Providing Comprehensive Children’s Eye Care Services to a Million Population in Krishna District (Andhra Pradesh), India (supported by United States Agency for International Development - USAID)

The aim of this project is to:

- Develop and evaluate a model of service delivery to identify children at risk of or with vision loss through community-based screening
- Provide treatment to those with Visual Impairment (VI), Low Vision or Blindness
- Increase awareness for children’s eye health and build capacity of all stakeholders

The outcome of this project will be - strengthening of the referral system to ensure effective service delivery. The project will cover the one million population in selected areas in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh (AP), India where LVPEI has its existing Vision Centres (VC) - connected to LVPEI’s Tertiary Eye Care Centres/Hospitals in that district. Prevention of vision loss through awareness campaigns and screening will be part of the project. Around 250,000 children will be provided with vision screening services.

USAID is the supporting agency and LVPEI is the implementing agency for this project.

Objectives of this project:

- To enhance the screening capacity of Vision Centres and Tertiary Centres and to conduct eye screening for all the children in the service area
• Facilitate necessary interventions for all children identified with eye problems including low vision and rehabilitation services at all levels of eye care
• To create awareness among children, parents and teachers to improve the uptake and to integrate the children eye care services into the existing referral pathway of eye care service delivery.