



SCHOOL SIGHT TESTING PROGRAM FACT SHEET (October 2017 to November 2023)

Services Provided	Total
School Screened	185
Screened Students	46016
Eyeglasses distribution	1132
Medicines Provided	1217
Surgeries Conducted	3
Awareness Flyers	45925
Awareness Posters	950

SPECIAL SSTP FOR KHAGAKHARIBARI UNION:

The School Sight Testing Program (SSTP) undertook to cover all the primary and secondary schools of Khagakharibari Union of Dimla Upazila, Nilphamari district. ECP aimed to cover all schools in this Union. In June and September 2023, ECP screened 1,891 students (894 boys and 997 girls) from all 21 primary schools in Khagakharibari Union. In these school camps, ECP provided 100 spectacles and distributed 183 medicines. Before the eye screening, the ECP team conducted awareness classes through interactive presentations using basic eye care awareness flyers, posters, and placards. The students were urged to share the eye care information with their family and friends. ECP completed screening all the primary schools of the union and will undertake eye screening of all High schools soon.



School Sight Testing Program conducted at Emazuddin Govt. Primary School

ECP ACTIVITIES ON HOLD:

All our eye care activities are on hold due to the current political unrest which is negatively impacting our eye care activities resulting in further accumulation of cataract-blind people.



Sumi Akter

CASE STORY

Age: 12, Class: 5, Roll No: 01

Father's Name: Sofikul Alam; Mother's Name: Sabiya Begum

School Sight Testing Program Date: 19th September 2023

Spectacles Delivery Date: 2nd November, 2023

Before Using Spectacles:

Sumi Akter couldn't see what was written on the class board for a long time. She wasn't able to see far-away objects. In addition, while reading she sometimes had headaches and tears. She was suffering from refractive error. Her plight began to worsen as she experienced a deterioration in her vision, she explains, "Since a couple of months back, I started to face some problems in my eyes which recently turned into serious problems. Due to non-availability of eye doctors, my parents could not do my eye screening."

Eyes Condition After Using Spectacles:

Doctors prescribed a custom-made spectacle for her which was delivered in November through her school. Sumi Akter can now concentrate more on her studies. Her vision was corrected and she was overjoyed to see everything clearly. Her mother Sabiya Begum, expressed gratitude saying, "I could not treat my daughter due to financial constraints. I pray for all who contributed to my daughter's treatment. I also pray that the Eye Care Program can provide services to more and more distressed people."

Donate and Change lives!

Approximately, 40,000 children are blind - childhood cataract is the leading cause of childhood blindness in Bangladesh. Thousands of children are suffering from unnecessary blindness due to un-operated cataracts. Many have refractive errors. Donate **Tk. 20,000** to conduct an SSTP to provide sight screening to approximately 300 underserved school children. Give medicines and glasses, and identify curable blindness. It is the gift of vision - the most valuable gift for someone who cannot see.