Combat Blindness International, Inc.


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Mission:
Combat Blindness International (CBI) is a non-profit health organization incorporated in Wisconsin, USA. CBI eliminates preventable blindness worldwide by providing sustainable, equitable solutions for sight through partnerships and innovation.

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1. What are we aiming to accomplish?
Within the next 3 to 5 years, Combat Blindness wishes to make a major impact on restoring sight to the less fortunate in developing countries through: Fund one to two additional eye clinics, providing sight to over 40,000 more men, women and children through cataract surgeries, providing scholarships to over 40 more women from remote villages in order that they may return to their villages to help their neighbors receive the gift of sight, and fund school eye screenings for children in Madison, WI, USA, Paraguay and Gujarat and Mysore, India. Combat Blindness is targeting these efforts in USA, India, Paraguay, Namibia, Mali, South Africa, Botswana and Lebanon.

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?
Combat Blindness strategies for accomplishing our goals is two-fold: work with partner clinics and hospital staff in developing countries to establish their needs and targeting donations from individuals in the United States to fulfill the needs in order to provide a sustainable and innovative solution to end avoidable blindness in the world.

3. What are our organization's capabilities for doing this?
Combat Blindness has partnered with these hospitals, clinics and staff in these developing countries from five to thirty years. Through these years Combat Blindness is impressed with these organizations and both the care they give to the individuals they treat as well as their strategic and innovative thinking in order to make their work sustainable. These hospitals are not only an asset to Combat Blindness, but are a pride of Combat Blindness. This individuals are the hands and feet of the work we do. Combat Blindness has developed a core group of passionate and influential individuals to join the board of Combat Blindness International. These individuals work to assure Combat Blindness reaches its goals as well as spreading the amazing work of Combat Blindness to their spheres of influence. Combat Blindness has a core group of staff and volunteers that serve to ensure the organizations success.

4. How will we know if we're making progress?
Every six months Combat Blindness requires reporting from our partner locations. These reports show if we are on target to meeting our 3 to 5 year goal and shows not just the output of the work but the outcomes. Internally, Combat Blindness reviews its budget and actuals to assure that we are on track to have the ability to fund these needs.

5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?
Combat Blindness has achieved funding between 10,000-12,000 cataract surgeries per year along with the funding of our first sustainable secondary center clinic in Rampur, India and our second secondary center clinic in Keonjhar, India and providing scholarships to over 50 women and men. In the past 2011 and 2012 Combat Blindness felt the effects on the economy crisis and has noticed a shortfall in funding. We are needing to work on grants from new foundations as well as developing our current donors and new donors for the sustainability of the organization.