



# Restore Sight and Prevent Blindness in Nepal

*Seva Canada has been restoring sight and preventing blindness in the developing world since 1982. Our vision is of a world in which no one is needlessly blind.*

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## BACKGROUND

Seva Canada is seeking funding to purchase a new for Geta Eye Hospital in Dhangarhi, Nepal. The bus will transport surgical eye care teams to remote regions of western Nepal to conduct 10-12 surgical eye camps and 20-30 eye screening camps annually. The bus will also be used to transport patients to and from Geta Eye Hospital.

## THE NEED

The western hill districts of Nepal comprise one of the poorest and most inaccessible regions of the world and have a high rate of preventable and treatable blindness. Restoring a person's sight is one of the most cost-effective ways of reducing poverty according to the World Health Organization. Geta Eye Hospital, located in Dhangarhi in the SW corner of the country, provides eye care to this part of Nepal but relies on an old blue bus to both send the medical teams into the hills and bring patients to the hospital. This current bus is over 10 years old and is constantly breaking down and must be replaced. Seva is seeking support to provide a new Indian-made, 25-passenger Tata bus for the hospital at a cost of \$17,300. Generous donors have provided \$11,720 so far.



## SEVA'S HISTORY OF SUCCESS

Seva Canada has been providing eye care in Nepal since 1982 and has helped create one of the most comprehensive eye care programs in the world, through partnerships with the Government of Nepal, the



World Health Organization and other international organizations. "Seva has worked to make Nepal fully sustainable in eye care. I cannot imagine the present sight restoration program in Nepal without Seva." — Dr. S.P. Dhital, Founding Director, Lumbini Eye Hospital

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