

# CHARLOTTE HALL ROTARY GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS HELP DISABLED AND SIGHT-IMPAIRED PATIENTS IN INDIA

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I just returned from India where we inaugurated two Rotary Global Grants and completed one Rotary

Major Grant. The Major Grant helped out 175 disabled people. We distributed wheelchairs, hand-driven tricycles, artificial limbs and prostheses.

One Global Grant was initiated by a blind president for providing free eye check-ups and helping out patients with cataracts and glaucoma by a mobile van fully equipped with check-ups for eyes, blood pressure and blood sugar. The van will go to villages three times a month and have camps.

At the first day camp we saw approximately 100 patients and detected 20 cataract surgeries that will be scheduled at Sharda Mandir Hospital built by a religious trust,

The second Global Grant was in Mumbai for 100 cornea transplants. On the first two days the District Governor, DGE and Assistant Governors were present. We saw 278 patients and 13 needed cornea transplants. This project will have more camps later.

My two other Global Grants are approved and funding was just sent to Nigeria for 1800 cataract surgeries. A toilet project in Nepal was approved recently.

