

Sharing Sight through Transplantation

**Eye Bank Association of
America
and
Participating Eye Banks**

Sharing Sight Project

- **10 Million individuals globally who are blind due to corneal disease and injury**
- **Over 300,000 children with treatable corneal blindness in project countries**
- **More than 200,000 adult caregivers of children in project who have corneal blindness which is correctable**

Sharing Sight Project

- **Limitation to treatment is donor tissue availability**
- **Facilities and staff exist to provide the transplants if tissue becomes available**

Share Sight Project

- Bangladesh, Guatemala, South Africa
- 9 months
 - **20 transplants in Bangladesh**
 - **40 transplants in Guatemala**
 - **40 transplants in South Africa**
- 18 months (second 9 months)
 - **40 transplants in Bangladesh**
 - **60 transplants in Guatemala**
 - **60 transplants in South Africa**

Expectations

- **86% to 90% success rate**
- **Project can be ramped up and implemented worldwide based on pilot outcomes**
- **Outcomes will be measured at 3 and six months post transplant**

Expectations

- **Hundreds of thousands could ultimately benefit**
- **Awareness will increase for donation and eye bank programs can be developed or increased in underserved areas of the world.**

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- **Sight is vital in under developed countries for:**
 - **Development**
 - **Learning**
 - **Socialization**
 - **Survival (especially in children)**

- **Begin the Sharing.....**

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- **Sharing Sight through Transplantation**
 - **New initiative**
 - **Global application**
 - **Build on local services**
 - **Positive change for children's lives**
 - **Personal impact and community outreach**
 - **Budget sensitive with economic benefit**

