our achievements. With the continued support of our partners and the commitment of our team, we remain dedicated to providing quality eye care services and reaching people most in need.

Mr. Krishna Kumar Giri, Chairman, Hospital Management committee

Message from the Chief Ophthalmologist, and Chief Administrator



Pro.Dr Pradeep Bastola
Chief Ophthalmologist,
Eye Health Program

The year 2025 was a year of steady service delivery and important institutional progress for the Eye Health Program—Rapti & Bahadurgunj. Despite operational and resource-related challenges, the program continued to provide quality eye and ear care services through hospitals, eye care centres, and outreach activities, reaching a large number of people across our working areas. During the year, strong teamwork between clinical, administrative, and support staff helped maintain service quality and patient safety. Expansion of surgical services, strengthening of outreach programs, and continued focus on training and supervision contributed to improved access to eye care, particularly for poor and underserved communities. The year also marked key milestones for future growth. The joining of more than ten new ophthalmologists strengthened clinical capacity and continuity of services. Approval of the MD Ophthalmology program by the Medical Education Commission was a major achievement for human resource development. Construction of a new Operation Theatre with the support of the Embassy of India enhanced surgical infrastructure. In addition, Sulichaur Eye Centre (Rolpa), Rukum West, and Krishnanagar Eye Care Centre were upgraded into surgical eye centres, expanding access to surgical eye care services. We sincerely thank all ophthalmologists, staff members, volunteers, management committees, partners, and supporters for their dedication and cooperation. We also acknowledge the support of the Government of Nepal, local and provincial governments, and our development partners. With continued teamwork and shared commitment, we remain focused on improving service quality and reaching more people in need.



Dr Samsher Thapa
Chief Administrator-
Eye Health Program



Nepal, a landlocked federal democratic republic in South Asia, lies in the Himalayan region between China and India. The country spans 147,181 sq. km and extends roughly 885 km east to west. Its geography is categorized into Mountains, Hills, and Tarai plains, accounting for 35%, 42%, and 23% of the total area, respectively. Administratively, Nepal is structured into 7 provinces and 77 districts, with 753 local government units, including 6 metropolitan cities, 11 sub-metropolitan cities, 276 municipalities, and 460 rural municipalities.



SHORT INTRODUCTION

Rapti Eye Hospital, located in Tulsipur, Dang, was established in 1986 and is situated on 4 Bigha (approximately 2.5 Acre) of land owned by Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh. Since its establishment, the prevalence of blindness in the Rapti Zone has declined from 0.87% in 1981 to 0.13% in 2010. Initially supported by Norwegian Church Aid, the hospital later received long-term support from the Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted. Over the years, the hospital has grown from a secondary to a tertiary-level facility, now providing comprehensive eye care services, training programs, and sub-specialty care in retina, cornea, oculoplasty, and pediatric ophthalmology.



Geta Eye Hospital (1980/81)

1980/81



Rapti Eye Hospital- 1986

1986-1998



1999 to Date

A national blindness survey conducted in 1980/81 by the World Health Organization and the Government of Nepal found that 0.84% of the population was bilaterally blind, with cataract as the main cause. This led to the launch of a blindness prevention program. With support from NORAD and later Norwegian Church Aid, a 100-bed low-cost eye hospital was established in Geta in 1981. Rapti Eye Hospital was established in Tulsipur, Dang, in 1986 with the support from Norwegian Church Aid, NCA has support till 1998. NABP support started from 1999 for the reduction of blindness and its support is continue till date.

Short Introduction about NNJS

Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (NNJS) is the leading national eye care providing agency for comprehensive eye care services in the country.

It was established in 1978 as the National Society for the Prevention and Control of Blindness.

There are 42 district branches of NNJS all over Nepal, 28 Eye Hospitals, and 250 plus primary Eye Care Centers are running under the umbrella of NNJS.

The Ear Care Service started in 2012

More than 15,000 volunteers are involved directly and indirectly



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The Norwegian Association of the **Blind and Partially Sighted**

Short Introduction about NABP-Norway

Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted (NABP), a Norwegian International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO), established in September 1900 as a non-profit-making, secular, non-political self-help organization. This organization works towards full participation and equal rights for blinds and Partially Sighted People. Its primary objectives are to support the strengthening of organizations of the Blind at the national level through making them self-reliant, strong and sustainable, to combat blindness through eye health programs and to promote and support the rehabilitation of blind and partially sighted people. It has been supporting Blind and Partially Sighted people of Nepal in partnership with Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (NNJS) and Nepal Association of the Blind (NAB). It has also been programmed in other developing countries.



Rapti Eye Hospital -1986



CKN Eye Hospital - 2004

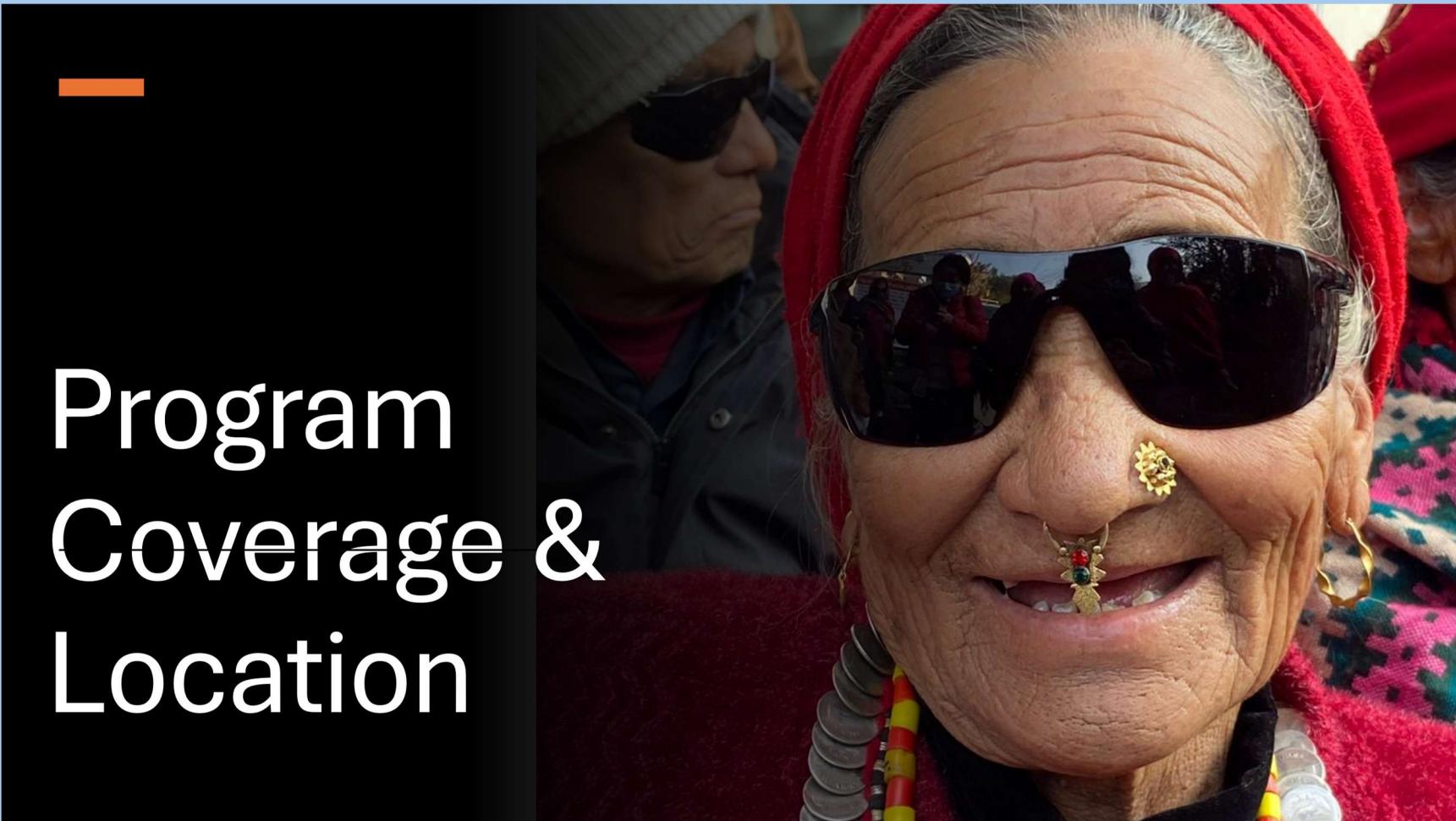


Lamahi Eye Hospital - 2012

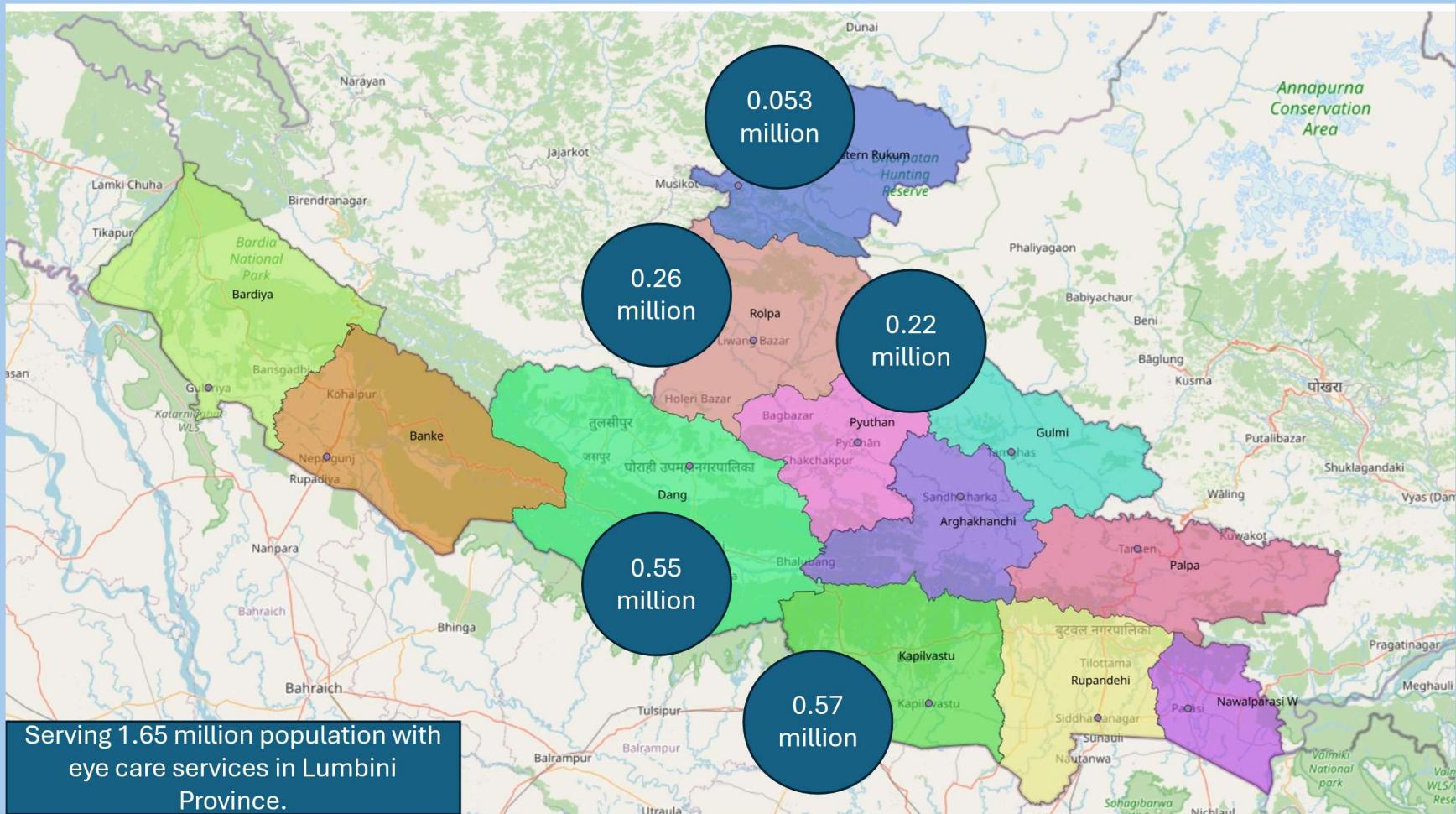
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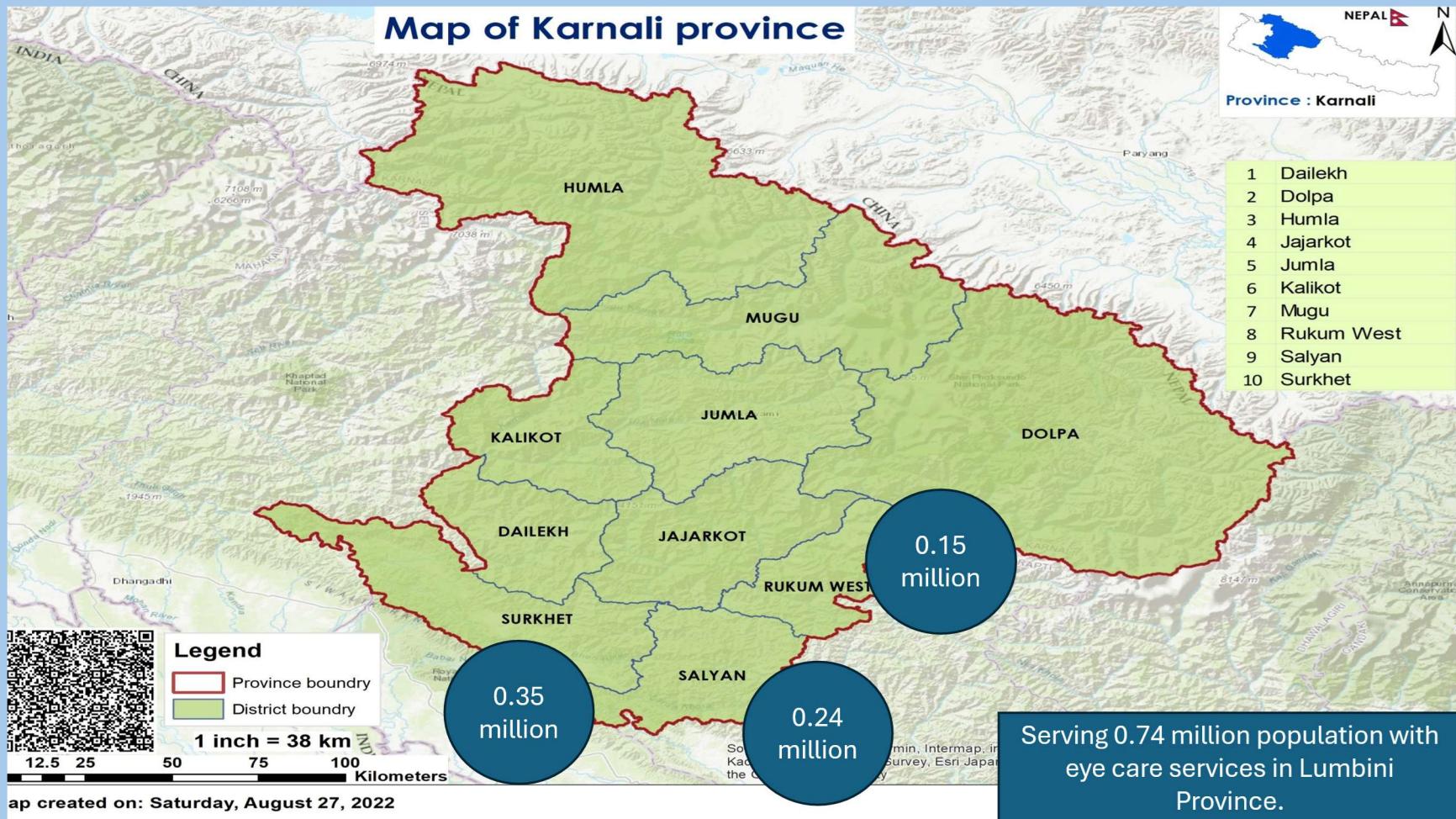
The Eye Health Program–Rapti and Bahadurgunj governs all three eye hospitals. Under Rapti Eye Hospital, there are five Eye Care Centers (ECCs), under Chhanda Kalebabu Narayani Eye Hospital there is one ECC, and under Lamahi Eye Hospital there are five ECCs.



Program Coverage & Location

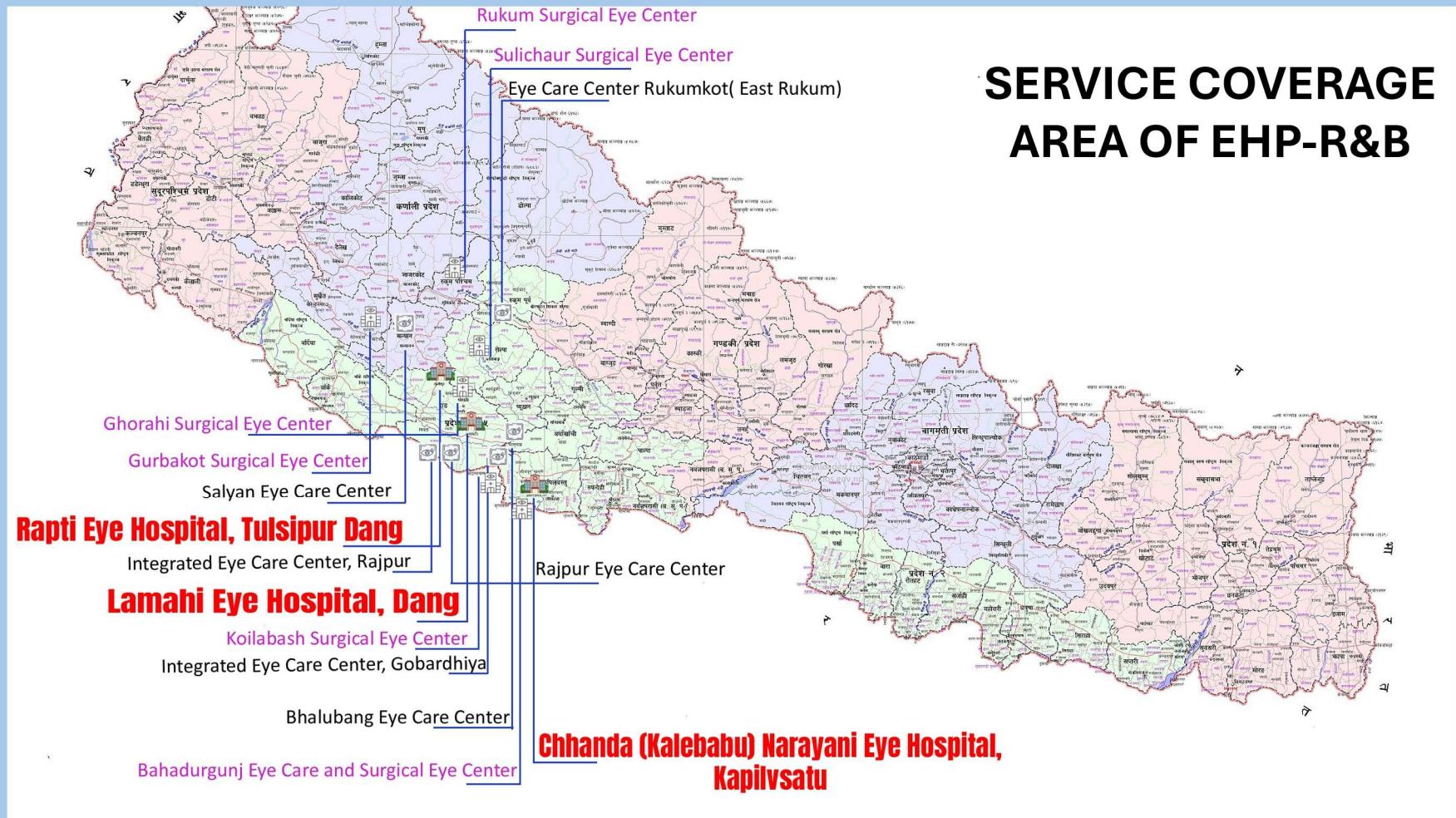


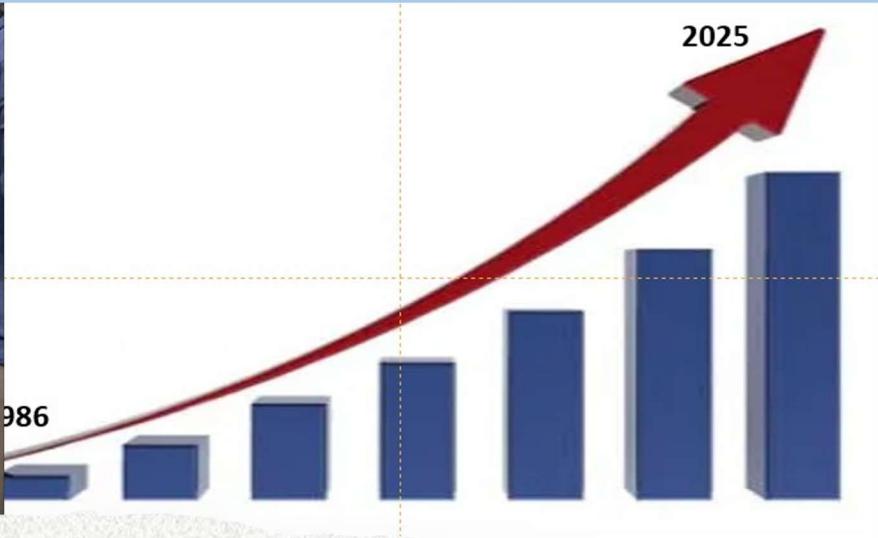
In Lumbini Province, the Eye Health Program-Rapti & Bahadurgunj covers five districts and has access to a population of about 1.65 million, including Dang (0.55 million), Kapilbastu (0.57 million), Rolpa (0.26 million), Pyuthan (0.22 million), and Rukum East (0.053 million).



In Karnali Province, the Eye Health Program has access to a population of about 0.74 million, including Surkhet (0.35 million), Salyan (0.24 million), and Rukum West (0.15 million).

SERVICE COVERAGE AREA OF EHP-R&B

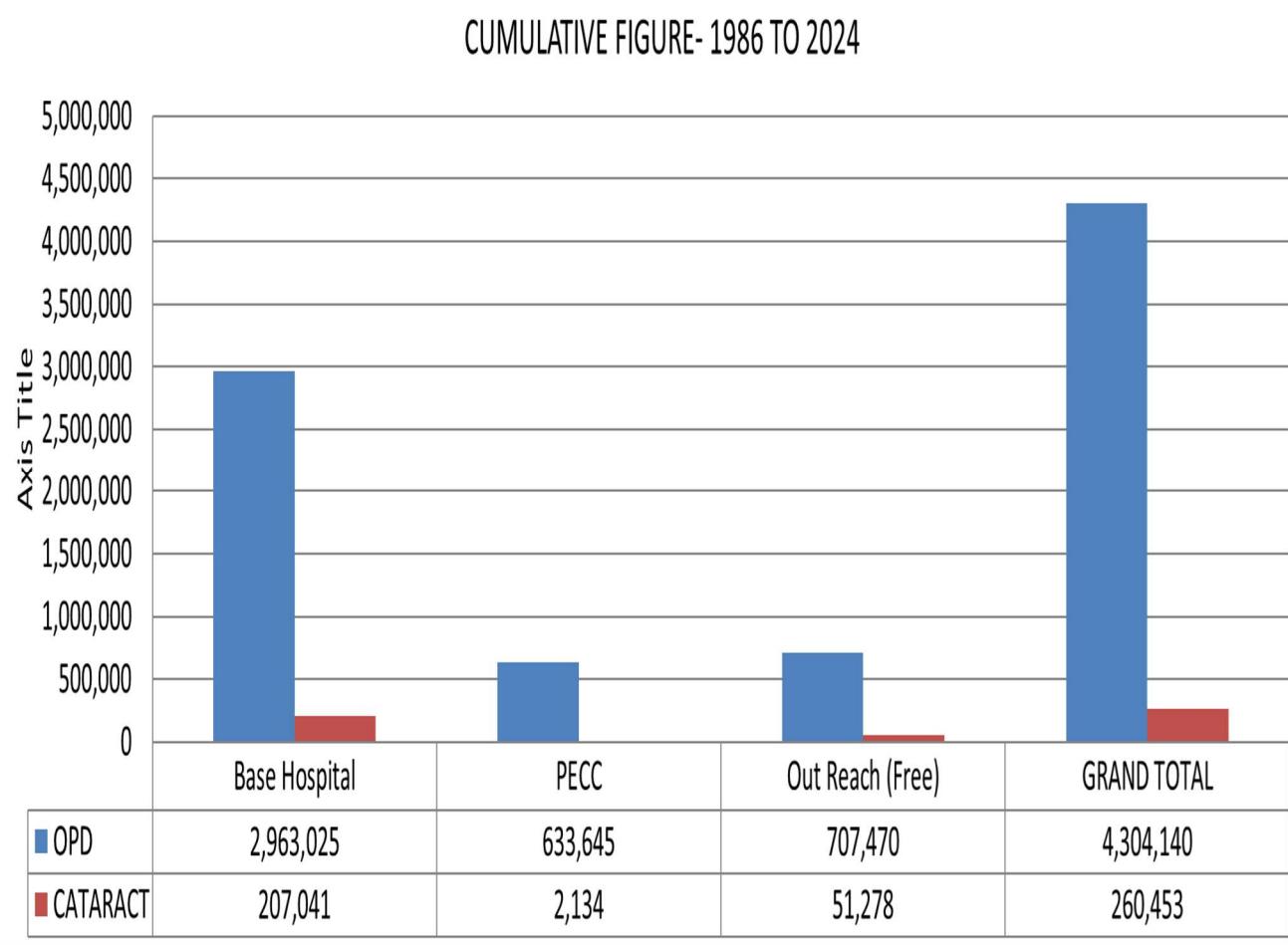




ACHIEVEMENT

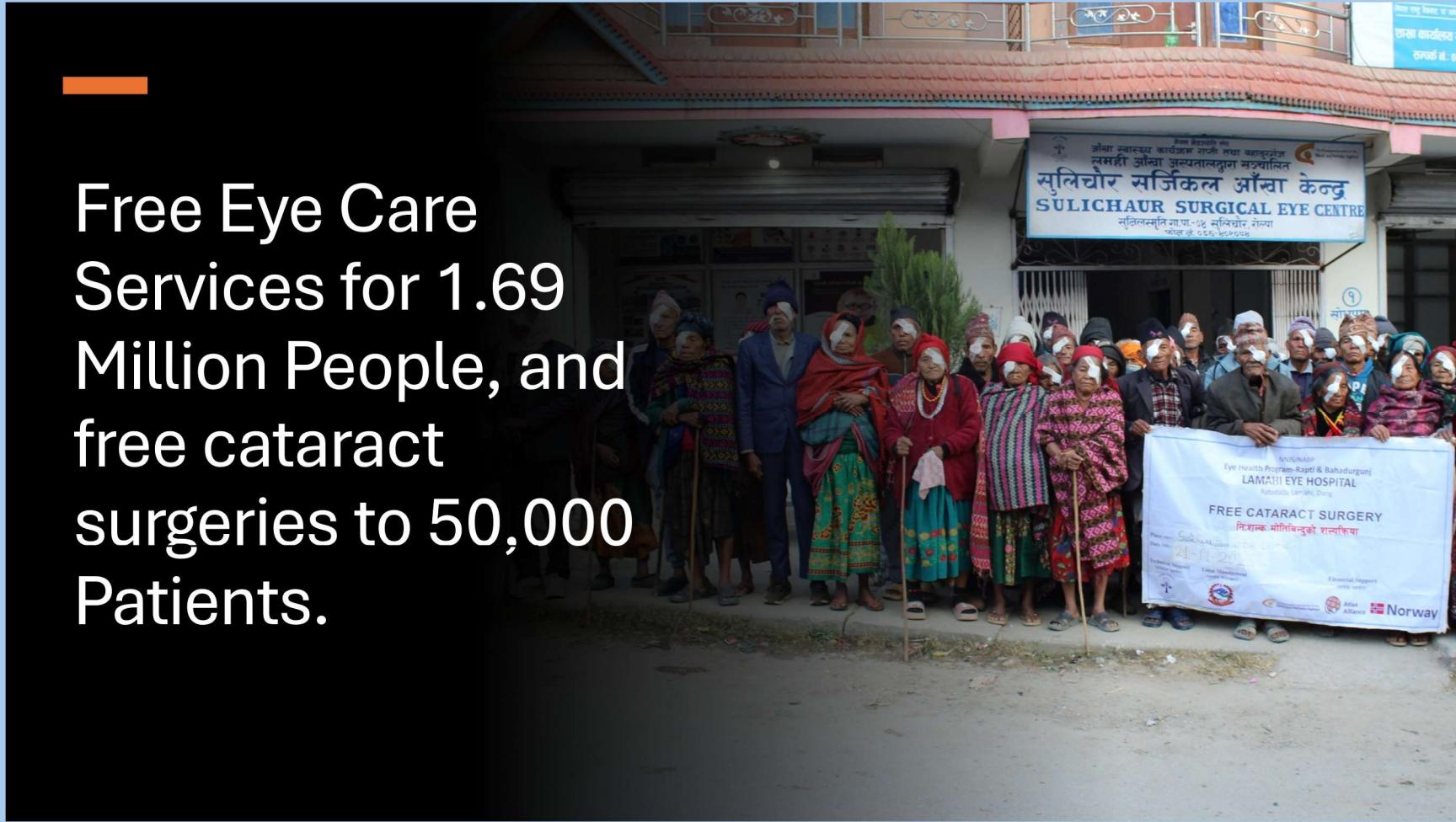
**EYE CARE
SERVICE**
**4.30 Million
People**

**Cataract
Surgery**
**0.26 Million
People**



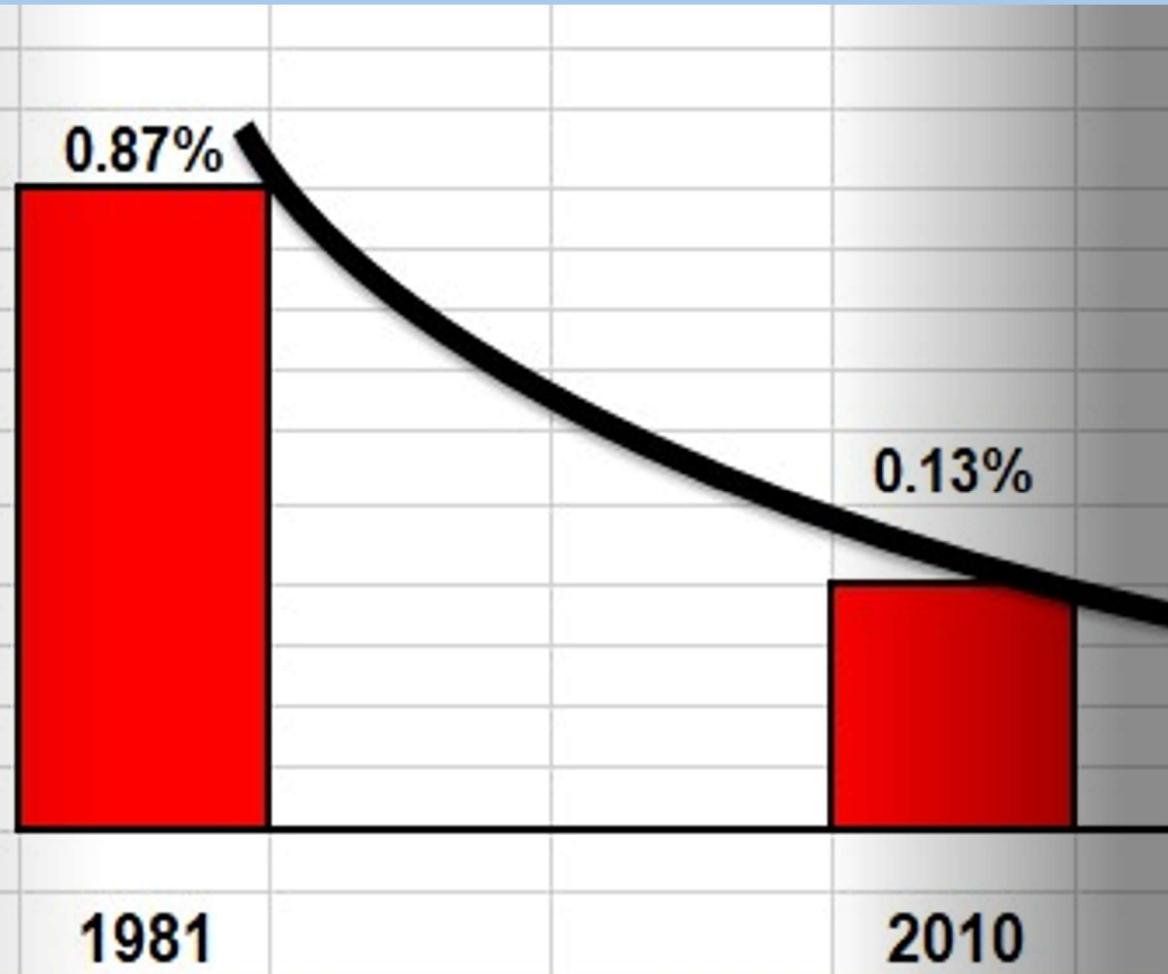
the program has delivered a total of 4.30 million eye care services, restoring vision in 0.26 million patients through cataract surgery. Among these, 0.70 million services and 0.05 million cataract surgeries were provided free of charge.

Free Eye Care
Services for 1.69
Million People, and
free cataract
surgeries to 50,000
Patients.



The program has provided free eye care services to 1.69 million people, including 50,000 free cataract surgeries.

Reduction of the Prevalence of Blindness in Rapti Zone

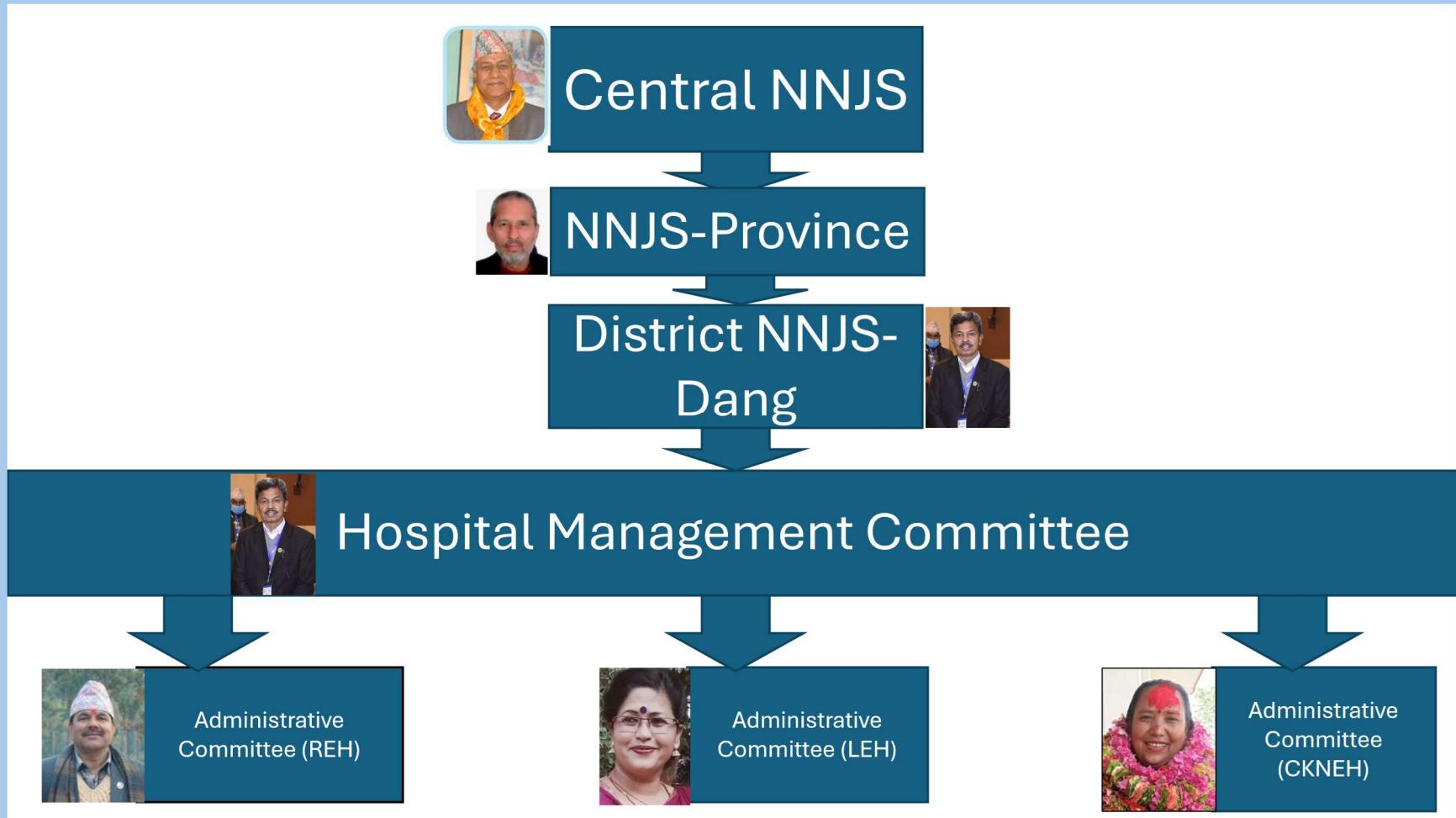


The results indicate that the prevalence of blindness in Rapti Zone has reduced from 0.87% to 0.13%.

Our Strength



Behind all these achievements, there is a strong foundation supporting our success.



The program is supported by a strong management structure from the central to the ground level. Central NNJS develops policies and monitors eye health programs nationwide. Provincial structures oversee and supervise activities at the provincial level, while District Branches manage policy implementation, monitoring, and supervision of the eye health program. Hospital Management Boards implement central and provincial policies, approve programs and budgets, and develop bylaws. Day-to-day administrative activities are managed by three separate Administrative Management Committees under the hospital management.

**191 Plus dedicated
staffs and 12 plus
ophthalmologists
including one Professor**



Another major strength is the support of more than 191 dedicated staff members and over 12 ophthalmologists, including one Professor.

Reduction of Blindness from 0.87% to 0.13%



As a result, blindness in Rapti Zone has been reduced from 0.87% to 0.13%.

Service Delivery Strength- 2025

service delivery in 2025.



**EYE
EXAMINATION
(OPD)**

	OPD Service-Eye	Male	Female	Total
Rapti Eye Hospital	23,861	38,370	62,231	
Lamahi Eye Hospital	15,386	23,462	38,848	
Salyan Eye Centre	2,887	4,254	7,141	
Rukum Surgical Eye Centre- West	3,072	4,175	7,247	
CKNEH-Bahadurgunj	43,838	50,603	94,441	
Koilabas Surgical Eye Centre	1,363	1,650	3,013	
Krishnanagar Referral Centre	2,354	2,789	5,143	
Sulichaur Eye Centre, Rolpa	1,717	2,139	3,856	
Rukumkot Eye Center-East	580	653	1,233	
Bhalubang Eye Centre- Dang	1,761	2,313	4,074	
Integrated Eye Care Centre- Gobardhiya	575	787	1,362	
Integrated Eye Care Centre- Rajpur	293	395	688	
Ghorahi Eye Care Centre	2,044	3,278	5,322	
Integrated Eye Care Centre- Rajpur New	62	73	135	
Sub Total of Hospital and Centres	99,793	134,941	234,734	
Outreach Activities	-			
Surgical Camp	5,137	6,539	11,676	
Screening Camp	26,421	36,497	62,918	
School Screening Camp	8,657	8,734	17,391	
Sub Total of outreach activities	40,215	51,770	91,985	
Grand Total	140,008	186,711	326,719	

Eye Examination and
Treatment Services
(OPD Service)
326,719 (Male 43% /
Female 57%)



Eye examination and treatment (OPD) services were provided to 326,719 patients (43% male and 57% female)

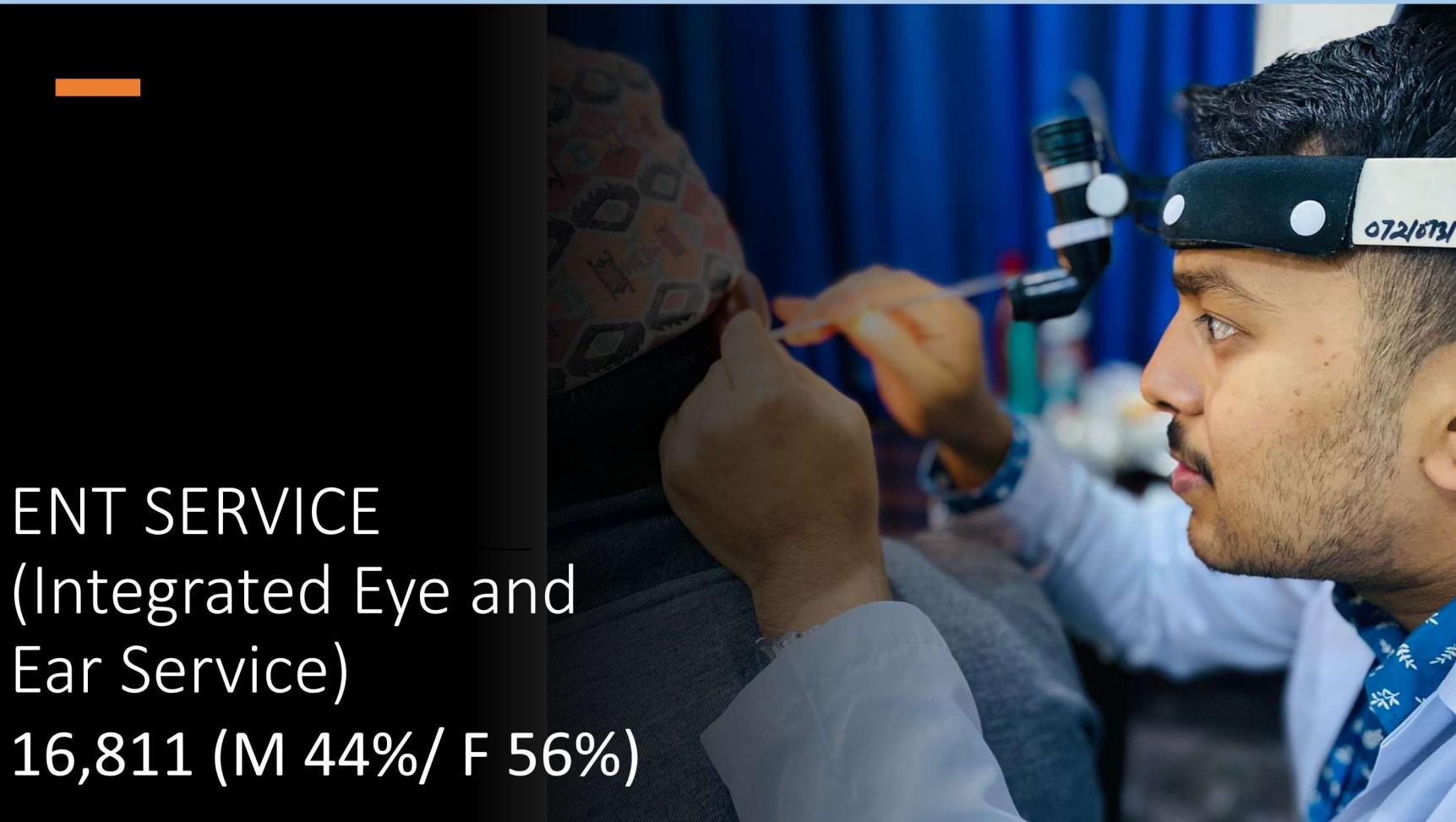


FREE EYE CARE SERVICE –
EYE CAMP
91,985 (M44%/F 56%)

Free eye care services through eye camps reached 91,985 people (44% male, 56% female).

**ENT
EXAMINATION
(OPD)**

OPD Service-Ear	Male	Female	Total
Ear Service at LEH	4,225	5,337	9,562
Ear Service at REH	1,129	1,743	2,872
Ear Service at CKNEH	1,369	1,477	2,846
Ear Care Service in Rukum Surgical Eye Centre- West	573	859	1,432
Salyan Eye Centre	-	-	-
Krishnanagar Referral Centre	48	51	99
Sub Total of Hospital and Centres	7,344	9,467	16,811



ENT SERVICE (Integrated Eye and Ear Service) 16,811 (M 44% / F 56%)

ENT services under the integrated eye and ear program were provided to 16,811 patients (44% male, 56% female).

CATARACT SURGERY

	Cataract Surgery	Male	Female	Total
1	Rapti Eye Hospital	1,014	1,484	2,498
2	Lamahi Eye Hospital	645	912	1,557
3	CKNEH-Bahadurgunj	3,751	4,371	8,122
4	Surgical Eye Camp	1,526	1,794	3,320
5	Koilabas Surgical Eye Centre	207	211	418
6	Rukum Surgical Eye Centre- West	117	130	247
7	Surgical Eye Centre, Sulichaur, Rolpa	129	159	288
8	Ghorahi Eye Centre	32	60	92
	Total	7,421	9,121	16,542

Cataract Surgery in Hospital

16,542 (M 45% / F 55%)



A total of 16,542 cataract surgeries were performed in hospitals (45% male, 55% female).



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Free Cataract Surgery in
Eye Camp
3,320 (M 46% / F 54%)

A total of 3,320 free cataract surgeries were performed through eye camps (46% male, 54% female).



OTHER SURGERY

	Major/Minor Surgery	Male	Female	Total
1	Rapti Eye Hospital	588	930	1,518
2	Lamahi Eye Hospital	201	285	486
3	CKNEH-Bahadurgunj	472	634	1,106
4	Ghorahi Eye Centre	-	-	-
5	Rukum Surgical Eye Centre-West	19	32	51
6	Salyan Eye Centre	-	-	-
7	Surgical Eye Camp	-	-	-
8	Sulichaur Eye Centre, Rolpa	3	5	8
9	Krishnanagar Refferal Center	-	-	-
10	Koilabas Surgical Eye Centre	3	-	3
Total		1,286	1,886	3,172

Other Surgery in Hospital
3,172 (M 41% / F 59%)



A total of 3,172 other surgeries were performed in hospitals, with 41% male and 59% female patients.

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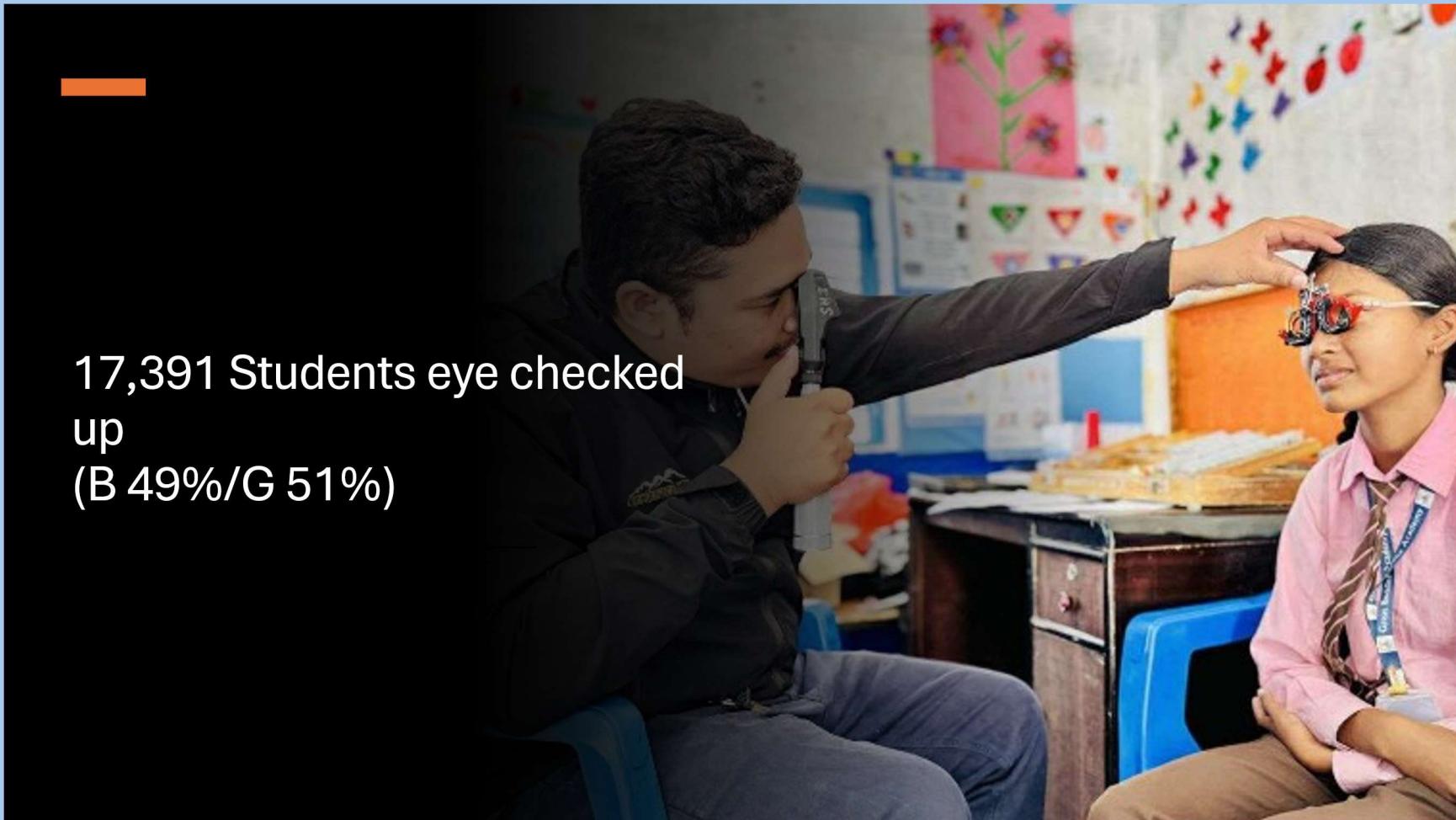
	Refractive Error Corrected by the spectacles	Male	Female	Total
1	Rapti Eye Hospital	2,450	4,035	6,485
2	Lamahi Eye Hospital	1,569	2,269	3,838
3	CKNEH-Bahadurgunj	4,286	5,295	9,581
4	Ghorahi Eye Centre	349	516	865
5	Rukum Surgical Eye Centre-West	413	589	1,002
6	Salyan Eye Centre	541	752	1,293
7	Koilabash Surgical Eye Centre	218	258	476
8	Krishnanagar Refrral Centre	345	436	781
9	Sulichaur Eye Centre, Rolpa	236	312	548
10	Rukumkot Eye Center-East	52	61	113
11	Bhalubang Eye Centre, Dang	296	411	707
12	Integrated Eye Centre, Gobardhiya	91	121	212
13	Integrated Eye Centre, Rajpur	43	58	101
14	Integrated Eye Centre, Rajpur New	8	11	19
15	Surgical Eye Camp	317	452	769
16	Screening / Pick up Camp	2,191	2,787	4,978
17	School screening	361	393	754
	Total	13766	18756	32522



Corrected Visual Impairment
through refraction
32,522 (M 42% / F 58%)

A total of 32,522 cases of visual impairment were corrected through refraction (42% male, 58% female).

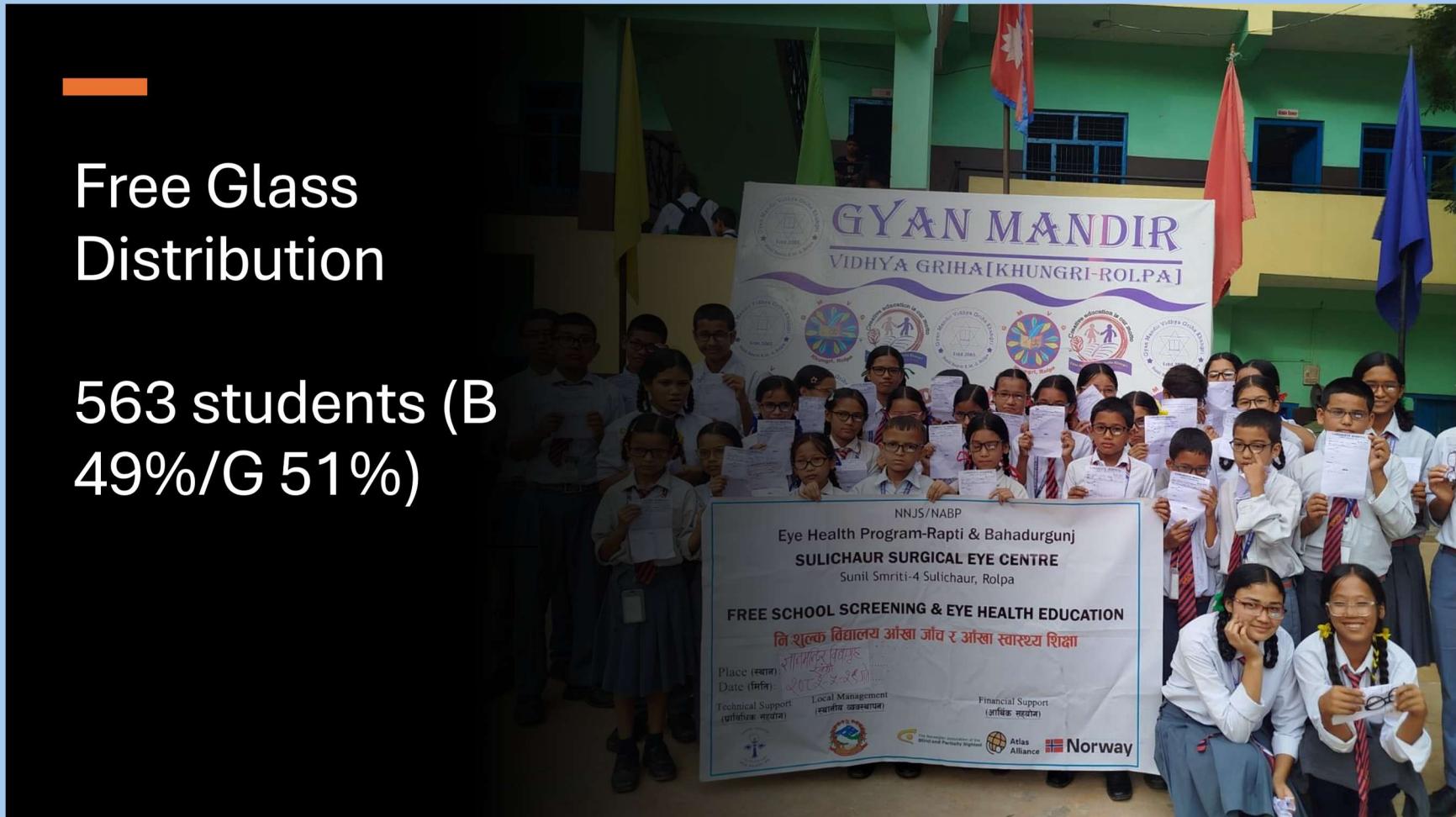
17,391 Students eye checked
up
(B 49%/G 51%)



A total of 17,391 students underwent eye check-ups (49% boys, 51% girls).

Free Glass Distribution

563 students (B 49%/G 51%)



563 students received free glasses (49% boys, 51% girls)



Free Glass Distribution 12,520 Glasses distributed in 2025 (M 46%/F 54%)

A total of 12,520 glasses were distributed in 2025 (46% male, 54% female).



BASIC EYE HEALTH EDUCATION

	Primary Eye Health Care Traininhg	Male	Female	Total
1	Health Post/Sub Health Post Incharge	34	15	49
2	FCHV	-	69	69
3	Mothers Groups	-	60	60
4	NNJS Member	22	2	24
5	Traditional Healers	11	-	11
6	Local Level Leaders	-	-	-
7	PC1 Nursing Student/HA Students	18	98	116
8	School Teachers	68	17	85
9	HA Students	-	-	-
10	Journalist	35	9	44
11	BAMS Students	2	10	12
	Total	190	280	470

Basic Eye Health Education

470 (M 41% / F 59%)



A total of 470 people received basic eye health education (41% male, 59% female).

School Eye Health Education 17,351 (B 49%/G 51%)



A total of 17,351 students received school eye health education (49% boys, 51% girls).



MSICS AND PHACOEMULSIFICATION TRAINING PROGRAM

In addition to these eye care services, we provide training in MSICS and Phacoemulsification techniques.

Training of postgraduate ophthalmology students



Training of postgraduate ophthalmology students - 15 in number and ongoing program.

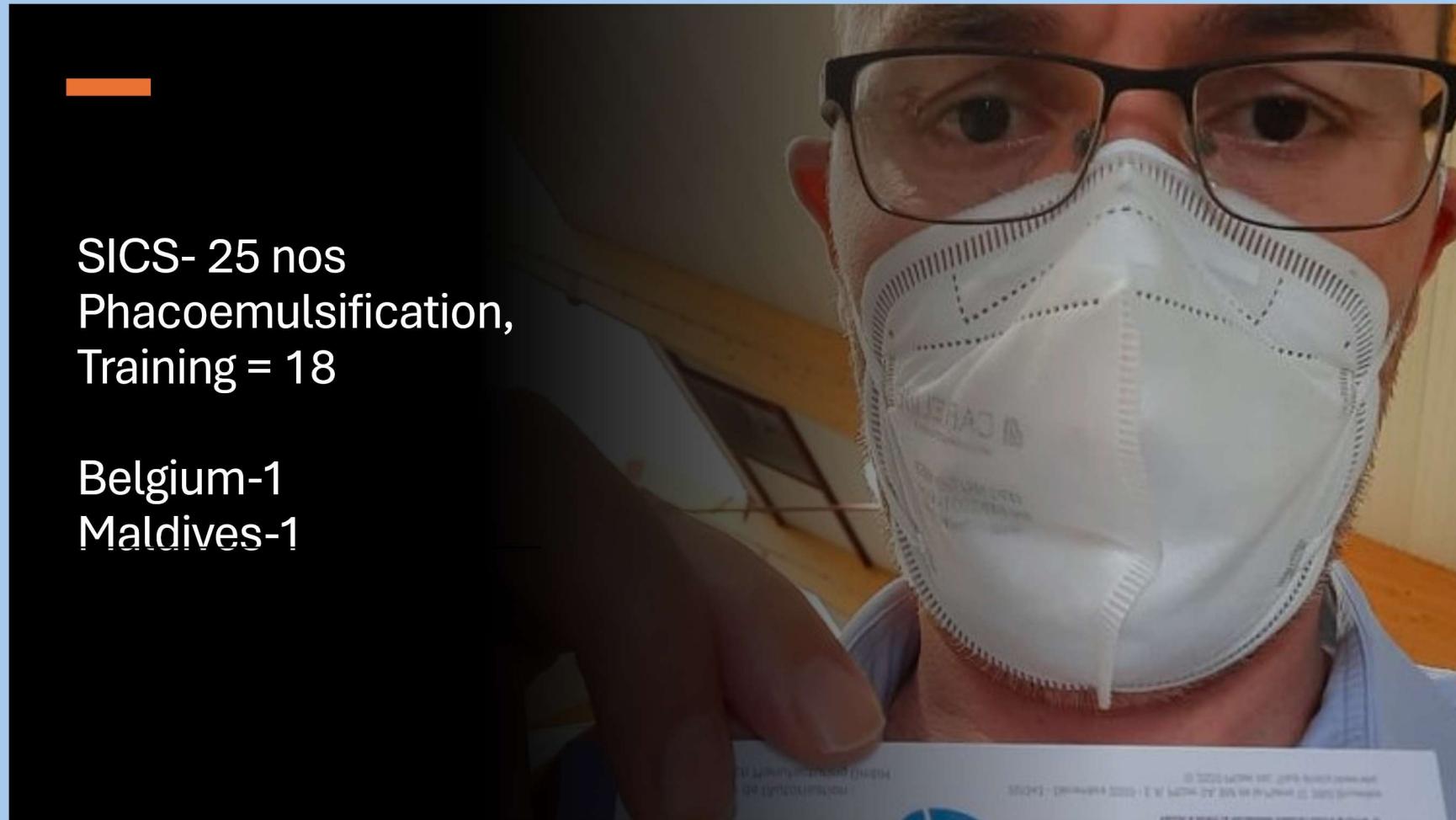


Anterior Segment Fellowship/Training- 20 Ophthalmologists

Anterior Segment fellowship/training has already been offered to 20 ophthalmologists.

SICS- 25 nos
Phacoemulsification,
Training = 18

Belgium-1
Maldives-1



A total of 25 ophthalmologists have received SICS training and 18 have completed Phacoemulsification training. Internationally, two ophthalmologists each from Belgium and Maldives have participated in the training.



With the support of NABP, more than 15 ophthalmologists have been sponsored for MD Ophthalmology training.



Community Trust & Social Impact

The program focuses on serving the poor, elderly, women, and marginalized groups. It has achieved high community acceptance and utilization, along with strong patient satisfaction and service credibility.

More than 0.69 million people



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More than 141.58 million support from Nepal Government



The program has reached more than 0.69 million people and received financial support of over NPR 141.58 million from the Government of Nepal. It focuses on the poor, elderly, women, and marginalized groups, achieving high community acceptance, strong patient satisfaction, and service credibility.



8th Batch running

Three Year Academic Program
(Ophthalmic science)

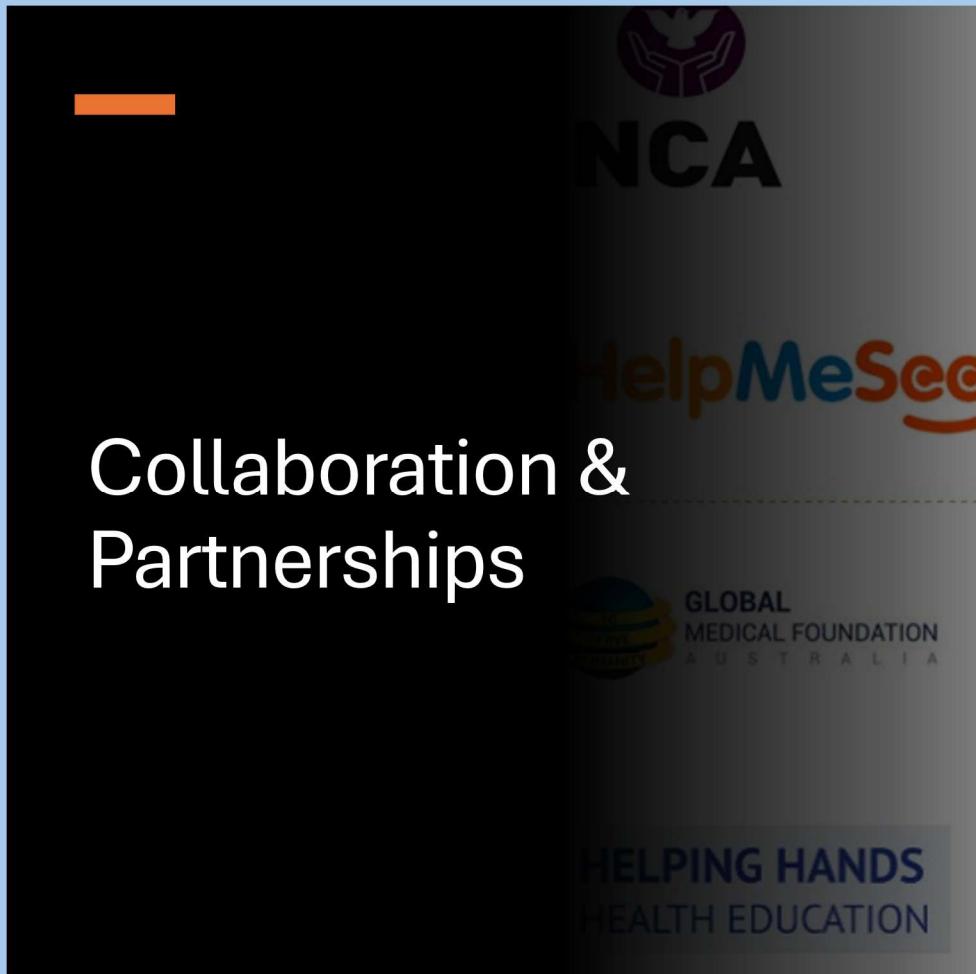
Total Graduated 268

55 Students studying



We are currently running the 8th batch of our three-year academic program in Ophthalmic Science, with a total of 268 graduates and 55 students currently enrolled, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to education and professional development in the field

Collaboration & Partnerships



We have strong collaboration and partnerships with donor.



NCA



The Norwegian Association of the **Blind and Partially Sighted**



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



cbm



**SILOAM Center for the Blind
South Korea**



GLOBAL
MEDICAL FOUNDATION
AUSTRALIA

HELPING HANDS HEALTH EDUCATION



Nepal Association of the Blind (NAB)



Nepal Association of the Blind (NAB)



Nepal Government



RUIT FOUNDATION



Sub-Speciality (Retina, Cornea, Oculoplasty, Pediatric) Surgery under GA

We provide specialized eye care in Glaucoma, Retina, Oculoplasty, Surgery under GA and Pediatric Ophthalmology, and we provide services such as cataract and glaucoma treatment, emergency eye care, advanced diagnostics, and community eye screening programs.



This year, the Medical Education Commission (MEC) has approved two seats for MD Ophthalmology, which is a significant milestone for the Eye Health Program. This approval marks an important step toward strengthening academic excellence, developing skilled human resources, and ensuring the long-term sustainability and quality of eye care services under the program.

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सानोठिमी, भक्तपुर ।

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26	Shree College of Technology	MPH	Health Service Management	5
		M Pharm	Clinical Pharmacy	5
27	Koshi Health and Science Campus	MPH	Health Promotion and Education	0

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SN	Institution	Program	Allocated Seat
1.	Kathmandu Cancer Center, Bhaktapur	Radiation Oncology	1
2.	Manmohan Memorial Medical College and Teaching Hospital, Kathmandu	Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery	1
3.	B&B Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Lalitpur	Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery	4
		General Surgery	1
4.	Himalaya Eye Hospital, Pokhara, Kaski	Ophthalmology	2
5.	Lamahi Eye Hospital, Dang	Ophthalmology	2
6.	Grande International Hospital, Kathmandu	Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery	1
		Paediatrics	1
7.	Kathmandu Model Hospital Institute of Health Sciences, Kathmandu	Pathology	1
		General Surgery	1
		Obstetrics and Gynaecology	1
		ENT Head and Neck Surgery	1
		Anaesthesiology	1
		Internal Medicine	1
		Medicine	1
		Other	1
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Annual Press Meet, Social Audit, Advocacy with Ministry of Health-Lumbini Province.



Annual basic eye health education to Health Coordinator, Health Personal, Volunteers.



Monitoring Visit of the OT Building at Rapti Eye Hospital by the Embassy of India.





Mass advocacy activities were conducted during a religious (Dharmik) festival in Rukum to raise community awareness on eye health and preventable blindness. The program utilized the large public gathering to disseminate key messages on early eye check-ups, cataract treatment, refractive error correction, and available eye care services. This approach strengthened community engagement and improved awareness of accessible eye care services in the region.



Advocacy – General Assembly of NNJS-Dang

International seminar- IAPB, Kathmandu, Nepal.



What motivates us ?

What motivates us is our commitment to improving eye health, restoring vision, and enhancing the quality of life for our patients, while continuously striving for excellence in care, innovation, and community service. In addition, we are guided by a strong vision, mission, and clear goals.



VISION
“Sight for all”

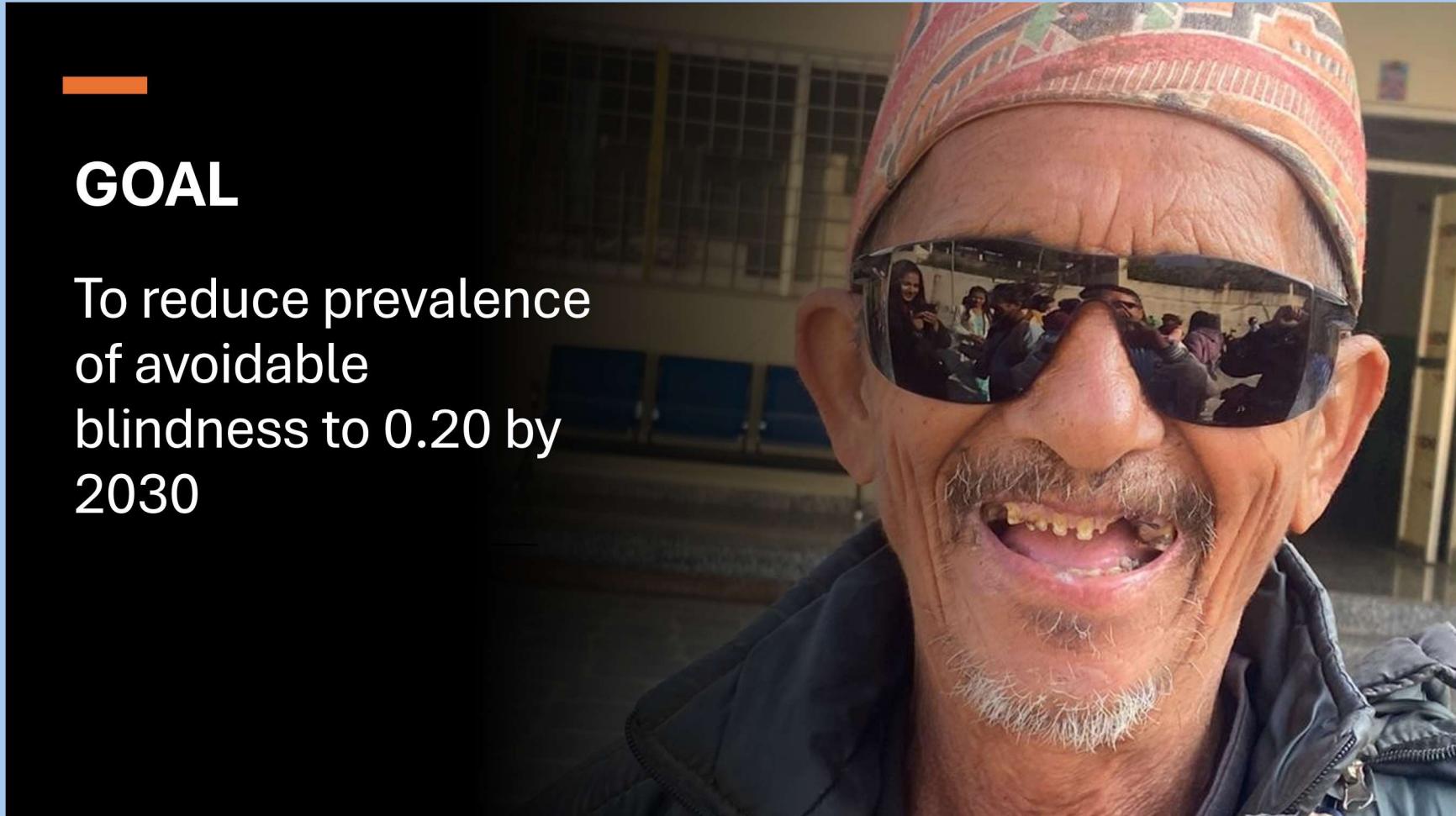
MISSION

Reaching to unreached with equitable & inclusive, affordable & accessible, high-quality, and patient-centered comprehensive eye-care services



GOAL

To reduce prevalence
of avoidable
blindness to 0.20 by
2030



SUCCESSFUL STORY



Restoring Vision, Restoring Life

At the age of eight, Humrat gradually lost his eyesight due to untreated cataracts. Lack of awareness and poverty delayed proper medical care, and he lived for years in darkness, facing isolation, stigma, and hardship. With encouragement from the community, Humrat visited Rapti Eye Hospital, Tulsipur. After examination, he was diagnosed with cataracts. Despite financial constraints, the hospital ensured free registration, investigations, and cataract surgery with support from NABP- Norway. The surgery was successfully performed by Dr. Ranjit Kumar Shah and Dr. Chandra Shekhar Sharma. After surgery, Humrat regained his vision and saw the world clearly for the first time. Today, Humrat is studying in Grade 12 and dreams of becoming a teacher. His journey reflects how timely eye care, community awareness, and free services can transform lives and break the cycle of blindness and blind faith.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

EYE HEALTH PROGRAM-HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



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