

VisionSpring secures \$1.5M in emergency response for COVID-19 crisis in India

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VisionSpring, the pioneering social enterprise, has secured an initial \$1.5 million in emergency response commitments for the COVID-19 crisis in India and will deliver more than 1,000 oxygen concentrators and other COVID-19 care and safety supplies to frontline health workers.

VisionSpring's four-pillar response is rooted in meeting critical and urgent needs in low-income communities and within its network of 200 health and eye care partners across India.

Personal protective equipment & COVID-19 supplies for frontline workers: VisionSpring is dispatching 1,000 sponsored oxygen concentrators, and has distributed 1.4 million units of PPE distributed within India since the start of the pandemic.

Cloth masks and hygiene kits: VisionSpring commissioned 50,000 additional cotton masks from the Self-employed Women's Association (SEWA) Bharat, totalling 500,000 produced since the start of the pandemic.

Hand washing stations: VisionSpring has delivered 40 specially designed hand washing stations delivered in recent weeks, and an additional 200 are being fabricated in Delhi.

Infection prevention information and vaccine mobilisation: VisionSpring will integrate vaccine registration and hesitancy counselling into its thousands of COVID- safe vision outreach programmes when they restart in the future.

"We are grateful to partner with VisionSpring to supply 500+ oxygen concentrators to various healthcare facilities as part of our emergency response to Covid relief requirements on the ground," said Atul Satija, CEO and Founder 2.0 of GiveIndia, the online fundraising platform of nonprofit Give Foundation.

VisionSpring's response is supported by partners including Warby Parker, National Vision Inc, The Canary Charitable Foundation, McNulty Foundation, ClearVision, Safeway Concessions (Siddhantham Tollway Private Limited), Touch of Color

Foundation, SEWA Bharat, World Zoroastrian Organization US Region, Zarin Neville Foundation, International Medical Corps, and Anheuser Busch InBev.

“The flexible support of our funders and fantastic collaboration with partners has enabled us to quickly adapt,” said Ella Gudwin, CEO, VisionSpring. “We are meeting the urgent need for COVID-19 treatment capacity now, and are also focused on the long-term public health objectives of prevention and expanding vaccination coverage.”