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.
• Sight is vital in under developed countries for:
  – Development
  – Learning
  – Socialization
  – Survival (especially in children)
• Begin the Sharing......

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  – New initiative
  – Global application
  – Build on local services
  – Positive change for children's lives
  – Personal impact and community outreach
  – Budget sensitive with economic benefit