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# Welcome

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**W**elcome to the Summer edition of 'Sightsavers News' which focuses on women and blindness. As gender is the theme of this year's World Sight Day on Thursday 8 October, we are taking the opportunity to explore the reasons why women are more likely to be affected by eye conditions such as trachoma and cataract, and why they are often last in line for eye care services.

We also look at some of the inspirational work Sightsavers is involved in to address them. Our cover story highlights the work of our partner, the Sierra Leone Association for the Blind (SLAB), which gives people who are blind access to microfinancing which empowers them to work for themselves and become financially independent. In our current financial climate it is heartening to see such a successful model of lending in action.

Because of the vital roles that women play as nurturers, carers and educators in their communities, addressing these issues has an enormous impact not just on the woman and her family, but also on the wider community. We're making real progress, which would not be possible without your continued support.

Thank you once again for supporting Sightsavers' work. Every three seconds our partners prevent someone from going blind or restore someone's sight. Together we can continue to make a huge difference in the world.

Enjoy the Summer

**John Fleming, Chief Executive**

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### About Sightsavers

Sightsavers is the country's leading charity combating blindness in the developing world. Sightsavers' vision is of a world where no-one is needlessly blind and where visually impaired people have the opportunity to participate equally in society.

We work with partner organisations in the poorest and least-served communities to help establish and support permanent activities that prevent and cure blindness, restore sight and provide help for people who will never see.

### Donation hotline

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Front cover: Emma Parker, Director of Sightsavers' partner the Sierra Leone Association for the Blind. Picture by Peter Di Campo/Sightsavers

Emma Parker is a strong advocate of women's rights

# A chance to shine

**A system of lending in Sierra Leone is helping blind and visually impaired women spread their wings and become financially, as well as emotionally, independent**

**Emma Parker** is the Director of an organisation called SLAB (Sierra Leone Association for the Blind). SLAB, a Sightsavers' partner, advocates for the rights of people who are blind or visually impaired. Emma, who herself went blind at the age of four after having measles, explains how blind and visually impaired women face double discrimination among family and community members: "firstly women can feel inferior to men when they do not have the opportunity to further their education and achieve gainful employment," she says. "Secondly they can feel discrimination

for being visually impaired."

One of the many ways SLAB seeks to address this is by encouraging its female clients to learn a trade such as baking, tie-dying, soap making and sewing, and start their own small businesses. However, this generally requires a loan. Microfinance, a system of lending money that targets people who wouldn't usually qualify in the traditional banking system, has been part of SLAB's remit since 2007.

There are many different models of microfinance – most of them characterised by a lack of collateral and relying instead upon the trust of the

group of people borrowing. People who qualify for microfinance via SLAB have to apply in groups of six (three blind clients and three sighted supporters, usually family members). They should not only know what trade they want to engage in, but also know each other well. They are each given Le300,000 (currently the equivalent of €73) for a period of 6 months. If anyone defaults on repaying, the entire group will not receive a second loan. The initial loan is interest-free, the second round comes with an interest rate of 10 per cent.

The scheme is run by an organisation called Agricultural Rural Development (ARD), which trains SLAB's fieldworkers in how to identify people who qualify to borrow in this way.

*Please read on* □



**Musu Konneh** is in her thirties, and has been a member of SLAB since 2005. She lives with her husband and eight-year-old daughter in Nyandeyama Village, in the Kenema District of Sierra Leone. She lost her sight in 1997, during the civil war, and believes this was the result of shrapnel.

"I used to sell food in the market before the war," says Musu. "I felt so frustrated about not being able to see. People started discriminating against me. I became very reserved and stopped going to the market to sell. I was identified by a survey in my community, and was offered mobility, orientation and daily living skills training. After this my confidence started to grow. I was able to cook for my family and even go down to the stream by myself to fetch water.

When I learnt about the microfinance



**Musu has experienced a surge in confidence since taking part in the microfinance scheme**

Peter Di Campo/Sightsavers (4)

# 'With the income I make from I take care of my children,



scheme I decided to apply for a loan and trade from my house, on a tabletop stall. My husband Foray is my sighted supporter. My first loan was for Le300,000, and I spent it on palm oil and other small items like biscuits and sweets to sell. Using the profit from the first loan, I expanded my business. I got a second loan of Le 480,000 and also paid that off in six months.

I can sell by myself, but my daughter sometimes helps me with the change. I have been trained to differentiate between the money but I still have difficulty with paper notes. I tell the

difference between the things I sell, like milk, sardines and batteries, by feeling them.

People used to tease my daughter Musu in school saying 'your mummy is blind'. Now she says they don't do it anymore because they see I can take care of myself. I am not a burden to anyone."

65-year-old **Seibhatu** is another person to have benefitted from a loan through SLAB. She lives in Jomborhun Village with four of her seven children. She had to give up work as a rice farmer when



## SIERRA LEONE FACT FILE

<b>Population</b>	5,802,000	(IRELAND 4,040,185)
<b>Land area</b>	71,740 sq km	(IRELAND 70,270 sq km)
<b>Under 5 mortality</b>	282 per 1,000	(IRELAND 6 per 1,000)
<b>Life expectancy</b>	42 years	(IRELAND 77 years)

# pay school fees and buy food'



Seibhatu has benefited from a skills training programme

**Sam Tyre** is a SLAB field worker. His job is to identify blind and visually impaired people living in the western districts of Freetown. He is also responsible for carrying out training in daily living skills such as mobility and personal hygiene. He uses a motorbike to visit at least six clients a day.

"The best part of my job is seeing how quickly blind and visually impaired people make changes – in getting out of a desperate situation to one where

there is hope and a future," he says. He tells us the story of **Lovette**, one of his most inspiring clients. "From the time I explained the project to her, she kept on sending new blind people to see me! I was able to help reconcile her with her family who had abandoned her when she went blind." After her training, she borrowed money so she could sell rice. "Now Lovette can do things all by herself as she did before, and her family no longer see her as a financial burden."



Sam has helped Lovette and many others to improve their lives

she started losing her vision. "My family went to take care of the farm and left me at home alone. If I was a man my wife and children would continue to look after me.

In 2006, I took part in a skills training programme for the blind, run by an organisation called AFRICARE. I was trained in making tie dye fabric, weaving, and soap making. I had to walk four miles to get there and back, but it was worth it.

With the income I make from my weaving I take care of my children, pay their school fees and buy food. I even cook and do my own laundry."

# sightsavers Update

All the latest from around the world

## Africa without river blindness?

Approximately 140 million people in Africa are at risk from river blindness, a disease caused by the bite of the black simulium fly that breeds in fast flowing rivers. For a long time experts believed that river blindness could be successfully kept under control, but not totally eliminated, through taking a yearly dose of Mectizan®. However new evidence suggests that this method means it is possible to actually get rid of the disease for good and break its transmission, therefore reducing the need for continued treatment. Elimination will take time and effort, but if successful will result in the number of people blinded by the disease being dramatically reduced. Sightsavers, with our partners, will be taking up this challenge in the years ahead. Last year with our colleagues around the world, we supported the training of 20,137 community volunteers to distribute the drug, and over 22 million people were protected against the disease.

Adrian Arbib / Sightsavers



**Above Mectizan® is donated by pharmaceutical company Merck & Co., Inc.**

## Sunday Schools raise €10,000 for Sightsavers

Rathfarnham Parish Church, Co. Dublin on 22 May saw the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Sunday School movement in Ireland. As part of the anniversary €10,000 was raised by the children of the parishes in Dublin and North Wicklow and was presented to Sightsavers on the night. The audience was entertained by the Steadfast Brass Band and by children's performances of song, dance and poetry from the parishes in the Diocese. Speaking at the event John Fleming of Sightsavers thanked everyone, especially Rev. Ann Taylor of Rathfarnham parish for organising the activities that raised such a fantastic amount for Sightsavers.



**From left: Rev Ann Taylor, one of the participating Sunday School children, Most Reverend John Neill, Archbishop of Dublin.**



Roddy Doyle leads the Irish Big Read

## The Big Read

One in five people cannot read this! Author Roddy Doyle joined a group of Irish children and millions of other campaigners from around the world to take part in The Big Read on 22 April. The life-changing Big Read book is made up of short stories from some of the world's most influential figures including Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu. The book tells remarkable stories about how education can change the world as we know it. Sightsavers International is proud to hold the Vice-Chair of the Irish Coalition for the Global Campaign for Education and to be part of The Big Read. Imagine that there are over 774 million adults in the world who cannot read or write. Without literacy people are trapped in a cycle of poverty and powerlessness – The Big Read is about the fact that everyone should have the chance to be literate. You can still sign up to The Big Read and view the book at [www.campaignforeducation.ie](http://www.campaignforeducation.ie)

## Disability & International Development Week

The second annual Dochas Disability & International Development Week focused on the key issue of Disability & Learning. The week involved a launch seminar and photo exhibition at the Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre, and seminars in Enniskillen and Belfast. While there are many millions of people missing out on the chance to learn, people with disabilities miss out more than any other group. The global literacy rate for adults with disabilities is only 3 per cent, and a shocking 1 per cent for women with disabilities (UNDP). The week looked at how access to formal and informal education, as well as livelihoods and skills training ensures that many people with disabilities in the developing world are excluded from earning a living and building their own future. The launch event finished with a bang...or two...as those taking part were treating to a rousing drumming performance by Burundian drumming group, INGOMA.

# Poems to save sight



**Tom Kearney**  
a native of  
**Co. Tipperary**  
has compiled  
a beautiful

**little book of his work.** All proceeds from the sales of the book are being donated to Sightsavers. Tom was inspired to support Sightsavers when his granddaughter, Grace was born with a severe visual impairment. This in turn prompted his desire to help the blind and visually impaired people in Africa. If you would like to purchase one of these special books, please visit, [www.tomkearney.net](http://www.tomkearney.net)

Tom has already raised an amazing €2,348 for Sightsavers from sales of the book.

**'That I may see'**  
by Tom Kearney

Lord that I may see  
The beauty of Thy hand  
In all created things  
That I may hear  
The sweetness of Thy voice  
The whisper of Thy wings  
That I may know  
The fragrance of Thy love  
The blessed peace it brings  
That I may drink  
O Lord  
Of Thy eternal springs  
That I may feel  
The longings of Thy heart  
For I would hold Thee close  
And not depart

## Mary & Naomi Griffin Sale of work

A big thank you to mother and daughter team Mary and Naomi Griffin from Kilbrack in Cork who raised a fantastic €400 by organising a baby clothes stall at their local Christmas craft fair.



**Mary & Naomi Griffin on their Sightsavers stall**

## Corporate partnership with vision

An exciting new partnership has been developed between Sightsavers and glasses provider, Ireland's Eye based in Ennis, Co. Clare. Ireland's Eye provides prescription glasses to pharmacies and opticians around the country. For every pair of glasses that they sell they will donate 15 cent to Sightsavers, a significant contribution when you think 15 cent could protect three people against river blindness for an entire year. Owners Bill and Elaine Chillingworth said that they had initially hoped to raise €10,000 this year for Sightsavers but are now confident that they will exceed their target.

If you would like to buy a pair of glasses and support Sightsavers call Ireland's Eye on 065 6892288 or visit [www.irelands-eye.net](http://www.irelands-eye.net) to find a stockist near you.



**From left:**  
**Aimie Walsh, Will Toomey, Bill Chillingworth, Elaine Chillingworth, Barry Foley & Clare Eccles from Irelands Eye.**

# Community corner

**I am sure lots of you have been taking advantage of the fine summer weather we're enjoying on and off and getting in shape for the many upcoming marathons.**



Congratulations to all the women who recently took part in this year's Flora women's Marathon. Some of the ladies who battled the 10k run were Ellen Keogh from Wexford, Sile McHugh from Mayo, Mairead Clarke from Mayo, Regina Rogan from Mayo, Tracy Bracken from Dublin and Suzanne Carter from Dublin. Well done ladies!

However, you don't need to be an athlete to be a fundraiser, there are lots of things you could do. Why not turn something you enjoy into a fundraising event, you could organise a pub quiz, local parish raffle, sale of work, picnic, cake sale or simply a collection among family and friends. There are plenty of ways you can help.

### Upcoming events

London Triathlon 2009 - 1st August
Dingle Marathon 2009 - 12th September
Evening Echo Cork Women's Mini Marathon 2009 - 27th September
Limerick Leader Women's Mini Marathon 2009 - 4th October
The Dublin Marathon - 26th October
New York City marathon - 1st November

A special date for your diary - \* **World Sight Day 8th October**

Why not do something special to mark the occasion

If you would like to find out more about these events or other events please visit [mycharity.ie](http://mycharity.ie) or contact me on: **01 663 7333**.

### Thank you...

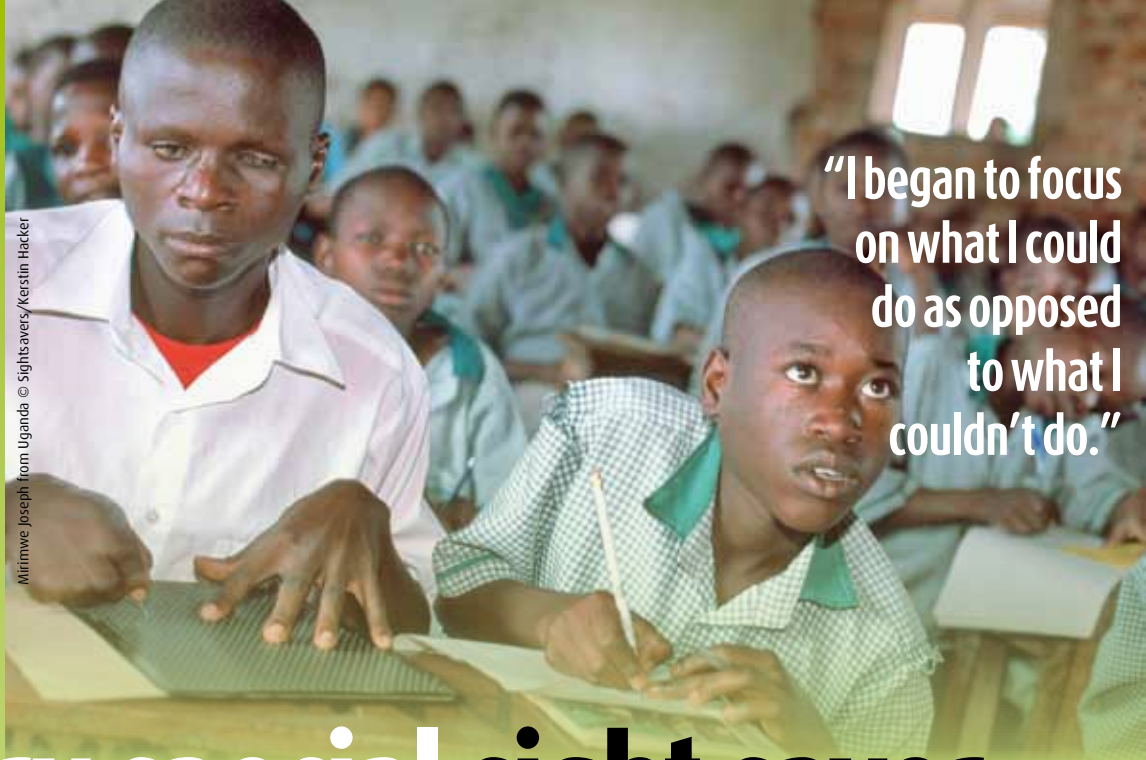
- The Dublin Bus pull took place in June for the 4th year running, what an amazing day out, the lads of Dublin Bus raised a staggering €3,000. They were led out by Christy Butler the main organiser of the event. Thanks Christy and everyone involved.
- Capricorn Bridge Club in Dublin 18 held a raffle in aid of Sightsavers and raised €645.
- Christy O'Toole who raised a fantastic €4,295 from his annual Christmas swim, thanks to Christy and everyone who braved the ice-cold waters on December 12 and all their supporters.
- Catherine Johnson from Limerick raised €260 by collecting loose change from her friends and family. Well done Catherine.
- Meabh, Luke and Honour Hennelly, together with their Friends Doireann, Pelin and Kate, had a cake sale for Sightsavers and raised €123 - Great fundraising work guys!
- The students in 2nd year of the Coláiste an Átha, Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford organised a number of events. All the students who took part were fantastic but special mention goes to Eoin Whelan and Stephen Byrne who organised most of the events. Their efforts were well rewarded and they presented Sightsavers with a cheque for €1000.90.

Hopefully these fantastic fundraisers will inspire you and give you some ideas on how to raise money and awareness for Sightsavers. If you are interested in organising an event or doing something for Sightsavers please do call me on the number above and I'll send you out a fundraising pack and support you any way I can.

*Wendy Bracken*



**Lynda Reynolds**  
tells her story



Mirimwe Joseph from Uganda © Sightsavers/Kerstin Hacker

**“I began to focus on what I could do as opposed to what I couldn’t do.”**

# One very special sight saver

**In August 2007 I decided to venture on a 5-week tour of South East Asia. Unfortunately early into the trip I caught a rare blood infection. I was rushed home in time to receive treatment and prevent further infection, however my left eye was permanently damaged and it was left without sight. In summer 2008 I was advised to have my left eye removed in order to alleviate the pain I was experiencing.**

Twenty months have passed since this whole chapter of my life began and I am glad to say that I have adapted to my loss of sight and am accepting this new version of myself. I have a prosthetic eye and a strong right eye, which I appreciate so much. I have since completed my Degree in Psychology, a Masters in Marketing and learnt how to drive.

Undoubtedly those first few months were difficult, as any change is. I felt alone. I searched for stories to relate to and information to derive support from.

Thankfully it was early on in my pursuit for reassurance that I encountered Sightsavers. I found the website and was taken aback by the stories that I read and images I saw. It was the exact source of inspiration I needed and I decided immediately to do anything I could to support Sightsavers’ great work.

I began to focus on what I could do as opposed to what I couldn’t do. I

realised I was in no way disabled, but in fact more able than I had been before to relate to the individuals that were so similar to myself, yet not as privileged and able to receive help as swiftly as I did. Upon reading statistics such as 9 out of 10 people who are blind are in the developing world and 75 per cent of blindness experienced there is preventable, I felt compelled to help in any way I could.

On my birthday in 2008 I made my first donation to Sightsavers by purchasing a Gift of Sight certificate. I was delighted and loved the idea of being a part of another person’s struggle and turning it into a positive outcome for them. Then in August 2008 I acknowledged the day I was lucky enough to receive treatment

for my infection and I made another donation. For my last birthday I had a party with friends and with their help we raised a sum of money for another donation. Staggeringly, our modest sum was able to pay for cataract treatment for a significant number of people who otherwise would not have been able to see their relatives anymore but now, people such as Henry Fon from Cameroon, can look into the eyes of their loved ones without feeling so helpless.

I do not mean to imply that without sight, there is no hope. Donations to Sightsavers also help people that have irreversible sight loss to lead happy, independent lives. Kids such as Mirimwe Joseph from Uganda (pictured above) attends school and has been given a chance of a future, thanks to Sightsavers. I feel so privileged to be able to see and enjoy all the colours, textures, faces and smiles that I had taken for granted. I have loved being able to track the stories across Sightsavers’ Newsletters and I am just overcome to see the donations personified within images of joyful people.

Ironically, it is only now since I have experienced partial vision loss that I see more clearly than I had previously in my life. Donations facilitate and enable individuals, just like us, to receive treatment and enable them to feel normal and part of a world without isolating darkness.



**Henry Fon with his granddaughter shortly after his cataract operation**

# Clear vision for women

## CATARACT

Surveys of Asian and African countries, where cataract is the biggest cause of blindness, have shown that women can account for up to 74 per cent of people living with cataract

In some countries cultural restraints affect women's access to eye services: for example where women cannot travel unless accompanied by a male family member, and the nearest screening camp or health centre can be a significant distance away.

Another issue for women is the cost of transport, and the treatment itself, as women often don't control the money in their families. They are also likely to have disproportionate childcare commitments that may prevent them from dedicating time to getting help.

A lack of access to information is another problem. In developing countries, female literacy can be very low and women are less likely to know about the possibility of treatment.

**Khairun Nesa**, 60, from Dhaka, Bangladesh was almost completely blind with cataract in both eyes. "I had

to ask people what was going on and how to get around," she said. She was diagnosed by community health workers in her area and referred to Islamia Eye Hospital for surgery.

She was overcome with excitement when her bandages came off. "I can now clearly see. Thank you everyone!" she said. "I have not had sight like this since my childhood, it's very clear".

€18 could pay for a cataract operation

"I can now clearly see. Thank you everyone!"

Khairun soon after her cataract surgery



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## TRACHOMA

Trachoma, a major cause of blindness in the poorest and most remote rural areas of Africa and South Asia, is much more common in women than in men

Up to 86 per cent of cases of trichiasis (inturned eyelashes which scratch the cornea – the stage of the disease that leads to blindness) are women.

Traditional gender roles upheld in many developing countries are one reason for this. Women and girls are often the main childcare providers, making them far more prone to being infected by trachoma carried by children, the main pool of infection in the community. Women are also more likely to look after animals, which can attract the flies that transmit the disease.

Additionally, husbands or male authority figures often have to give their permission for a woman to undergo trichiasis surgery.

**Sadiya Sale**

is from Sokoto State, one of the poorest areas of Nigeria. The

25-year-old didn't know that the painful scratching sensation she was experiencing was trichiasis. Sadiya heard about a local community screening programme. She needed surgery in both eyes, but only had her left eye operated on to begin with. It was a success, and afterwards she told us: "when I am better I would like to open my own business selling grain outside the house."

€11 could pay for two trichiasis operations



Sadiya waits patiently with her son Rabiu for her eyelid surgery

Elizabeth using her Braille



machines and the training of specialist teachers. Elizabeth was referred to Katilu Integrated Primary School, so she could continue her studies alongside sighted children, while receiving extra support from a specialist teacher.

She is exceptionally bright and was soon one of the best students in her class. She sat her Kenya Certificate of Primary Education examinations in 2008 and emerged the 2nd top student in her school. Now 17, Elizabeth attends an integrated school called Moi Nairobi Girls School, where she boards at a hostel during term time.

Elizabeth has a very positive attitude to school and is a keen learner. She has made lots of new friends at school and has now adjusted so well to her new environment she rarely needs to use her white cane. Her favourite subjects are history, languages and religious studies.

She hopes to become a teacher when she has finished her studies, so that she can help other children with visual impairments to learn.



Elizabeth with her teacher Mrs Joyce Njoroge

# A chance to learn

**There are currently 75 million children excluded from primary education in the developing world and girls are far more likely to miss out than boys. There are 18 million girls out of school in sub-Saharan Africa alone**

Elizabeth Lokooli is one of the lucky ones. Born in Lowareng'ak in North Turkana, Kenya, she attended Namorotot Primary School before she started having serious visual difficulties. If it had not been for the intervention of Sightsavers' partner the Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB), Elizabeth could have become one of the 90 per cent of children with

disabilities in the developing world who are sadly missing out on an education.

The Kenya Integrated Education Programme, implemented by both KSB and the Kenya Ministry of Education, provides support such as Braille books, Braille

## FACT FILE



**€23** could provide a Universal Braille Kit, allowing students like Elizabeth to learn to write Braille manually



Jenny Matthews/Sightsavers

- Two out of every three people who are blind are women.
- The UN estimates that the global literacy rate for women with disabilities is 1 per cent.
- Families are more likely to pull their daughters out of school than their sons when they need to boost the household income by saving on school expenses.
- Caring for a family member who has gone blind can

force children – more often than not girls – to drop out of school.

- Education is the key to the advancement of women and girls with disabilities as it provides access to information, brings them into contact with other students, increases their confidence and encourages them to assert their rights. Without a basic education, their chances for employment are almost nil.

# Woman to Woman

**Samina is a Lady Health Supervisor in Karachi, Pakistan, where a recent survey estimates that women are 30 per cent more likely to be blind than their male counterparts**



Samina supervises a team of Lady Health Workers: a very successful network of some 100,000 village women who go from door-to-door encouraging women to seek treatment for eye conditions and other health problems.



Each Lady Health Worker is responsible for 1,000 people in her community.



They check for TB, malaria, malnutrition and the eye diseases that have left more than 1.5 million people blind in Pakistan. Samina frequently carries out refresher training in primary eye care with her team.

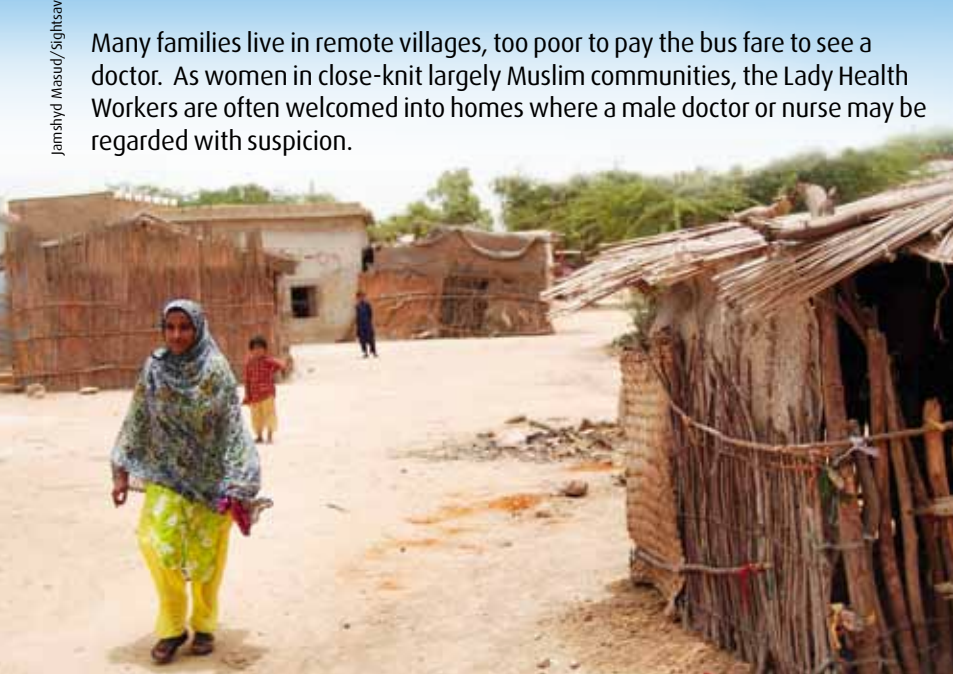


Sightsavers Ireland with funding support from Irish Aid is assisting the Lady Health Workers to tackle blindness. The project is so successful because it is rooted within communities and can therefore reach many who would otherwise not have access to healthcare.

Many families live in remote villages, too poor to pay the bus fare to see a doctor. As women in close-knit largely Muslim communities, the Lady Health Workers are often welcomed into homes where a male doctor or nurse may be regarded with suspicion.



Samina is one of the few literate women in her village. Her daughter wants to be a doctor when she grows up. After a long day, Samina helps her study.





# Sightsavers Weddings

Whether you're creating your wedding list or searching for the perfect wedding gift, look no further than Sightsavers.

## Looking for a perfect wedding gift?

Our special gift range, Gift of Sight, can solve all your wedding present dilemmas and make a huge difference to the lives of people living in some of the world's poorest countries at the same time. Give something really special and lasting such as a child cataract operation or white canes to give a blind person independence.

Please visit [www.giftofsight.ie](http://www.giftofsight.ie) or call **(01) 663 7666**. There is a wide range of gifts to choose from at a range of prices to suit all budgets.

## If you're getting married

Firstly, congratulations! Couples can set up a wedding list with us by calling the number above, we'll send wedding list cards to you, which you can send out with your invitations.

Why not spend your wedding favours budget on something more lasting than sugared almonds, you could make a donation to Sightsavers International and do something really meaningful. For donations of €250 or more, we will provide you with special Sightsavers place name cards. Again, just call us, we'd be happy to discuss any ideas you have - **(01) 663 7666**.



# Fundraise for Sightsavers

Running, walking, climbing, cycling, eating, singing, baking, organising something? Whatever you like doing, why not do it for Sightsavers?



Fundraising is a great way to turn something you enjoy into helping to raise awareness and donations for Sightsavers. **mycharity.ie** is a dedicated website providing services to charities and fundraisers alike to make it as easy, simple and safe as possible to raise money for charity.



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\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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