



## COMPREHENSIVE RURAL HEALTH PROJECT

### CRHP Blindness Control Project Project Description

The purpose of CRHP's Blindness Control Project is to provide eye care services that will prevent blindness and other eye-related illnesses free of cost or at subsidized rates to the poor and needy population of Jamkhed and surrounding rural areas.

The prevalence of blindness in Maharashtra is 2%. Eye care and eye surgery is extremely expensive and villagers are unable to afford these services. Often people are diagnosed with eye problems too late. In conjunction with Sightsavers International, we are working to diagnose disease early and to provide surgeries in the cases where illness has already set in. Through our work we have been able to eliminate night blindness, we now aim to eliminate or prevent other eye illnesses. Project activities include diagnosis and treatment in the villages and at the hospital, conducting surgeries at CRHP's hospital, organizing screening camps in the community, and eventually providing optical dispensing at the hospital and in the community. Through training village health workers on prevention, we aim to decrease the amount of people getting preventable eye conditions. We intend to serve 40 villages, reaching at least 800 people a year with eye conditions.