

A Study on the Impact of Sankara Eye Foundation's “Gift of Vision” Program

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Introduction:

India has a significant burden of blindness, with cataracts being a leading cause. Sankara Eye Foundation's “Gift of Vision” Program addresses this issue by providing free cataract surgeries to underprivileged communities. This dissertation aims to analyze the program's impact on various aspects of patients' lives.

Research Question:

What are social and economic Impact of Sankara Eye Foundation's “Gift of Vision” Program??

Objectives:

- To document the purpose and objectives of Sankara Eye Foundation's “Gift of Vision” Program
- To assess socio-economic profile of the patients who are undergone non-paying cataract surgery
- To assess how the programme has helped the patient socially.
- To assess what are the economic benefit of the programme to the patient.
- To document few cases to highlight the contribution of the programme in changing the lives of the patients.

Study Design:

A Observational Cross-Sectional Study will be conducted for the patients who undergone cataract surgery through the Gift of Vision Program.

Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients undergone cataract surgery through the “Gift of Vision” Program in Coimbatore.
- Willing to provide informed consent and participate in follow-up assessments.

Exclusion Criteria:

- Patients who are unfit for surgery (general and eye-wise) and discharge without surgery.
- Patients who are unwilling to participate in follow-up assessments.

Study Tools:

- Structured questionnaires to assess the social and economic Impact of “Gift Of Vision” Programme.

Sample Size: 100

Sampling Technique: Random Sampling.

Data Collection Method: Primary data will be collected through observation or through interviewing interview by structured questionnaire and secondary data will be collected through the Sankara Eye Foundation’s MIS.

Operational Definitions:

- **Cataract surgery:** Surgical removal of the opaque lens of the eye.
- **Visual acuity:** Measured sharpness or clarity of vision.
- **Socioeconomic status:** A composite measure of income, education, and occupation.

Data Analysis: Microsoft Excel

Ethical Considerations:

- Informed consent will be obtained from all participants.
- Confidentiality and anonymity of participant data will be ensured.

Implications of Research: Findings will contribute to understanding the impact of cataract surgery programs like “Gift of Vision” on the patients day to day life and access to livelihood opportunities. This information can guide policy decisions, resource allocation, and program improvement for vision restoration initiatives.