Vision 2020- The Right to Sight-India 9th Annual Conference on 6th & 7th April 2013

Venue: Sant Hirdraram Girls College, Bhopal

Vision 2020- The Right to Sight- India organized the 9th Annual Conference on 6th & 7th April 2013 at Bhopal.

The objective of the conference was to offer a range of topics that would benefit all the departments in an eye hospital working in the community. The themes for the workshop were wide ranging and provided exposure to the entire hospital team.

The tracks offered were:-

- 1. Organizational Development & Leadership
- 2. Reaching the unreached through service demand generation
- 3. Towards quality excellence in Operation Theatre
- 4. Optometry & Optical Dispensing
- 5. Operations Management- Quality Assessment & Monitoring
- 6. Technology & Innovation for equitable eye care
- 7. Human Resource Management & Statutory Requirements
- 8. Project Management (Conceptualization to Monitoring)

The Conference was attended by delegates from various government and non- government organizations such as Ministry of Health & Family welfare, NPCB, WHO, CBM, Dr. R. P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, Indian Institute of Public Health, Sightsavers, Sankara Eye care institutions, Aravind Eye Care System, UNICEF and other experts in the field of eye care

Dr. Suneela Garg (Director Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Maulana Azad Medical College & Treasurer, Society for Sound Hearing) and Ms. Deeksha Khurana (External Evaluator of Primary Ear & Hearing Care project) attended the Conference on behalf of Society for Sound Hearing.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AT THE CONFERNCE

Dr. Suneela Garg was invited for a session titled "Equity in eye care: Women, children and integration with other health schemes" which was scheduled on 7th April 2013. Dr. Garg delivered a presentation on "Strategies for integration of eye and care services".
Ms. Deeksha Khurana presented the findings of "Evaluation of Primary Ear & Hearing Care (PEHC) project" of Dr. Shroff's Charity eye hospital. The session was chaired by Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and co-chaired by Ms. Archana Bhambal, Sightsavers.

- Dr. Garg also suggested to conduct multi-centric study in different regions of the country where feasibility of eye ear integration can be demonstrated.
- Sharing of the report (hard copy and soft copy) of "Evaluation of Primary Ear & Hearing Care (PEHC) project" of Dr. Shroff's Charity eye hospital with the attendees.
- Display of Integrated Ear and Ear care IEC material developed by Sound Hearing 2030, CBM and Department of Community Medicine at the Conference Venue.
- Sharing of the IEC material developed by Sound Hearing 2030, CBM and Department of Community Medicine with the CBM Team.
- Networking and building partnerships with government and non-government agencies.

Dr. Suneela Garg delivering presentation on "Strategies for integration of eye and care services"





Display of Integrated Eye & Ear care IEC material at the Conference Venue