

# Eye Care on Wheels...



## What is Tele - Ophthalmology?

With rapid progress in the field of telecommunications, Tele-ophthalmology is fast becoming one of the preferred means of access for patients needing eye care, especially in the rural belts of India where 70% of the population lives with little or no access to medical aid and qualified doctors.



## Fact File

- More than :
  - 2100 camps conducted
  - 8000 school children underwent vision screening
  - 10000 glasses dispensed
  - 210000 patients benefitted so far
- Sankara Nethralaya has pioneered the concept of taking eye care to the rural population through tele-ophthalmology, since 2003.
- Currently, five vans are in operation; plans are there to add another three.
- After the successful implementation of the project in Tamil Nadu, it was launched in Karnataka and Maharashtra in 2007.
- Through mobile spectacles-dispensing vans, rural patients are provided glasses free of cost or at nominal cost.
- Vision threatening complications due to diabetes are detected through early screening program.

# SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT...

Schemes	INR	(USD)	
<b>5.1 Sponsoring Tele-ophthalmology camps</b>			
5.1.a. One day/van	12000	(300)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.1.b. One week/van	84000	(2100)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.1.c. One month/van	300,000	(7500)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5.2 Sponsoring Spectacles</b>			
5.2.a. Twenty-five patients	5000	(125)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.2.b. Fifty patients	10,000	(250)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5.3 Sponsoring a mobile van</b>			
5.3.a. One van	50,00,000	(125,000)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5.4 Total amount needed for the year 2008-09</b>			
5.4.a. Present no. of Vans : 5 <i>running cost/van/day : 12000</i> <i>(12000x5x25x12)</i>	180 Lakhs	(450,000)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.4.b. New Vans: 3	150 Lakhs	(375,000)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.4.c. <i>Running cost of new vans</i> <i>(12000x3x25x6)</i>	54 Lakhs	(135,000)	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Tax Exemptions

- India:** by cheque drawn in favour of "Medical Research Foundation", qualify for 50% tax exemption under section 80G/100% under 35AC/RC of the IT act.
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