

FCRA Partner - Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital
Project Prakash Proposed Budget
(April 2021 to March 2022)

Undertaking of FCRA partner 'Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital', Project Prakash (<https://www.projectprakash.org/>) an organization based in Delhi is internationally known for having pioneered cataract surgeries in children born with congenital cataracts, essentially providing sight to an otherwise blind child. They conduct camps where children are screened for vision, identify potential candidates for surgery and provide free eyeglasses where necessary. In 2017, Yale chapter of Asha for Education, donated funds to Project Prakash to, amongst other things, perform five surgeries and distribute 100 pairs of eyeglasses. After surgery the children are taught life skills and are then mainstreamed in government schools.

Mrs. Preeti Monga, who is blind, oversees a center in Delhi called Silver Linings (<https://silver-linings.org/>). Silver Linings works towards inclusive education for blind children, empowerment of blind girls / women, facilitates the reduction of preventable blindness, inclusion of people with disability into mainstream, and has a hostel for sight impaired girls. Each child has his/her own Individualized Education Plan. There is also education for parents for early intervention for detecting vision impairment of children. Currently 6 of the Project Prakash girls are part of Silver Linings.

During recent discussions with Asha volunteers, the project partners expressed their aspirations for the future. In spite of the previous screening due to pandemic no surgery was done. They are planning for distributing eyeglasses, support girls in residential schools, and if situation gets better, hold surgeries.

Details of the Proposal:

Project Prakash	Unit cost (INR)	No. of Children	Proposed total (INR)
1. Eye Glasses	700	250	175000
2. Residential school (food, lodging, school supplies)	10000 + 1000 + 900 (per year, per child) = 11900	3	35700
3. Possible surgery	70000	1	70000
	Total		2,80,700