



Sightsavers

# Annual Review 2009



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# Introduction



2009 has been a year of great challenge for everyone, with a deep recession across much of the world. We were very worried at the beginning of the year, so we cut our planned expenditure and were rigorous about cost control.

I am so touched that despite the economic conditions, our supporters have come through for us and donations actually increased. Our overall income was hit by reduced legacies, but we ended the year in a far better financial position than I could possibly have hoped. Thank you all so much. This will help us in 2010, which is looking to be just as turbulent – as I write this sterling is plummeting and problems in Europe are creating new worries. Although we cut back somewhat on our spending in 2009, we reached more people than ever before in terms of those we screened and treated, and trained far more eye health workers than in any other year.

We are determined to make long lasting change – strengthening the health systems in countries where we work so that eye health services will be embedded and will endure. I visited a number of our programmes this year and am always impressed by the dedication of our staff and our partners – at a time of great uncertainty they work hard to improve the lives of some of the most marginalised people in the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline Harper". The script is cursive and elegant.

Caroline Harper, Chief Executive

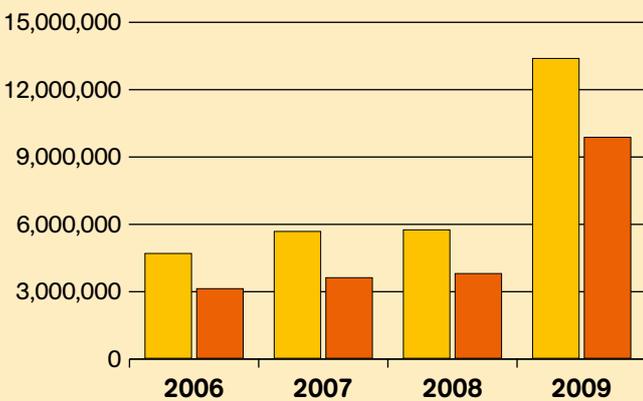
Mangal Jogdankar, a resident of the Dharavi slum in Mumbai, India, has her eyes examined by Lady Health Worker Shobha Wagh. The lady health workers are part of the Mumbai Eyecare Campaign. They go from door-to-door, encouraging women to seek treatment for eye conditions and other health problems

# Our performance in 2009

Despite a financially challenging year, we have achieved a great deal and we are extremely grateful to our supporters who have stayed loyal in difficult times. Thank you for helping us reach so many people in 2009.

## People seen and treated

- Number of people seen
- Number of people treated



Tugela Ridley/Sightsavers

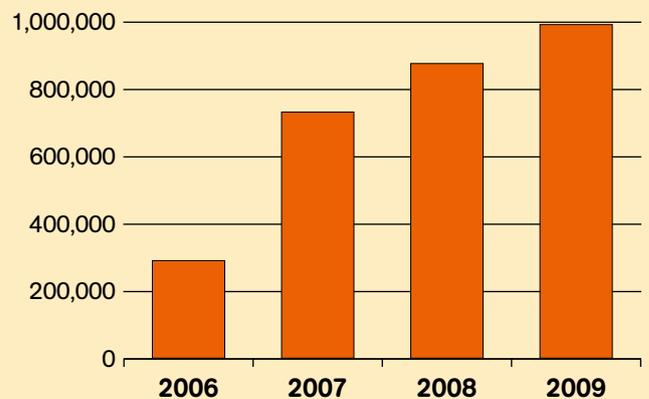
The big rise in people seen and treated in 2009 can be attributed to our emphasis on training health care workers in basic eye care skills.



Kate Holt/Sightsavers

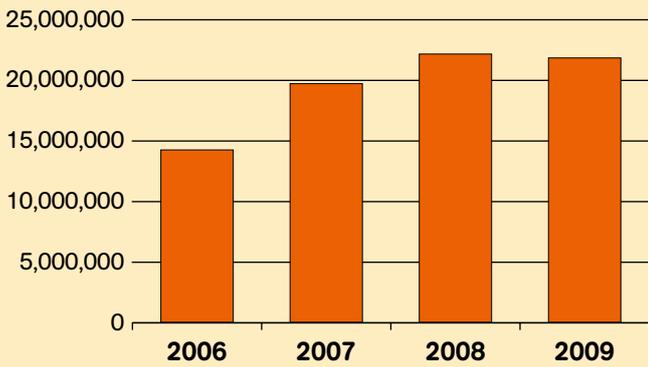
## Protection against trachoma

- Number of people treated with Azithromycin (treatment for trachoma)



## River blindness protection

Number of people who were treated with Mectizan®



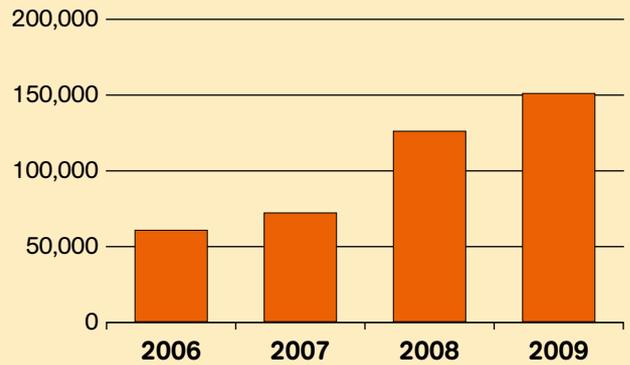
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Jamshyd Masud/Sightsavers

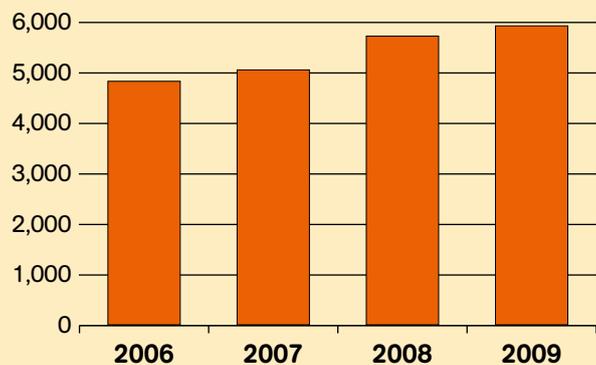
## Training

Number of medical personnel who were trained



## Education

Number of children receiving specialist support in mainstream schools



Albert Ampem Owusu-Ansah/Sightsavers

# Preventing and curing blindness

Every five minutes a person loses their sight, yet the majority of blindness could be prevented if health care was available to all. With our partners we save sight and prevent people from going blind.



**“I’m so happy to see my family again.”**

**Noria Moonga**



**Noria back at home with some of her friends and family after her operation**

**Noria Moonga was one of the first to benefit from a new project to strengthen eye health services for the two million people living along the railway line stretching from Livingstone in the Southern Province of Zambia to the capital Lusaka.**

Health care, including eye health, is out of reach for the majority of the people living in these poor urban districts. Sadly, many people go blind from preventable conditions like cataract. Lack of clean water and crowded living conditions means eye problems such as trachoma are common.

78-year-old Noria is sole carer for her fifteen grandchildren. But when her eyesight started to fail she was no longer able to grow enough food to provide for her family, which was her only source of income.

Her brother-in-law took her to Lusaka Eye Hospital, which thanks to funding from Standard Chartered through its Seeing is Believing programme, is now able to provide free eye care for people like Noria who cannot afford treatment. She was diagnosed with cataract, a clouding of the eye’s lens. “I will be very happy to be able to see again,” she told us.

The operation was a success! Noria can’t stop smiling and claps her hands in joy.

Yet many people are not as fortunate as Noria. Cataract is the leading cause of blindness in the developing world, so we still have a long way to go to reach the millions of people living with avoidable blindness.

## Did you know?

Cataract is the world’s leading cause of blindness, with around 17 million people blind as a result. Many people are avoidably blind from cataract because they don’t know that it can be cured. A straightforward operation can restore the sight of a person with cataract.

13,358,000 people were screened for eye problems



Tugela Ridley/Sightsavers

**Nine-year-old Samuel Yowasi was one of the first children identified through the Child Days. His teacher issued him with a pink card and he was later diagnosed with ptosis, a drooping of the eyelid preventing him from seeing properly. This has now been rectified with an operation (supported by Sightsavers) and he is back at school**

**A simple pink card has the potential to revolutionise diagnosis of children with eye conditions in Uganda.**

The Ministry of Health run twice yearly 'Child Days,' where school children are immunised, given vitamin A and de-worming treatment. Since April 2009 Sightsavers managed to get eye screening added to the bill, and trained teachers in how to spot eye problems.

Any child identified is given a pink card detailing the issue in layman's terms (for example 'white spot on eye' and 'tearing'). The card is presented at a health centre, and it guarantees the child special attention – in a health system that can involve a three month waiting time before diagnosis and treatment.

This project is a pilot, which if successful will be adopted by the Ugandan Government and rolled out throughout the rest of the country, increasing the number of children with eye conditions who are identified and referred for treatment. It's a fantastic example of an initiative that is integrated into an existing health system, which we have found to be the most effective way of working.

**A ground breaking project in Sri Lanka has the potential to tackle the huge problem of avoidable blindness in the country.**

Priyantha Kumari is one of the 2,193 public health midwives in Sri Lanka who received training in basic eye care last year. Thanks to the training she now has the skills and basic equipment to check the eyes of all the woman and children that she meets on her rounds.

There are approximately 5,000 midwives in Sri Lanka, each responsible for between 3,000-4,000 people. Together, they should be able to reach the entire population of Sri Lanka. The Primary Eye Care project is a pilot but if we can extend it the impact on the eye health of the population could be enormous.



Jamshyd Masud/Sightsavers

**Training health workers in primary eye care is incredibly cost effective – a public health midwife such as Priyantha can be trained and supported at very little cost (as low as £4)**

## Training factfile:

Lack of trained staff is a huge challenge, so we train eye care professionals such as nurses and surgeons. Wherever possible we also integrate eye care into existing health and education systems by providing basic training to general health workers and teachers.



Kate Holt/Sightsavers

990,798 people were treated against trachoma, thanks to mass distribution programmes such as this one in Kenya

## Factfiles:

**Trachoma** is a disease of poverty, affecting mainly women and children. Trachoma causes trichiasis, where the infected eyelid turns inwards, scratching the cornea and leading to blindness.

We support the World Health Organization's SAFE strategy to combat trachoma - combining Surgery, Antibiotics, Face washing and Environmental hygiene.

**River blindness** is spread through the bite of the black simulium fly, which breeds in fast-flowing rivers. It can be prevented by a yearly dose of the drug Mectizan®, over at least 20 years. This is donated by Merck and Co.

## Prevention of the conditions that cause blindness continues to be central to our work.

The Gambia and Kenya are on track to becoming free of trachoma after we treated thousands of people with the antibiotic Azithromycin, which reduces the risk of catching the potentially blinding disease.

Children throughout Ghana are also at less risk thanks to the Ghana Education Service responding to our lobbying and agreeing to include trachoma awareness in the basic school curriculum. Children are very susceptible to the disease, which spreads quickly in overcrowded conditions where clean water is hard to come by.

Also in Ghana we worked with the International Trachoma Initiative on clearing the backlog of trichiasis operations with a view to the country being declared trachoma free. Work has also commenced in Sudan, where we are focusing on Upper Nile state, which has the highest levels of trachoma in the world.



21,800,000  
people  
protected  
against river  
blindness

Kate Holt/Sightsavers

**Helen Dan-lya from Nigeria is measured by a community volunteer to determine the correct dose of Mectizan® – the drug that prevents river blindness**

### Stop neglecting blinding diseases!

Our work on Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) attracted more international attention last year, due to our vast experience in both combating river blindness and trachoma control (two of the most common NTDs). Director of African Alliances and Advocacy for Sightsavers, Simon Bush tells us more.

“As well as being Chair of the Non-Governmental Development Organisation (NGDO) Coordination Group for Onchocerciasis Control we are now vice-chair of the Non-Governmental Group (NGO) on NTDs and through these networks and our programme work we have excellent relationships with the NGOs, government and pharmaceutical

companies involved. We are currently working with NGOs and others to develop joint programmes which treat several of these diseases together, making control and elimination even more cost-effective.”

### Did you know?

Over a billion people – one sixth of the world’s population – are at risk of developing one or more of the NTDs, yet they have a shockingly low profile and status in public health priorities. They are not even mentioned in the Millennium Development Goals, one of the reasons for terming them “neglected”. This means they are left out of important development discussions and don’t receive the funding they need – something we are working to change.

# Education is for everyone

Should being blind stop a child going to school? We don't think so. Last year we continued to support education projects across the world and demonstrate that it's possible for everyone to learn together.



**"I feel very much part of the school because I'm able to learn with the other students."**

**Lawrence Momanyi**



**Lawrence reading Braille at his new school**

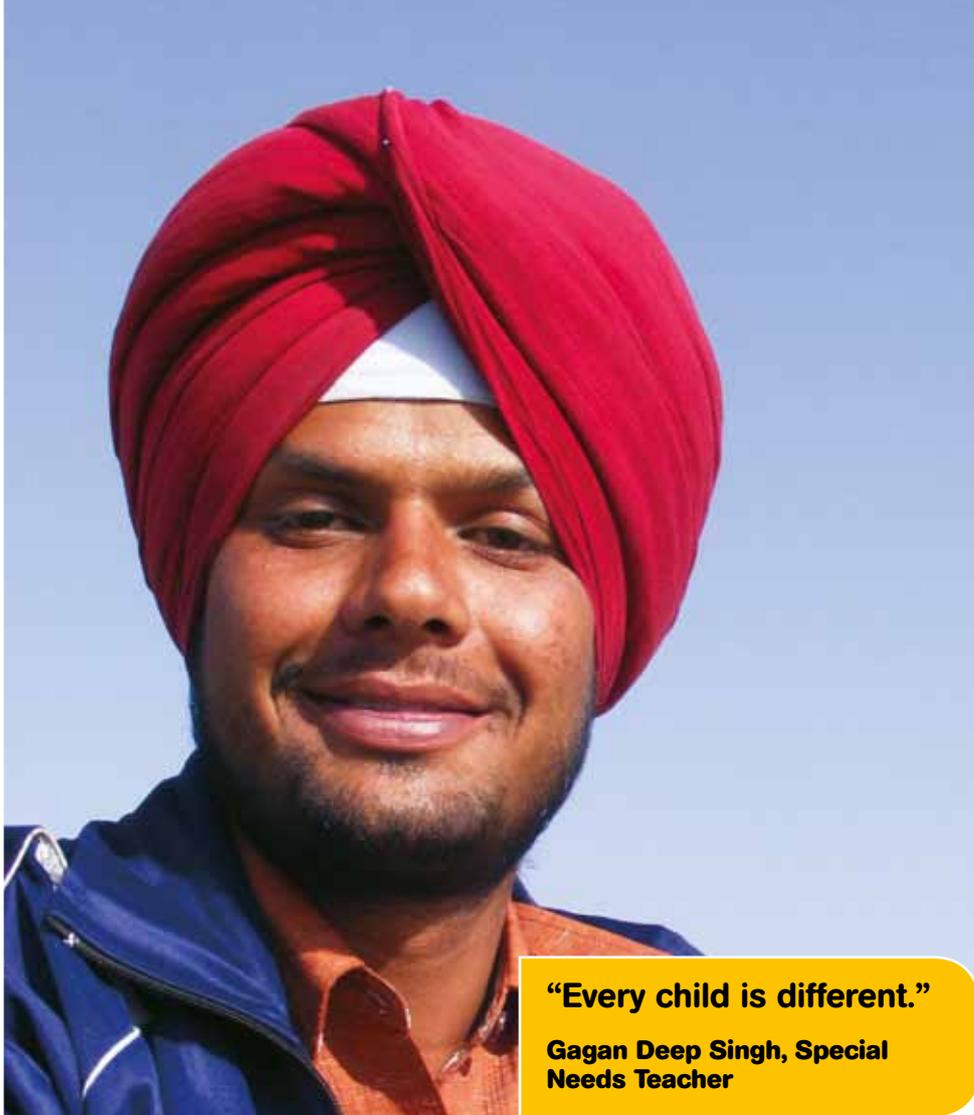
**We first met Lawrence Momanyi, who has always been blind, when he was 11 years old. Three years later, thanks to his fantastic exam results and the continuing support of the Kenya Integrated Education Project, he's just graduated to Kahuru High Secondary School.**

"It was initially hard starting secondary school because it was a new place, but the students and teachers helped to make it easier. I feel very much part of the school because I'm able to learn with the other students. I feel comfortable and included. The benefits of being in an inclusive school are that other students know that we are the same.

My parents support my education now, but at first they had no idea that blind children could go to school.

I'd like to be a doctor when I leave school. My role model is Peter White, a presenter on BBC world service – I'd like to meet him one day."

Emily Kasiran is Lawrence's special needs teacher. "Lawrence is lovely and very social, hard working and self-driven," she tells us. "I'd like to see more children integrated into mainstream schools, but we need more resources. At the moment only a small amount of blind children go to school; many are hidden by their parents."



**“Every child is different.”**

**Gagan Deep Singh, Special Needs Teacher**

**Gagan trained to be a special needs teacher at The National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, India’s leading training centre in this field.**

**Ensuring visually impaired children go to school is just one part of our education work. In order to flourish children need supportive families and specially trained teachers, as well as learning equipment such as Brailers and low vision devices.**

21-year-old Gagan Deep Singh is a special needs teacher in the district of Jaisalmer in Rajasthan, India.

“The best thing about my job is the creativity of the role,” Gagan says. “Every child is different and I enjoy creating a development programme that is unique to that child.”

12-year-old Jetha Ram, who is blind, is one of Gagan’s students. Before he was indentified by our partner Urmul Marusthali Bunkar Vikas Samiti (UMBVS), with whom Gagan works, Jetha stayed

at home all day while his brother was at school. Gagan taught Jetha skills such as how to use a white cane. He also helped his father understand how his son would benefit from an education.

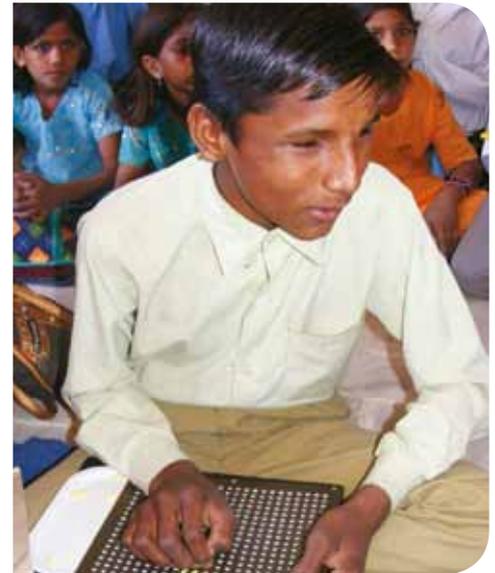
Jetha now goes to his local school, which he really enjoys. Gagan visits him every week to provide support. “There’s no reason why Jetha cannot progress his education further once he leaves primary school,” he says. “I’ll be there to help him.”

### **Education factfile:**

Inclusive education means ensuring that mainstream schools and education systems respond to the needs of all children, including disabled children. In our work this means ensuring that visually impaired children learn alongside their sighted peers.

**5,900 children benefited from our inclusive education projects across the world**

Nina Evans/Sightsavers



**Jetha at his new school**

# Including everybody

Life is far from equal for millions of people in developing countries who are blind or have low vision. Barriers to health, education and jobs mean disabled people are some of the most excluded in the world. But it doesn't have to be this way.



**"I can take care of myself. I am not a burden to anyone."**

**Musu Konneh**



Peter Di Campo/Sightsavers

**Musu runs a table top stall from outside her house**

**'Gender' was a key theme for Sightsavers last year. Disabled women face double discrimination from family and community members, and are more likely to be excluded from society than men. A project in Sierra Leone is working to address this.**

Musu Konneh is in her 30s, and lost her sight in 1997, during the civil war.

"I used to sell food in the market before the war," says Musu. "I felt so frustrated about not being able to see. I became very reserved and stopped going to the market to sell."

Training from Sightsavers partner the Sierra Leone Association for the Blind (SLAB), gave her back her confidence, and she was soon able to get around and do

things by herself again, like cooking for her family and fetching water from the stream.

As well as teaching valuable daily living skills, SLAB encourages its female clients to learn a trade such as bakery or soap making, and helps them borrow money to start their own small businesses (known as microfinance).

Musu has now had, and successfully repaid, two loans (Le 300,000 – currently the equivalent of £53, and Le 480,000 – £85) and runs a table top stall from her house, selling sundries such as milk, sweets, sardines and batteries.

Last year, over 400 women gained skills and confidence thanks to this invaluable project.



Sarah Flint/Sightsavers



**“We have learned to work well together and have achieved far more than we could on our own.”**

**Abdul Motin Molla,  
Chairman**

**The Shilmandi Self Help group is growing in confidence, as well as members**

**A huge part of our social inclusion work is supporting blind and disabled peoples’ groups to realise and fight for their rights.**

In Bangladesh, Sightsavers and its partner ABC work with people who are visually impaired in the district of Narshingdi. Although a number of people here benefited from training which helped to improve their daily living skills and earning abilities, they still felt isolated. With encouragement from ABC, the Shilmandi Union Self Help Group formed in 2009.

The group currently has 15 members, all of whom are blind except for one man who has a physical impairment. ABC delivered training and support to help the group function and work together to achieve their goals.

In a short space of time, the group has progressed towards their goal of achieving their rights. Each member is now officially

registered as disabled and receives the government disability allowance.

The group is growing in confidence in what they can achieve together, and attendance at their meetings is rising. They have ambitious plans such as campaigning for discounted travel on local transport, opening a bank account for the group, and establishing an office of their own.

**7,200 people  
received  
rehabilitation  
training**

**Social inclusion factfile:**

Social inclusion for people who are blind or have low vision means working to help them gain equal rights in society, as well as helping society understand and respect those rights. Providing training for visually impaired people and ensuring education is open to visually impaired children is also vital.

# Working with communities

Sightsavers' partners work with communities to make sure they are aware of their eye health needs and how to address them. We empower people with disabilities with the skills they need to bring about social change and improve quality of life. Working with communities is crucial as people are at the heart of everything we do.



**“More and more people are taking Mectizan®, and I’m very happy about this.”**

**Village Leader,  
Agbor Peter**



Vincent Starr/Sightsavers

**Regular village meetings are a chance to address questions about taking Mectizan®**

**Sightsavers' dedication to community development is illustrated by our programme for the distribution of the drug Mectizan®, which protects people against river blindness. We treat huge numbers of people by working with community volunteers.**

One such volunteer is Kekema Martin from Cameroon. Kekema tells us “I saw what river blindness was doing and chose this job because I like being able to help my community.” He goes on to say that since taking on this role he has seen the effects of the disease “reduce drastically and I am very pleased to be able to help!”

Key to the success of such schemes is the involvement of the whole community.

This is greatly helped in Satum, Cameroon, by the enthusiasm of village leader Agbor Peter. He is committed to taking care of the people's health. “It has taken time to convince villagers that they need to take Mectizan®, but by constant messages through the radio and the local health centre, we are starting to see a change.” Peter also organises regular village meetings in which he, together with nurse and midwife Elsie, address the villagers' questions and concerns about taking the drug.

Because of this concerted effort to protect the community from river blindness the villagers can now safely collect water from and wash in the nearby river and live without the fear of infection.



**25-year-old Mohammad Faisal, who has always been blind, lives with his family in Noorpur village in the Punjab region of Pakistan. Most of his life was spent inside as his family were worried about him being away from home.**

Faisal did not realise there was a Citizens Community Board (CCB) in the village set up to help poor and marginalised people, and give them the opportunity to be heard and involved in their communities' development. Set up by residents with the support of local government and Sightsavers' partner the Civil Society HID Program (CHIP) the CCBs were working well, but research done by our partner showed that very few disabled people were represented on them.

Thanks to funding from the Department for International Development (DFID) Sightsavers was

## Did you know?

Sightsavers recently brought years of practical experience to author and trial a set of global guidelines for community-based rehabilitation (CBR) in developing countries. CBR aims to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families by ensuring inclusion and participation at a local level – which is exemplified by the case study above.

able to support CHIP in starting up an Inclusive Development Project to ensure disabled people can join in with community life, and have their needs addressed.

Members of the Citizen's Community Board visited Faisal's home and spoke to his family about his situation. After repeated efforts, they managed to convince Faisal's family to let him join the group and attend meetings.

"I used to depend on my family, but after joining the CCB I became more independent." Faisal said. "It has really helped my confidence to be able to contribute to local development issues."

Another person who has benefited from the program is 17-year-old Shagufta Rani. She has severe low vision and a physical disability caused by muscle weakness in her lower limbs. After receiving counselling from CHIP she was encouraged to become a member of her local women's community based organisation. Once isolated and shy, Shagufta's confidence has swelled and she recently gave a speech on the rights of people with disabilities for World Disability Day.



**Faisal (above left) and Shagufta have both benefited from the Citizen's Community Boards set up in their village**

# Long lasting change

An important part of our work is working with partners to advocate for change: from changes in attitudes, to positions or policies affecting eye health or disabled people's rights. We have found that advocacy – based on the solid work we do in our programmes – has a profound and long lasting impact.

## Health

Now eye care has been integrated into state strategic health plans in Nigeria, thousands more people like Alice Udagbo, who had her sight restored by our partners last year, will have better access to eye care.

### Highlights

- In **Malawi**, eye care services were integrated into local government plans in six of the twelve districts in which we work.
- A partnership was struck in **Bangladesh** with the Ministry of Health aiming to deliver higher quality cataract surgery

in five district hospitals, and increasing the number of people using the facilities.

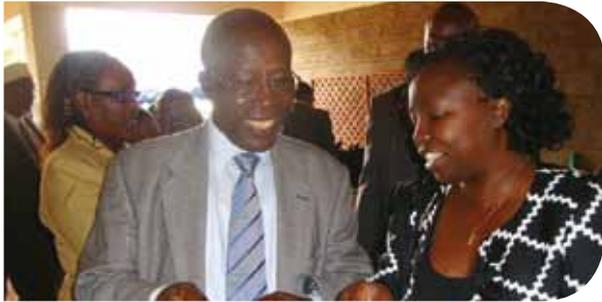
- The Ministry of Health in **Senegal** committed to supporting the training of five more people in cataract surgery. This is the highest number ever and a small step towards being able to provide sustainable eye care services to the people of Senegal.



Alice Udagbo, back at home after her cataract operation

# Education

After six long years of pushing for a special needs education policy in Kenya, the Minister of Education agreed to take it forward. “It was a proud moment for Sightsavers as the minister and his team applauded us for the role we’ve played in developing the education policy” says Nancy Thuo, Country Director of Sightsavers in Kenya.



**Kenya Country Director Nancy presents the Minister of Health with a CD containing songs by visually impaired people, compiled by Sightsavers**

## Highlights

- Sightsavers in **Ghana** was involved in working with the government to develop an inclusive education policy for the first time ever.
- The new education policy launched by the Minister of Education, **Pakistan**, stipulates the need for disabled children to be included in mainstream schools, thanks to our advocacy efforts.
- As a result of continuous advocacy from our partner the National Organisation Working with the Disabled, the Prime Minister of **Bangladesh** declared her commitment to education for all in a public speech.
- Education for blind children in **Zambia** received a massive boost when our local partners got the issues on television and radio, gained support from teachers for the campaign and lobbied government. As a result funds were allocated for a Centre of Excellence for special education to be built in Lusaka, and for a computer centre with assistive technology devices at the Zambia Institute of Education.

## Including everyone

Last year, we worked hard with our partners to get the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) adopted by governments, as well as monitoring its implementation.

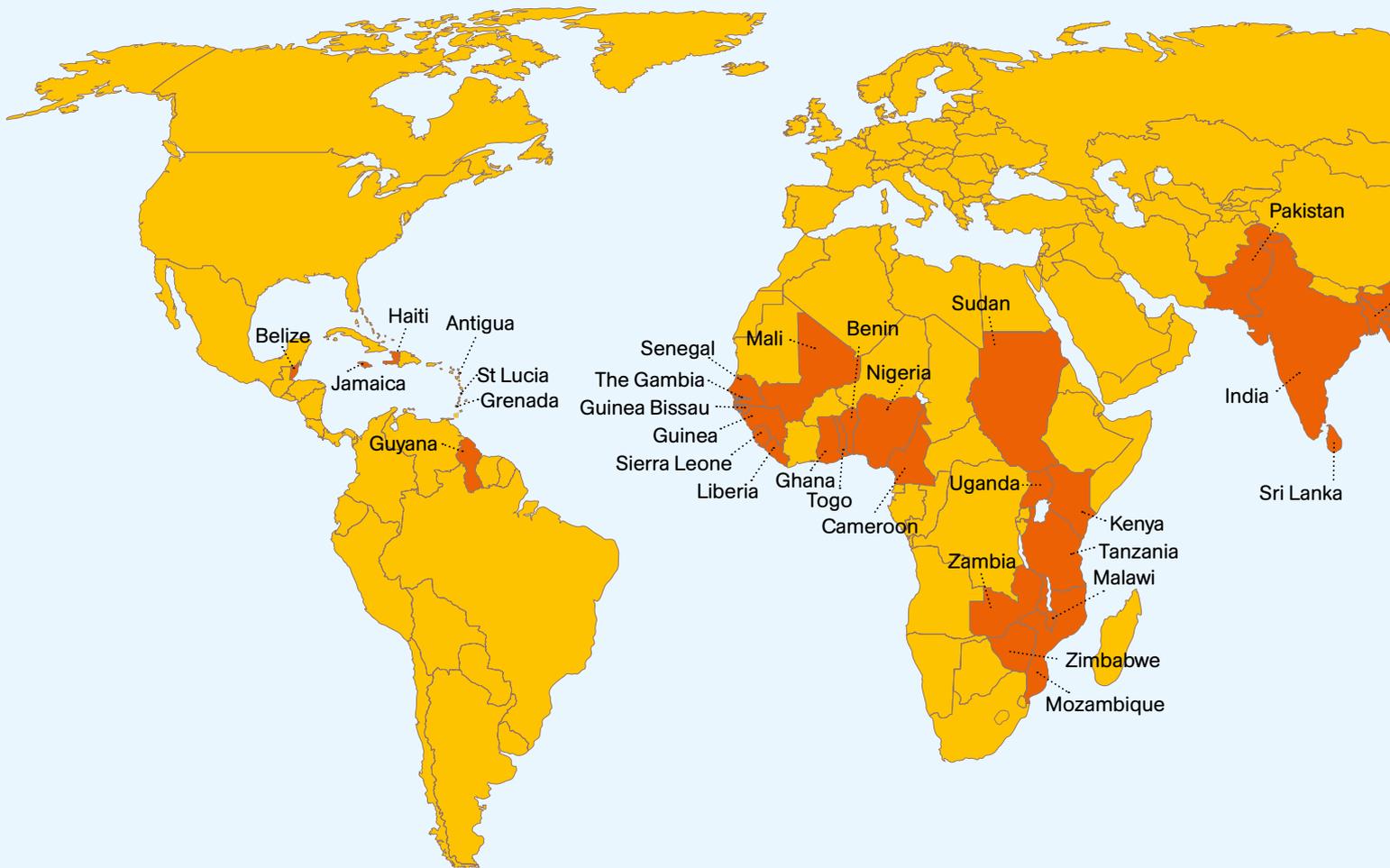
Ketan Kothari, Project Officer in our North India office, who is himself blind, tells us more:

“Sightsavers will work in partnership with the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People in Delhi whereby we will advocate for a core person in the Prime Minister’s office to monitor and implement the convention. We are also working on setting up and strengthening blind and disabled people’s groups in various states so that they can make sure the changes are happening at a local level.”

## Highlights

- **Cameroon** country office worked hard last year to promote the UNCRPD. They held a press conference on its ratification, and produced a DVD and brochure to ensure those with sight and hearing problems can read all about it.
- To make 2009 elections accessible to visually impaired people, the Indian government introduced Braille enabled voting machines. However most people in rural **India** do not know Braille, so our partner took this up with the election committee to ensure all visually impaired people in the Bramer district of the region had training to use the Braille voting devices.

# Where our money is spent



BCVI/Sightsavers

Our partner the **Belize** Council for the Visually Impaired held its 13th Summer Camp last year, with the theme of inclusion. The camp is the highlight of seven-year-old Juan Noel Reina's year, "we get to do arts and learn a lot of things like Braille."



Jenny Matthews/Sightsavers

The Sheikh Zayed Regional Eye Care Centre in **The Gambia** has recruited a paediatric ophthalmologist to improve its services. The unit also now has an optical workshop. Ten new students enrolled last year.



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Over 400 visually impaired people have been trained at the Computer Centre we support in **Ghana**. The centre helps greatly in ensuring people with disabilities, especially visual impairment, are included in their communities.

# International spending



## West Africa

Benin	£56,000
Cameroon	£396,000
Ghana	£965,000
Guinea	£168,000
Guinea Bissau	£49,000
Liberia	£315,000
Mali	£605,000
Nigeria	£938,000
Senegal	£786,000
Sierra Leone	£702,000
The Gambia	£240,000
Togo	£126,000
Health for Peace*	£665,000

## East Africa

Kenya	£2,023,000
Sudan (North & South)	£41,000
Tanzania	£699,000
Uganda	£703,000

## Southern Africa

Malawi	£774,000
Mozambique	£170,000
South Africa	£25,000
Zambia	£434,000
Zimbabwe	£73,000

## Asia

India	£2,740,000
Bangladesh	£1,856,000
Pakistan	£1,370,000
Sri Lanka	£273,000

## Caribbean

Antigua, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Lucia**	£515,000
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\*Health for Peace is a regional initiative, whereby Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Senegal and The Gambia collaborate on a number of health issues, including eye care.

\*\*For the purposes of reporting, Sightsavers groups Caribbean countries together as one region.



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For the first time a traditional chief who's been central in promoting Mectizan® use locally, was invited to attend the National Review of Onchocerciasis (river blindness) Control Activities organised by the Ministry of Health in **Togo**.



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Sightsavers in **Cameroon** teamed up with African Action on AIDS to provide hand washing stations and mosquito nets to the Louis Braille Bilingual Integrated Primary School, where children who are blind are taught alongside sighted pupils, to help stop malaria spreading.



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Compost was the subject of a training workshop run by our partners in north **India** last year after it was found to be a feasible way to earn money in the local area. Sixteen visually impaired people learnt all about the process of making compost.

# Meet the experts

We pride ourselves in working with the best people, whose professionalism and expertise allows us to deliver services of the highest possible standard.



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**John Cooper and his ophthalmic assistant Anita brave the mud and potholes to visit patients in Grand Kru County, south east Liberia**

## Against the odds

We made great progress in Liberia last year, one of the most challenging countries in which to work due to the disruption left by the civil war. Five ophthalmologists are now working there, one of whom is John Cooper, based at the Sightsavers' supported eye unit at JJ Dossen Hospital in Harper.

"An average day in the clinic can be very challenging. There are glaucoma patients waiting to have their ocular pressure monitored, people waiting for replacement spectacles, and relatives of cataract patients waiting to find out when the

ophthalmologist will be visiting Harper to perform surgery.

A week in every month is scheduled for community outreach in hard-to-reach areas. We do eye health education, follow-up on post operation cataract patients, and vision testing.

The hardest thing about my job is trying to cope with patients' frustration when services are delayed. Patients diagnosed with cataract can wait months for surgery. But I love the joy shared with patients when sight is restored."

## Sightsavers' new vision

Adelaide Addo-Fening OBE joined us in 2009 as International Programme Operations Director. Sightsavers' ambitious new strategy was central to her first year. Adelaide tells us more:

"I believe the new strategy is the right one for Sightsavers. Not only are we supporting service delivery for people in need but we are also demonstrating approaches that governments can adopt and replicate, therefore reaching far more people than we, or any other non-governmental organisation for that matter can ever hope to achieve.

Sightsavers is lucky to have some incredible staff in our

offices across Africa and Asia. It has been gratifying for me to interact with teams who have fully taken on board the changes our new strategy represents and are already producing some impressive outcomes.

In 2009, the focus was on ensuring that teams analysed and planned what they needed to do to deliver the new strategy. Next year we'll concentrate on making sure our existing programmes have good strategic alignment.

Next year, we will also embark on new and incredibly exciting initiatives aimed at eliminating onchocerciasis [river blindness] and trachoma. As well as begin



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**Our new director for international programmes operations, Adelaide Addo-Fening is based in Accra, Ghana.**

work on an initiative aimed at developing the needed human resources for eye health across Africa. Ambitious agendas, but all achievable!"

Read more about Sightsavers' strategy: [www.sightsavers.org/strategy](http://www.sightsavers.org/strategy)

# Income and expenditure

## Summary financial statements

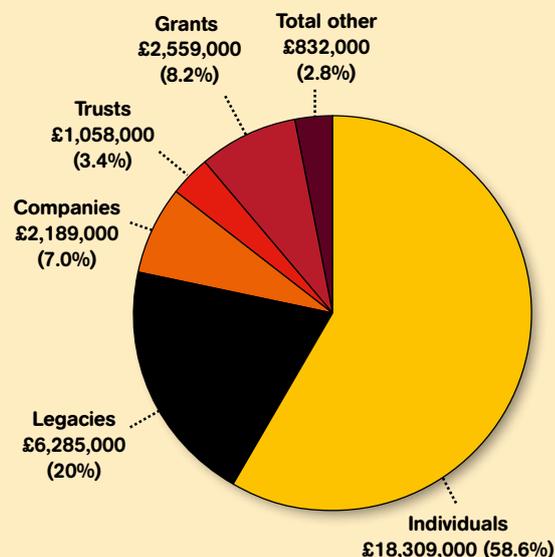
	2009 (£)	2008 (£)
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
Donations	22,006,000	21,783,000
Legacies	6,285,000	7,169,000
Grants	2,559,000	2,459,000
Other income	382,000	787,000
<b>Total incoming resources (excl GIK)</b>	<b>31,232,000</b>	<b>32,198,000</b>
Gifts in kind	68,936,000	69,378,000
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>100,168,000</b>	<b>101,576,000</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>		
Charitable expenditure	91,000,000	92,355,000
Costs of generating funds	7,721,000	8,230,000
Governance costs and other resources expended	491,000	1,074,000
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>99,212,000</b>	<b>101,659,000</b>
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources	956,000	(83,000)
Other recognised losses	(48,000)	(1,638,000)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>908,000</b>	<b>(1,721,000)</b>
<b>Opening total funds</b>	<b>8,522,000</b>	<b>10,243,000</b>
<b>Closing total funds</b>	<b>9,430,000</b>	<b>8,522,000</b>

**Trustees' statement:** We have extracted the figures provided on this page from the full, published financial statements, which have been audited by Horwath Clark Whitehill LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors. The full financial statements, approved on 14th May 2010, have been submitted to the Charity Commission and are available from Sightsavers' head office (see back cover for contact details) or can be downloaded at [www.sightsavers.org/downloads](http://www.sightsavers.org/downloads).  
*Mike Chilton, Honorary Treasurer*

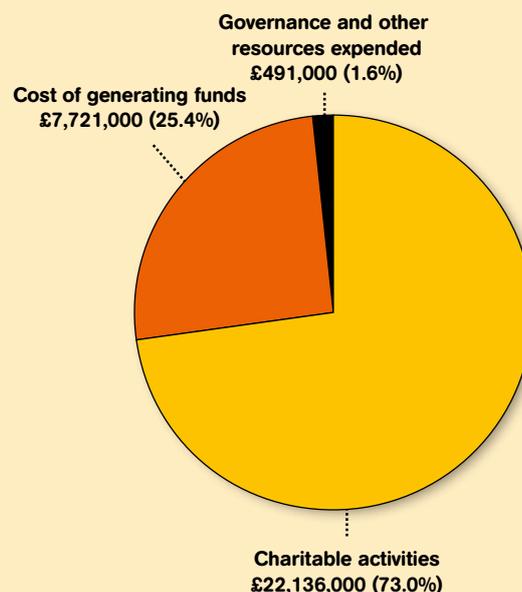
**Independent auditors statement:** We have examined the summary financial information set out on this page. In our opinion the information is consistent with the charity's annual accounts for the year ended 31st December 2009, on which we have issued an unqualified audit report.  
*Horwath Clark Whitehill LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors.*

<sup>1</sup>Excludes gifts in kind

### Income 2009<sup>1</sup>



### Expenditure 2009<sup>1</sup>



# Our supporters

Our work is only made possible by the generosity of our supporters. We asked some of them to tell us why they support Sightsavers.

## Leaving a lasting gift

“My reasons for leaving a gift for Sightsavers in my Will are based on a very personal accumulation of my appreciation for the wonderful gift of sight, together with my experiences regarding blindness that I have had in different parts of the world, as well as within my own family.

Recently, I also had first-hand experience of how limiting blindness can be. For three weeks I experienced sudden flashing lights followed by an almost-blind state in one eye; this turned out to be floaters and flashes, a not-unusual part of the ageing process. I'd always been grateful for my sight but this experience really reaffirmed my belief that it is one of the most precious gifts we are born with.

I've chosen Sightsavers to be a beneficiary of my Will so that a number of people who would otherwise go through life disadvantaged by painful and restricting blindness will be able to receive necessary eye treatment and care. This will enable them to work and participate in, as well as see and fully enjoy, the world around them.” *RE*



Sarah Flint/Sightsavers

### “An aspiring and committed bunch of people”

“We began to support Sightsavers quite a few years ago and have got to know the organisation well. They are such an inspiring and committed bunch of people and they do such fantastic work. In a perfect world, Sightsavers would not exist, but we intend to continue giving until Sightsavers makes itself obsolete.” *D&CK*

### “Knowing that £17 can have such a huge impact on someone’s life is a huge motivator”

“I wanted a high level of reporting so that I could see exactly where my support was going - the level of detail I receive through the reports from the field brings the whole project to life and makes me feel much closer to the work.

There’s something incredibly satisfying knowing the exact number of cataract surgeries we have helped deliver, knowing that £17 can have such a huge impact on someone’s life is a huge motivator – there’s nothing quite like it!” *Anon*

### “Sightsavers’ sustainable approach to eye care”

“The Zochonis Charitable Trust has supported the excellent work of Sightsavers for a number of years. The Trustees are particularly impressed with Sightsavers’ sustainable approach to its eye care, education and rehabilitation work, strengthening and expanding the in-country workforce to meet local need.”

*Sir John Zochonis, Zochonis Charitable Trust*

## “High-quality information on how funds are used”

“Over the past two years we have built a strong and mutually rewarding relationship with Sightsavers. In 2009 we were delighted to award £60,000, which is being used to help eliminate avoidable blindness in Tanzania. The Edinburgh-based team provides outstanding support for our company’s charitable activities, including the Martin Currie Rob Roy Challenge, our main annual fundraising event. We always receive high-quality information on how funds are used, helping to demonstrate the significant impact of our partnership in changing people’s lives.” *Paul Donachie, Martin Currie*

## “Responsive and creative”

“We have been in partnership with Sightsavers since 2003 and our relationship continues to go from strength to strength, the team is responsive and creative with ideas to support our staff engagement and fundraising activities. Our staff’s enthusiasm for the partnership is fed by the heartwarming stories of the difference our efforts make to the lives of those less fortunate than us.”

*Joanna Conlon, Head of ‘Seeing is Believing’, Standard Chartered*

## How to help

If you’d like to help support our work please call or email our friendly reception desk and they’ll put you through to the right team.

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**Above: Faqeer Muhammad, a 62 year old stonemason, has his eyes examined in the Layton Rahamtulla Benevolent Trust hospital in Pakistan.**

**Front cover: 11-year-old Ahsanullah is able to learn alongside his sighted friends at Rahimabad Government Primary School, Bangladesh. Picture by Zul Mukhida/Sightsavers**

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