



**Eye Care Program Fact Sheet**

(As of May, 2021)

<b>Total Camps</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>124092</b>
<b>Surgery Performed</b>	<b>8280</b>
<b>Eye Glass Given</b>	<b>24513</b>
<b>Medicines Distributed</b>	<b>5207</b>

**DOORSTEPS EYE CARE:**

In the rural areas of Bangladesh, there are huge number of cataract patients unable to access eye care services because of absence of eye care facilities and high treatment cost. Due to lack of awareness and fear of surgery, many of them remain blind unnecessarily.

In November 2020 ECP introduced its “Doorsteps Eye Care” (DEC) program to provide eye care services for the underprivileged people at their doorsteps. DEC is currently focusing on remote and rural areas of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts. Clients include MSS microcredit members, their families and local community people. Under the DEC program - Noyon Tori – the mobile eye clinic goes into remote rural areas and provides eye care services to community.

During the first phase between November 2020 to early April 2021 under the DEC program conducted 47 eye camps, examined 5,953 patients, distributed 1213 reading glasses and performed 520 cataract surgeries.

Under the upcoming DEC phase commencing from June 1, 2021 ECP will conduct 13 eye camps, examine 2000 patients, distribute 650 reading glasses and perform 260 cataract surgeries.



Eye screening camp for underprivileged people at Thakurgaon

**UPCOMING EVENT**

**Industrial Sight Testing Program (ISTP):**

ISTP aims to provide comprehensive eye care services to the industrial workers. Generally, the factory owners take the lead in initiating ISTPs as its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program. We are preparing to conduct an ISTP to provide services to over a thousand workers and staff of Posh Garments Ltd from 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021 for five days.

- Eye screening with Auto refractometer.
- Vision test by refraction technician.
- Doctor’s examination & prescription.
- Provide medicines & spectacles.
- Identify surgery patients.
- Referral service for complex eye problems.



A patient consulting with helpline doctor via video call

**EYE CARE HELPLINE (ECH):**

The ECH continue to provide eye care service through audio and video calls so that patients can avoid hospital/clinic visits and stay Covid-19 safe. Till May 31, ECH provided treatment to 772 patients. Among them 387 patients were male and 385 patients were female. Medicines were prescribed to 413 patients and 176 patients were referred to different hospitals for further examinations. These patients came from 37 districts of Bangladesh.

Classified by Patient Occupation								
House Wife	Children	Job Holder	Teacher	Business	Farmer	Student	Driver	Retired
331	25	157	7	113	24	76	4	35

The highest number of patients came from Dhaka (361), Rajshahi (118), Natore (43), Thakurgaon (30), Pabna (30), Panchagarh (23), Bogura (27) and Saidpur (21).

