Non-State partnership in accelerating actions to achieve Universal Health Coverage through implementing 2030 INSIGHT and Integrated People-Centred Eye Care

Vision impairment is a major public health problem now and set to grow. Globally, at least 2.2 billion people have a near or distance vision impairment. In almost half these cases, vision impairment could have been prevented or has yet to be addressed. The number of people with blindness and vision impairment is estimated to increase to 1.8 billion by the year 2050.

According to WHO World report on vision: Integrated People-centred Eye Care (IPEC) provides a continuum of health interventions that address the full spectrum of eye conditions, according to people’s needs and throughout their life course."

The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness is an overarching alliance for the global eye health sector, with more than 150 organisations in over 100 countries working together for a world where everyone has universal access to eye care. IAPB believes in a world in which no one is needlessly visually impaired, where everyone has access to the best possible standard of eye health; and where those with irreparable vision loss achieve their full potential. The key priorities of IAPB are global advocacy, connecting knowledge, leading global campaigns on eye health like the ‘Love your eyes’ campaign, and strengthening network with the eye health sector.

The VISION 2020 THE RIGHT TO SIGHT was a successful example of last two decades in eye health - as a partnership with WHO, its member state and IAPB and its members as non-state actor on eye health.

For further continuation of its partnership, IAPB has come up with its three-pillar sectoral strategy- 2030 In Sight- ELEVATE, INTEGRATE and ACTIVATE. This strategy is well aligned with achieving the two eye health targets set by 74 World Health Assembly (viz, 40%-point increase in effective coverage of refractive error correction and 30%-point increase in effective coverage of cataract surgery by 2030), adopting IPEC and UNGA resolution on vision in 2022.

**Elevate**- embed vision as fundamental, economic, social and development issues. It is important to establish the understanding that eye health has direct impact on wider social and economic issues, to unlock the commitment and financing that is needed to achieve the ambition of 2030 In Sight.

**Integrate**-incorporate eye health into mainstream health system. A holistic, integrated approach is needed where eye care is treated as an essential element within wider health care services and is universally available to everyone. This pillar is basically focused on implementation of IPEC.

**Activate** strategy is focused to make eye health care into universal appreciation so that consumers are conversant with appropriate eye health seeking behaviours, generating demand and supplier side are aware enough about its importance and making it accessible and affordable to them.

IAPB and its members across 100 countries globally are committed to extend our partnership in achieving WHA endorsed UHC eye health targets by 2030, by implementing its sectoral strategy 2030 INSIGHT.

Thank you,