



Quarterly Newsletter

VISION 2020 INDIA Quarterly Report April – June 2021

INTRODUCTION

This quarter had essentially focused on the following areas: developing and finalizing the Strategic Plan for 2021-26, conducting webinars, renewal of FC registration, discussions with Regional Chair South East Asia, IAPB, regarding the launch of World Report on Vision in India, discussions on possible collaboration with Seva Foundation to generate evidence through research in line with the new strategic plan.

Also, statutory compliances had been met like executive committee and board meetings.

ADVOCACY

1. CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, discussed with Mr. Prateep Chakraborty, Director-Partnerships, Dimagi Software Innovations regarding possible partnerships in eye care area. Dimagi creates sustainable impact for underserved populations through innovative technology solutions for frontline workers.
2. CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, discussed with SightLife team regarding representation “From collection to utilisation: the need for shift in government policy on reimbursement of processing fees/incentive to eye banks”.
3. CEO and Program Manager, VISION 2020 INDIA, participated in video conference organized by NPCB&VI for Cataract blindness backlog free initiative. 6 other states SPOs and other major NGOs also participated. NPCB&VI explained the plans for launching the Cataract blindness backlog free scheme across the country. VISION 2020 INDIA, informed its members and INGOs encouraging them to join the video conferences organized by NPCB&VI.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- 30 April:** Webinar held on *Myopia: Are we short-sighted in our approach?* The session was conducted by Optometry Council of India, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Sankara Nethralaya and Saoji Vision Care. 163 people participated.

- 07 May:** Webinar held on “How do we emerge stronger on the demand front in the possible absence of outreach?” The session was conducted by Aravind Eye Care System, Madurai and Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai. 66 people participated.

- 24 May:** Webinar held on “Covid-19 Second Wave: Building upon first wave lessons and preparing for managing uncertainty in the coming time”. The session was conducted by Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry, LVPEI, Hyderabad, Sitapur Eye Hospital, Sitapur, and Appasamy Associates Pvt. Ltd., Chennai and SNEHA, Mumbai. 90 people participated.

4. **25 May:** CEO and Programme Manager VISION 2020 INDIA, participated in "IAPB Webinar: 74th World Health Assembly Side Event – Universal Health Coverage and Eye Care: new targets for a new decade".
5. **24 June:** VISION 2020 INDIA organized a session on "Responding to the pandemic: Evolving role of Eye care in India" at 79th AIOC which was held online. Mr Subeesh Kuyyadiyl, Dr Rajesh Saini, Dr. Sara Varughese, and Dr. Rishi Raj Borah, were the speakers. The session was facilitated by Dr. Sandeep Buttan, and held online.



ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. The Executive Committee meeting was held on 7 April.
2. The Executive Committee meeting was held on 5 May.
3. 70 Board meeting was held on 18 June 2021.

MEETINGS

1. Interview with Dr Promila Gupta, NPCB&VI, for developing strategic plan was held.
2. CEO and Programme Manager, VISION 2020 INDIA, discussed with Mr. Thulasiraj Ravilla, Executive Director-LAICO, Aravind Eye Care System and Mr Aaron, CEO, Bansara Eye Care Centre regarding Northeast Initiative.
3. President and CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, discussed with Dr Dyalchand regarding the next steps of strategic plan development.
4. Cash flow review and FC expenditure for FY 2021-22 discussion held with the Treasurer.
5. Application for renewal of FC registration submitted to MHA
6. CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, discussed with Mr. Prateep Chakraborty, Director-Partnerships, Dimagi Software Innovations regarding possible partnerships in eye care area. Dimagi creates sustainable impact for underserved populations through innovative technology solutions for frontline workers.
7. Executive Committee, VISION 2020 INDIA, discussed with Dr Dyalchand on draft report of strategic plan. Inputs were provided for revising the draft report.
8. CEO and Communications Officer, VISION 2020 INDIA, discussed with Dr Arun Sethi and Dr GV

Rao regarding Arunodaya Deseret Eye Hospital's plans to reach to the community providing COVID relief package. The discussion also focused on informing FCRA new rules and training programmes.

9. Discussion held with Regional Chair-South East Asia, IAPB, regarding launch of World Report on Vision in India.

10. CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, had a mid-month call with President, VISION 2020 INDIA, and discussed issues – FC admin ratios and strategic plan development and sought further guidance.

11. CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, discussed with SightLife team regarding representation *"From collection to utilisation: the need for shift in government policy on reimbursement of processing fees/incentive to eye banks"*.

12. CEO and Program Manager, VISION 2020 INDIA, participated in video conference organized by NPCB&VI for Cataract blindness backlog free initiative. 6 other states SPOs and other major NGOs also participated. NPCB&VI explained the plans for launching the Cataract blindness backlog free scheme across the country. VISION 2020 INDIA, informed its members and INGOs encouraging them to join the video conferences organized by NPCB&VI.

13. Consultant, President and CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, discussed the draft strategic plan to be discussed in the board meeting.

14. Finance Officer, Treasurer and CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, discussed financials of Q4 and FY 20-21.

15. Discussed with Mr. Kuldeep Singh regarding possible collaboration with Seva Foundation to generate evidence through research and other studies, in line with the new strategic plan.

16. CEO and Program Manager, VISION 2020 INDIA had a Zoom call with Mr Kuldeep Singh – A follow-up discussion to the phone call meeting held on 24 June. Discussion focused on identifying common areas like capacity building, evidence generation, under collaborative work.

17. The strategic plan for 2021-26 has been finalized and approved by the Board.
