

Profile of Vijay K Sarvepally
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Vijay K Sarvepally has Six years of progressive experience in strategic program development, management, coordination and advocacy towards elimination of avoidable blindness programmes. His experience includes working effectively in close collaboration with State Government, INGOs and Corporate bodies & other agencies, as well as setting up organizations from the ground up. He is a graduate of BITS, Pilani holds graduate degree in Optometry and Vision Science. He started his career as Clinical Optometrist at L V Prasad Eye Institute and Pursued a Research Fellowship at University of Bradford UK in Electrophysiology of Vision. He has been actively involved in teaching graduate and Post graduate Optometry & Ophthalmology Students.

For the past Six years, Vijay K Sarvepally has been working with Pushpagiri Eye Institute, a NABH Accredited Super Speciality Eye Hospital and Post Graduate Institute of Ophthalmology as Head of Academics (Optometry & Vision Sciences) and Director for Community Eye Care Services and Research Projects. Pushpagiri Eye Institute, is a Not for Profit organisation established in the year 2007 with a motive of providing affordable eye care services to all with equity. Pushpagiri Eye Institute, a member of VISION 2020 The Right to Sight India, is committed to elimination of avoidable blindness. In the current position as Director of Community Eye Care Services, he is responsible for strategic direction and oversight of all Community Eye Care programme activities Conducted by the Pushpagiri Eye Institute in both state of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana. His Current work includes implementing Vision centre Based Community Eye Health programme a proven model of comprehensive engagement for community and services which results in actual elimination of avoidable blindness on a sustainable basis within the Project area currently being implemented at Urban slums of Hyderabad.

He has been involved in many prestigious Public Health Research Projects conducted by Pushpagiri Eye Institute in Collaboration Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), International Centre for Eye Health (ICEH) London, and London School of Hygiene & Topical Medicine.

Past Research Activities

- Worked as the Principal Coordinator for “Multi-centric Collaborative study on the impact of environmental changes and Ultra Violet Radiation (UVR) exposure on ocular health in India”- 2013 in Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh in Collaboration with ICMR, PHFI.
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Current On-going Projects

- Vision Centre Based Community Eye Health Programme (VCBCEHP) in Hyderabad supported by Operation Eye Sight Universal – 2016, a model designed to eliminate the avoidable blindness from the Urban Slums.
- Hospital Based Community Eye Health Programme (HBCEHP) conducted at Hafiz Baba Nagar, Old City Hyderabad with Technical Support of Operation Eye Sight Universal (OEU) and funded by Sahayata Trust. 2014 – 2019.
- The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust Funded Preventing Diabetic Blindness in India Project Conducted at Vizianagaram District Andhra Pradesh -2015 – 2020
- Preventing Blindness due to Type – 1 Diabetes Mellitus in Hyderabad in Collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH) Hyderabad Funded by The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust 2015 – 2017.
- Evaluation of the Effectiveness of a novel mobile phone health education intervention on spectacle wear among children; a cluster randomised trial in India in collaboration with International centre for Eye Health (ICEH, London) London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine , Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH) PHFI funded by USAID.
- Sight for Kids programme for eliminating avoidable blindness among Government School Children of Telangana. Since past 11 years.

Research Paper Presentation

- Poster Presentation on Patterns of Case Referrals to Tertiary Care Centre from a Government School Screening Programme at 72nd Annual Conference of All India Ophthalmological Society & IJO Diamond Jubilee – February 2014, Agra UP
- Presented Paper on “ Plateau Iris in Primary Angle Closure glaucoma : an ultrasound bio microscopy study” at Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress (APOA – AIOS) January 2013 , Hyderabad