


iksha foundation



Supporting Children with Eye Cancer

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Iksha and Retinoblastoma

Every passing year, Iksha's determination to support children with Retinoblastoma from underprivileged families grows stronger. In 2018-19 year, we began support for 66 children with Retinoblastoma from all over India. We celebrate 14 *Cancer Survivors* (children older than 8 years and have not had an active tumour for 4-5 years). We constantly strive to increase the number of children declared *Survivors*.

2018-2019 at a glance

As on 31 March 2019, Iksha had supported the treatment of 155 children with Retinoblastoma.

- Iksha supported the treatment 119 children, 66 of who are new.
- Financial aid was provided to 7 of these children for their education in mainstream schools.
- Began work with two new eye hospitals;
 - 1) Horus eye clinic - Bangalore
 - 2) Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkling Little Eyes - Mumbai
- Participated in sporting events to raise funds and create awareness: Tour of Nilgiris, TCS 10K and the Hyderabad Marathon.
- Iksha worked with the media (print and online) to spread awareness on Retinoblastoma this year

Message from Trustee

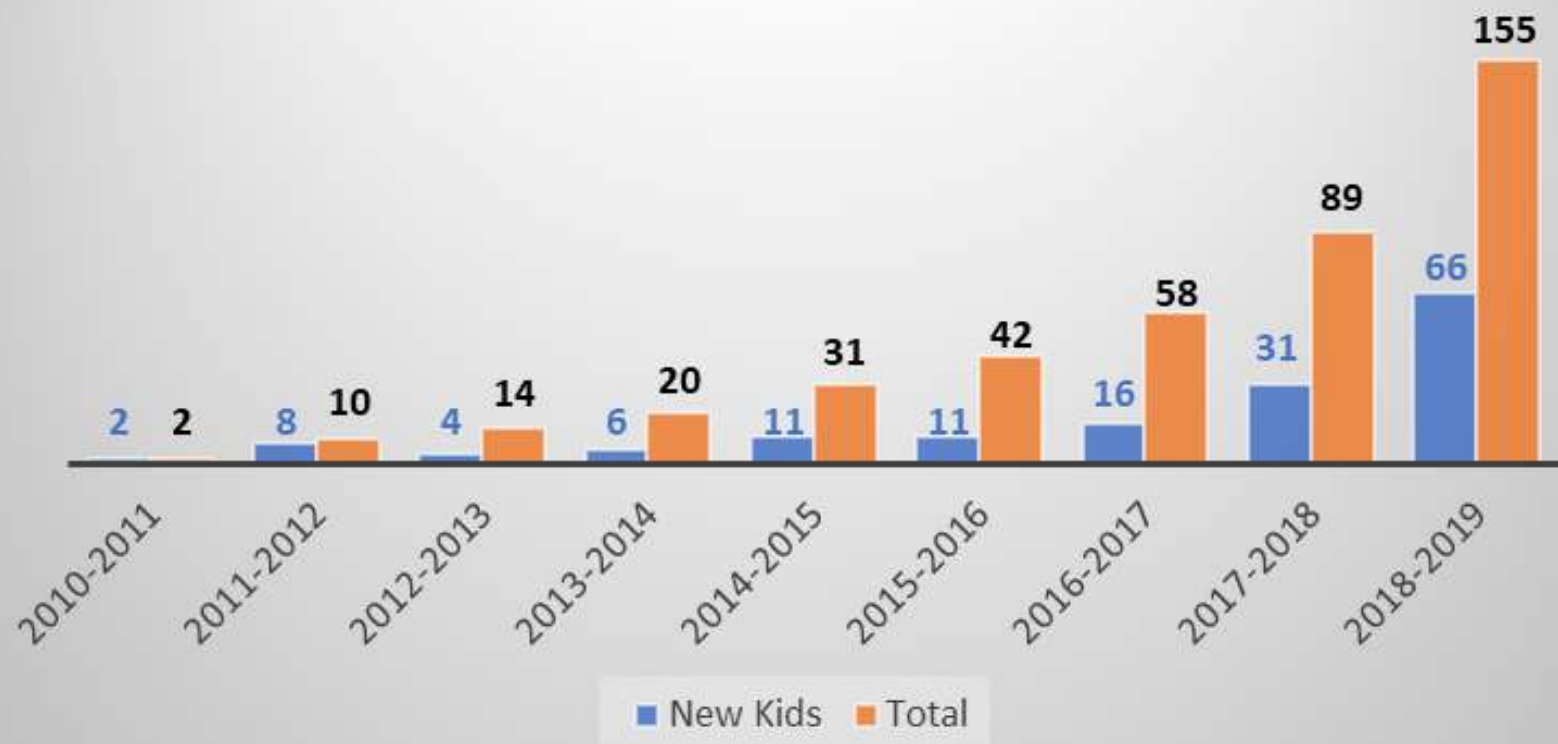
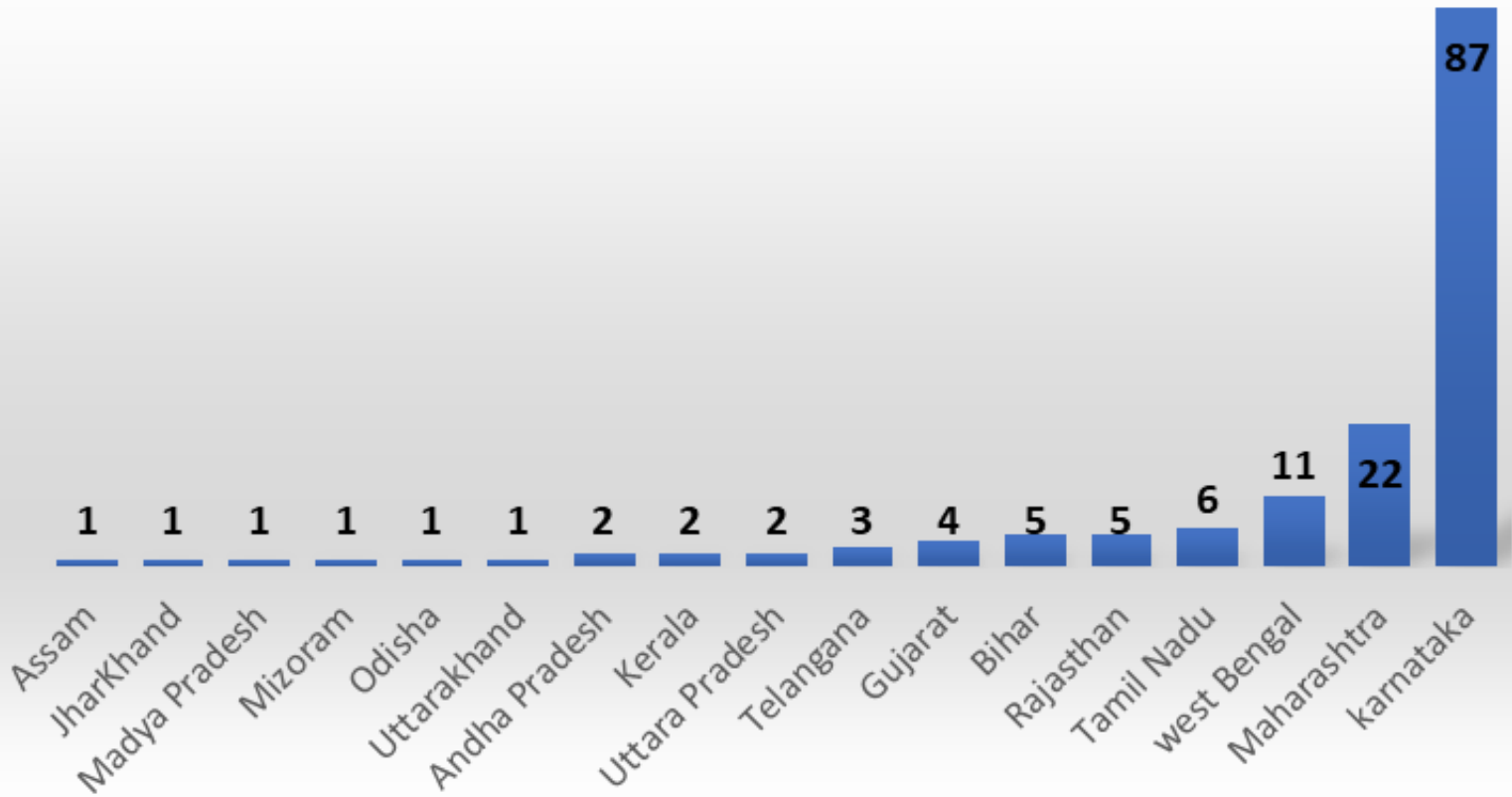
It has been a great year for Iksha Foundation in terms of the support we received and a number of families we have been able to touch. We are so thankful to each and every one of you – every rupee counted!

When Iksha began in 2010 we just wanted to make a difference in the lives of the 2 children and their families. As we approach 10 years of existence, we have supported the treatment of 155 children, 119 of who are still being actively treated. Our work is cut out for us and the pressure is on. We believe that there is a lot of goodness out there that will help us sustain the work we do. Please spread the word!

So we will end our note with a twist on a Dr. Suess quote, “a rupee is a rupee no matter how small!”

Our reach...

In 9 years, Iksha Foundation has supported 155 children from 17 states through the 8 hospitals we work with.



Meet Iksha Kids

Parveez is a 3-year-old boy from West Bengal. His parents noticed a white reflex in his right eye when he was 2 years old. They consulted an Ophthalmologist and MRI and scan were done. He was diagnosed with unilateral Retinoblastoma. He has been through 6 cycles of chemotherapy, his right eye has been enucleated in March 2019 and recovering well.



Arush



Karthik



Bhruvi



Harshal



Shlok



Parth Pandhare is the son of construction workers from Maharashtra and is about a year and a half old. His parents noticed a glow in his right eye right from the time he was born. The doctor they consulted did not diagnose it correctly. They then consulted another doctor who suspected it may be Retinoblastoma and referred them to an eye hospital. He was sent to CFS Hyderabad for further tests where he was diagnosed with bilateral Retinoblastoma.

His right eye has been enucleated, he has received 6 cycles of chemo and laser treatment to his left eye. There is a high chance of saving the vision in his left eye.

Rehan's parents noticed a glow in the child's left eye. They consulted an ophthalmologist in Bijapur who referred them to Narayana Nethralaya where after the initial tests he was diagnosed with unilateral Retinoblastoma. His left eye has been enucleated and he has undergone 6 cycles of chemo. He is currently recovering well.



Awareness

Sports and Iksha!

Tour of Nilgiris

In December 2018, the 12th edition of Tour of Nilgiris was held. Thanmaya, our trustee, cycled on the tour in support of Iksha Foundation, raising awareness and funds for treatment of Retinoblastoma. The tour is an 850 km cycle ride across the Nilgiri hills, starting from Mysuru and going through Hassan, Madikeri, Sulthan Bathery, Ooty, Kalpetta and ending in Mysuru.



Picture Courtesy Tour of Nilgiris 2018



Two of our trustees, Ramya and Aravind took part in the TCS 10k run in May 2018.

Dr. Kaustubh Mulay, Pathologist, CFS took part in Hyderabad Marathon to spread awareness on Retinoblastoma and raise funds.



Iksha conducted a media campaign during Retinoblastoma Week 2018 to spread awareness on Retinoblastoma. It was covered in Local, National and Online Editions.

Do visit our website to know more and help spread awareness

Iksha-RB-Media

Our supporting system

Their support to Iksha Foundation continues, we are thankful!

RBL Bank for Iksha

The continued support from RBL Bank since 2014 has touched and changed the lives of 49 families. This year RBL Bank supported the treatment of 11 children with Retinoblastoma. We take this opportunity to thank RBL on behalf of all these families.



Bajaj Finserv for Iksha



Bajaj Finserv supported the treatment of 29 children since October 2017. This helped us immensely to support many more children this year. We thank Bajaj Finserv for their support on behalf of all these families.

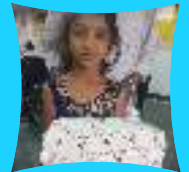
Shangri-La for Iksha

14 Iksha children in awe of a 420kg tri-colored cake were the special guests at the 72nd Independence Day function at Shangri-La hotel. The cake sale is a fundraiser by Shangri-La for Iksha Foundation. Guests included Dr. Bhujang Shetty, Radhika Chethan, Shangri-La patrons and donors.



Stonehill PTA for Iksha

Stonehill PTA most definitely brought one of the happiest moments of Iksha kids back again with handpicked gifts along with sharing a part of funds raised from the gala night.



Belly Box for Iksha

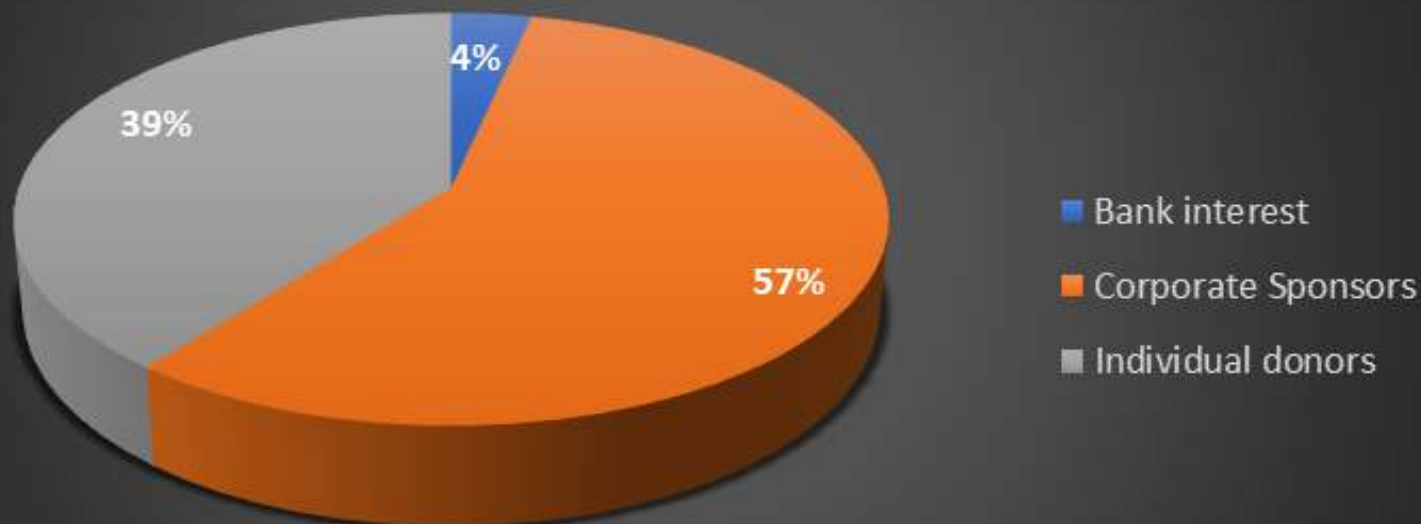
5 years in a row! Proceeds from the February edition of the Belly Box was donated to Iksha.



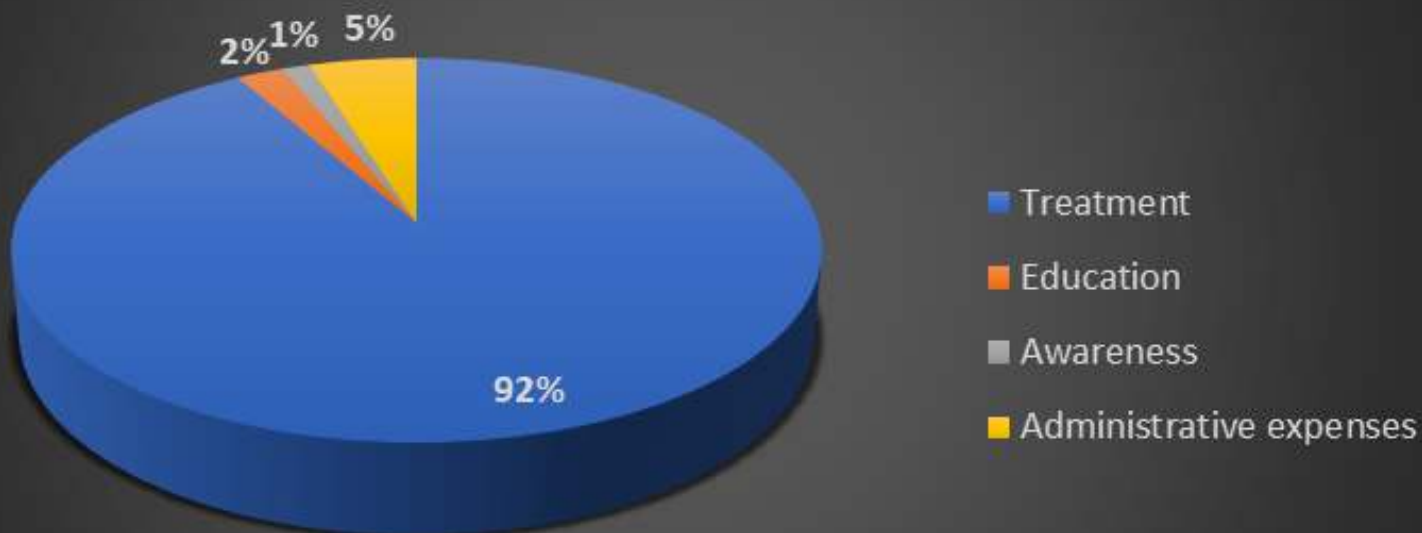
Money Management

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Source of funds



Expenditure



In pipeline

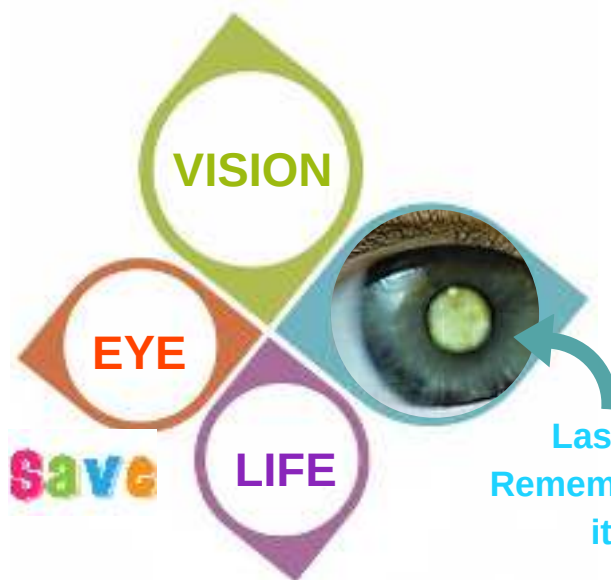
In the year 2018-19, we supported the treatment of 119 children and the average treatment cost per child was Rs 92,000 (average treatment cost of a new child for the first one year was 1.55 Lakhs). We have turned down requests from parents because we did not have the funds to support their children. This year our focus will be on fundraising – to sustain the ongoing treatment of the 155 children and possibly to support more.

A shout out to the kids and the families going through the hard times but trying their best to stay positive.

Giving is not just about making a donation.
It is about making a difference.

We thank each and every donor for their generosity.

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Last but not least
Remember: If it is white ,
it is not right