This report represents SIGHTLIFE’s responses to Charting Impact, a joint project of BBB Wise Giving Alliance, GuideStar USA Inc, and Independent Sector. Charting Impact uses five simple yet powerful questions to encourage strategic thinking and help organizations share concise information about their plans and progress toward impact.

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**Mission:**
We serve as a global leader and partner to eliminate corneal blindness worldwide by 2040. Millions of people around the world struggle to live with corneal blindness—the loss of sight caused by damage to the cornea, the surface of the eye. It's a treatable condition with a clear solution: a corneal transplant. Yet a shortage of transplant tissue and insufficient surgeon training keep over 10 million men, women and children in the dark. We're here to change that. At SightLife, we're making more life-changing transplants possible. It's work that requires continued collaboration between surgeons, hospital administrators, donor families and recovery partners across the developed and developing world.
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1. What are we aiming to accomplish?

SightLife is the only INGO that is solely dedicated to eliminating corneal blindness worldwide. SightLife's Global Sight Restoration Program (GSR Program) removes the key barriers to securing a corneal transplant for millions of corneal blind people in India and around the world. We take a holistic, comprehensive approach to working with our partners, ensuring that the entire pathway for cornea transplantation operates effectively and efficiently.

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?

SightLife is addressing three key systemic problems in India, where over 1 million children, women and men are corneal blind in both eyes and another 7 million are blind in one eye from corneal disease, injury or infection: 1) Increase Corneas Donated: There is a shortage of corneas being donated in India to restore sight. Last year, approximately 50,000 corneas were donated in India – only a quarter of what is needed. By increasing the number of donated corneas to 200,000 annually, we will make 100,000 transplant surgeries possible to restore sight to blind children, women and men throughout India. 2) Increase Eye Banks Efficiency: Our objective is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the top 30 eye banks in India so that they increase the number of transplantable corneas they deliver to surgeons. An increase in transplantable corneas provided will enable the eye bank to achieve financial sustainability, which is equally important in creating a thriving eye banking environment in India. 3) Train More Corneal Surgeons: There are about 400 corneal surgeons in India, but to meet the transplant needs of the corneal blind in that country, there needs to be about 1,200 trained surgeons. In order for this to happen, ophthalmic surgeons need to be trained in corneal transplantation techniques.

3. What are our organization's capabilities for doing this?

As the largest eye bank in the world and with forty years of experience in U.S. eye banking, SightLife leverages innovative technologies and best business practices to transform lives and unlock life's possibilities for the corneal blind. All of this expertise is harnessed by our Global Sight Restoration team, led by SightLife's Chief Executive Officer, Claire Bonilla. Claire's expertise in emerging & developing market strategies and global facilities planning and build-out, attained while leading Microsoft's Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Response program, are key assets for the Global Sight Restoration program. SightLife also partners with a number of other organizations and government entities, widening our circle of support and expertise. SightLife is accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) and is a member of the Washington Global Health Alliance. For our global work, SightLife partners with the Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI), the National Programme for the Control of Blindness (NPCB), the International Association for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), Vision 2020, Orbis International, and Sightsavers.

4. How will we know if we're making progress?

The ultimate measure of our program's success is when a corneal blind person in a developing country has the same access to a cornea transplant as a person in the U.S. As the global leader in eye banking and cornea transplantation we want to ensure that our program addresses the barriers to sight-restoration from beginning to end. We track the following measures of success along the way: Eye Bank Development: SightLife partners with the top eye banks in India (currently 15 partners) to maximize the number of corneas made available to surgeons for transplant. SightLife establishes five-year partnership agreements that require eye bank partners to be financially self-sustaining and provide a minimum of 1,000 transplantable corneas annually within the partnership period. Surgeon Training and Development: There are currently about 400 corneal surgeons in India, but there need to be about 1,200 trained surgeons to meet the need of corneal blind in that country, and SightLife's surgeon training program is working to reach that capacity.
5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?

Since the inception of the Global Sight Restoration Project in 2009, SightLife has continued to expand the project, establishing an accreditation process, updating the Indian national eye banking standards, creating a consolidated distribution system -- all of which contribute to more corneal blind people now having restored sight. Throughout these experiences, our Global Sight Restoration team has been in a position to discover and understand new potential improvement areas. One such improvement area is in transplant success rates. To address concerns regarding transplant success rates, SightLife has begun scaling our surgeon development program, which has included an initial study of follow up care and an increase in training opportunities.