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India to map human resource and infrastructure for paediatric eye care services

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A manual unveiled to highlight the status of paediatric eye care services in India



In a bid to enhance eye care service delivery in India, Orbis, an international non-profit dedicated to the prevention of avoidable blindness, has unveiled the Eye Care Manual on Mapping of Human Resource (HR) and Infrastructure for Paediatric Eye Care Services in India, in partnership with Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

The manual is aimed at mapping and boosting the human and material resources available for the treatment and management of visual impairment in India.

A 2020 national survey on HR and Infrastructure Mapping for Eye Health in India available as the India Vision Atlas under the National Programme for the Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, showed that a lot more needs to be done to improve pediatric eye care.

The Manual on Mapping of Human Resource and Infrastructure for Paediatric Eye Care Services in India was developed to provide data regarding availability of services as well as infrastructure for paediatric eye care services in India. The All-India Ophthalmological society (AIOS) provided the database of ophthalmologists to find the names and contact details of ophthalmologists in the districts. The conclusion of this survey was included in the India Vision Atlas. The India Vision Atlas under the National Survey on Human Resources and Infrastructure tab provides information about Eye Care Indicators such as Eye Institute Population Ratio, Ophthalmologist Population Ratio, Optometrist Population Ratio, Paediatric Eye Institute Population Ratio and Paediatric Ophthalmologist Population Ratio.