

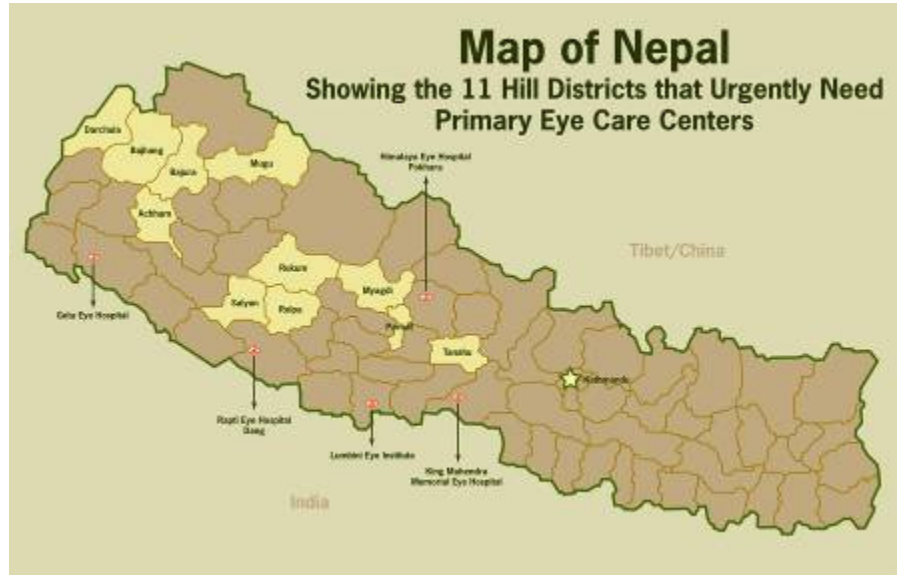


Urgent Need for 11 Primary Eye Care Centers in the Hill Districts of Western Nepal

Tens of thousands of Nepalis have no access to even the most basic eye care. Patients with any sort of eye trouble must travel hundreds of kilometers over mountainous terrain to reach help.

Seva is trying to change that. We are seeking funding and equipment to establish 11 Primary Eye Care Centers in the hill districts of Nepal. PECCs are essential for early detection and prevention of blindness. The centers are staffed by an ophthalmic assistant and a paramedic, and equipped with essential equipment for examining eyes and making glasses.

About 90% of eye problems can be dealt with at a Primary Eye Care Center, and those patients who need further care, such as cataract surgery, can be referred to the nearest hospital.



| BUDGET TO ESTABLISH & RUN ONE PRIMARY EYE CARE CENTER FOR ONE YEAR | |
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| Ophthalmic assistant training | \$3,350 |
| Optical assistant training | \$475 |
| Monitoring and Evaluation (annual cost) | \$700 |
| Year 1 Running costs (rent, salaries, supplies etc.) | \$7,800 |
| Equipment, instruments & funding for optical shop & pharmacy | \$10,000 |
| Program implementation | \$3,800 |
| TOTAL | \$26,125 |
| SUSTAINABILITY PLAN | |
| Each year a portion of the costs, such as salaries and rent, will be covered through affordable patient fees and the sale of low cost glasses, making the centers more sustainable. | |



For more information on how you can help Seva restore sight and prevent blindness in Nepal please contact:
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