

Eye Care Camp

A Report...

Date – February 7th, 2020

Time – 10.00A.M -4.00p.m

Venue – JJ Cluster Meera Bagh

Eye camp no-44 /FY19-20

Meera Bagh Slum, Delhi West : A free eye check-up camp was organized by Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation at Nipun Ngo in JJ cluster Meera Bagh on February 7th, 2020. CSR team from Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation along with Dr Manoj Dubey examined around 217 patients while 12 were referred for eye surgery. The aim was to provide the slum dwellers with better eye care so they can dream with open eyes and be clear about the future they want to create for themselves.



As a part of our free eye healthcare initiative, 217 people received free eye care check at the camp site. They were tested for farsightedness as well as short-sightedness, with an aim to provide when with the spectacles at the camp site only. Free medicines were also distributed to all of them who were



prescribed by the doctor. Free lenses and spectacles were also given to the patients. "Such initiatives are helpful for poor people like me who cannot afford expensive procedures and medicines. The doctors at the camp assured me of a free surgery after which I will be able to see properly," said Pushpa Mishra (73), a patient. After the eye checkup, camp people were joyous. They were happy when the doctor put on different lenses in their glass and asked them to read out alphabets. It was fun for them. Patients selected for cataract surgery, if willing for surgery will be operated free on 19th February 2020 at Lions Eye hospital. Expense for the IOL surgery along with medicine, Fooding and follow up will be

beared by Oxigen CSR. Those community members, who required an eye surgery, were counseled and counselors provided detailed information and health education to the participant to motivate them to get the surgery.

"The health challenges of people living in urban slum communities are quite different from those who live in rural areas. Through these camps in the identified urban slums, we are not only trying to build a rapport with the community but also getting to identify and appreciate the health challenges in terms of both accesses to services as well as information. We hope that this will help us devise appropriate strategies with community involvement to tackle their issues" Programme Head, Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation.



A total of 220 members of the community attended the free camp and availed various services. Children, women and elderly came to the camp and availed the benefits of the camp within the slum. Our project team was engaged in community mobilization, campaigning and logistic arrangements for the eye camp. Local support was extended by the NIPUN NGO and we are thankful to everyone who helped us in making this camp a success.

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