“ZERO WAITING LIST” FOR CATARACT SURGERIES – NORTHERN PROVINCE

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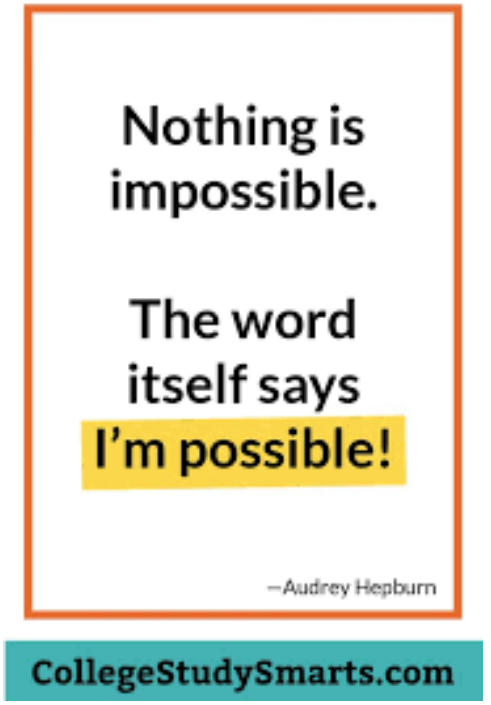


Blindness Survey of Sri Lanka

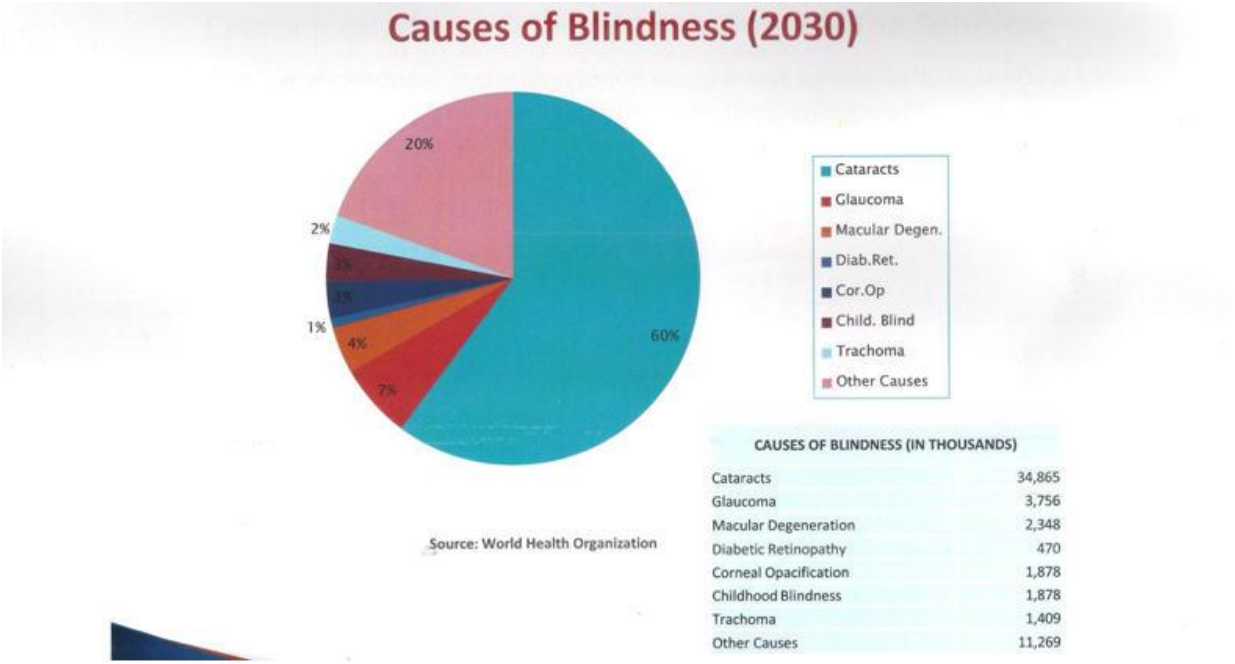
The survey shows the prevalence of blindness in Sri Lanka as 1.7% among the age 40+ population.

Survey revealed that 1.6 % and 15.4% severe visual impairment and visual impairment among the study population.

The prevalence of blindness rate varies between provinces from as high as 2.9% in Uva province to 0.29% in the South.

Cataract was the leading cause of blindness accounts for almost 67% of overall blindness.

Cataract Surgical Coverage was found to be 85.4% in person with visual acuity cut off 3/60.



SDG 16 – Peace & Justice (true reconciliation for Sri Lanka - NP

SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals

SDG 1 – No Poverty

SDG 13 – Climate action

SDGs can be achieved via Free Quality Cataract surgeries in Low – Middle income countries

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger

SDG 3 – Good Health & Well-being

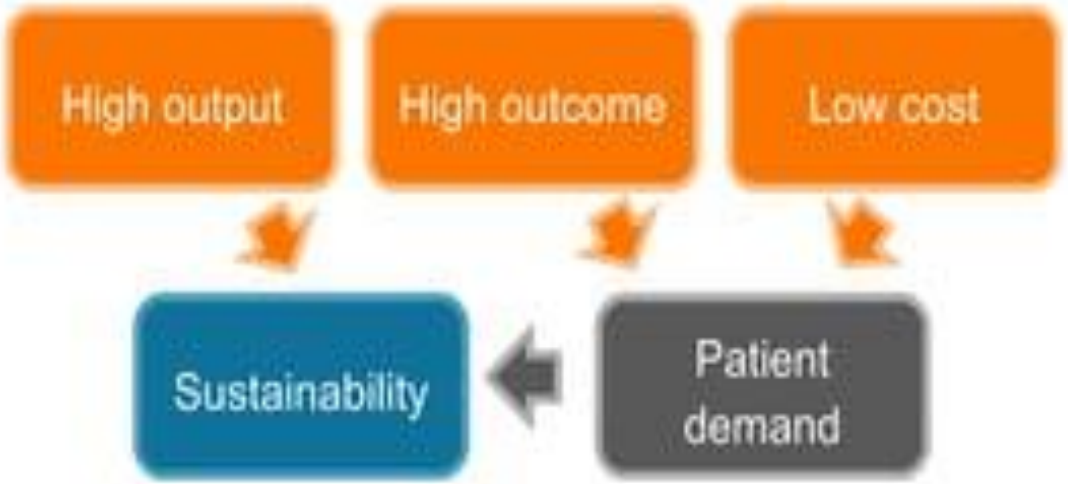
SDG 11 – Sustainable cities & Communities

SDG 8 – Decent work & Economic Growth

Cataract prevention strategies

Cataract control strategies

Sustainability of cataract services



Cataract SX
Backlogs
Long Waiting

Post Covid Era
Economic recessions
Thread to free supply chain
Insufficient Human Resources
No national Policy

- More than 80% Rural community
- Very Low median Income
- Pockets of severe poverty
- Low Human Resources
- Minimum Cataract surgical centers

Policy Decisions : New Normal Model Eye Health @ Northern Province

- Public Private Partnership
- Multistakeholder involvement
- Develop a comprehensive patient-centered care pathway using principles of value-based healthcare
- Theatre efficiency and high-volume surgeries
- Strategies for cost-saving
- Rationalizing post-operative care
- Carbon footprint
- Sustainability

Eye Health Programme in NP

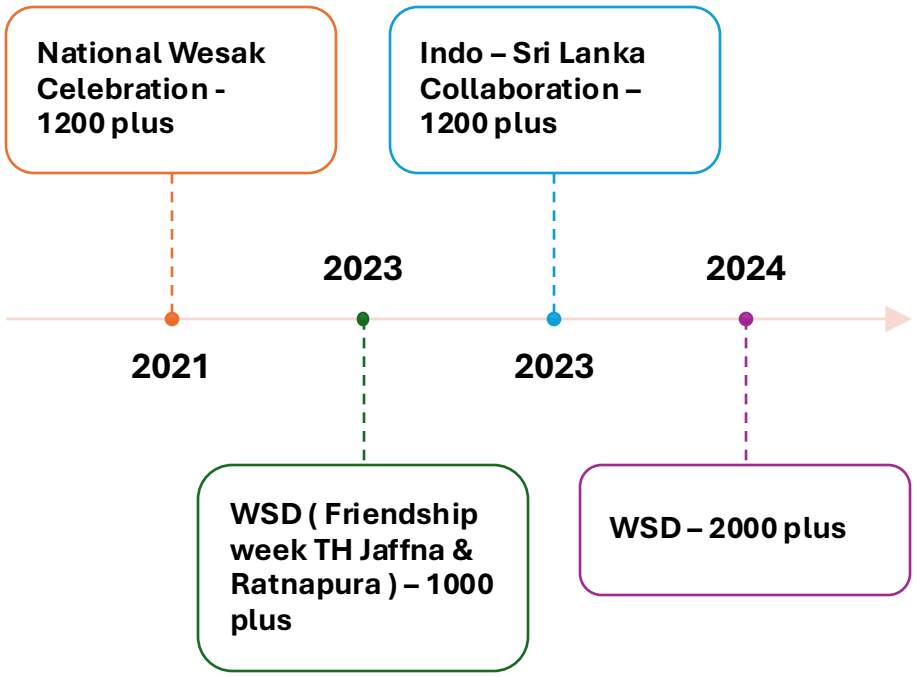
Donor Agencies

- Ananda Foundation – Malaysia
- Alaka Foundation – Malaysia
- Assist RR – UK / LK
- IMHO / Others

Stake Holders

- ❑ Ministry of Health
- ❑ Provincial Ministry of Health
- ❑ Assist RR
- ❑ Eye Units (Cataract Surgery Centers) – Government & Private
- ❑ Palaly Army Base Hospital
- ❑ Vision Care
- ❑ Annanthi Hospital
- ❑ Pharma Industry
- ❑ Others

High Volume Surgery : Public Private Partnerships / Multi-stakeholders



Districts	Government		Private	
Year	2023	2024	2023	2024
Jaffna	6761	12954	2563	2686
Vavuniya	2313	2815	115	86
Killinochchi	1206	1200	-	-
Mannar	-	-	-	-
Mullaithivu	-	-	-	-
Total	10280	16969	2678	2772

- Year 2024 (23 &24 : 6000 SX)
- 4000 to 4500 cataract Surgeries
- Outside the Northern Province
- (NC / NW / EP / CP / WP /SP)

Benefits of doing Mass quality Cataract Surgeries

- Reducing the prevalence of blindness
- Minimizing CO_2 Emissions from the wastages of Cataract surgeries
- Increase the awareness about Cataract
- Equitable and affordable service to all patients
- Eliminating the Cataract surgeries backlogs

Northern Province: New Normal Model Key Points

- Need National Eye Health Policy
- Establishment of Intermediate carder
- Public Private Partnership / Multistakeholder involvement
- Develop a comprehensive patient-centered care pathway using principles of value-based healthcare
- Mass Cataract Surgery Programme
- Effective Screening – Stage 1 to 3
- Sustainability / Carbon footprint

- CSR : Northern Province 10/1000 (2023 - 12958) & 15/1000 (2024 - 19741)
- CSR : Sri Lanka (Except NP) 3/1000 ?
- CSR : South Asia 3/1000 & High-Income countries 8 - 14/1000
- Cataract Waiting list : Reduced to less than a month from 2 to 4 years.
- Maintain “Zero waiting List”
- SDG’s Benefits – 1,2,3,8,11,13,16,17
- Out come – extremely good (95%)

Thank You !

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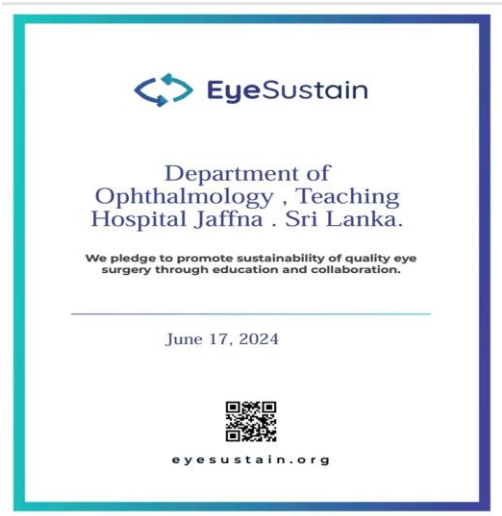

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