

Case Study:

Restoring Vision Through Speed and Scale

How Soma Health Enabled a High-Impact Eye Care Collaboration in Mumbai

The Challenge

Cataracts are a leading cause of preventable blindness in India, especially among underserved communities, where access to timely surgery is often blocked by cost, low awareness, and healthcare gaps.

Soma Health recognised the need for a coordinated intervention to bridge the gap between high-quality care providers and patients who often remain excluded from essential surgical care.

Partnership Overview

In recognition of **Cataract Awareness Month (June)**, Soma Health facilitated a focused collaboration between Reliance Foundation and R.J Sankara Eye Hospital Trust to deliver a high-impact cataract surgery initiative in Mumbai.

Reliance Foundation provided the financial support necessary to conduct 100 free cataract surgeries for patients who otherwise lacked access to timely and high quality treatment.

Soma identified and partnered with Sankara Eye Hospital, a charitable institution known for its clinical excellence and community-focused care, to execute the surgeries.



Our Role

As the healthcare integrator, Soma managed the initiative end to end:

- ✓ Mobilised funding through Reliance Foundation
- ✓ Identified and onboarded Sankara Eye Hospital for clinical execution
- ✓ Facilitated reporting and impact analysis
- ✓ Ensured operational alignment between funder and provider

Execution and Impact

The entire program was completed in just 9 days at Sankara Eye Hospital's Mumbai facility, where 100 cataract surgeries were provided free of cost. Each patient underwent thorough pre-surgical screening and post-operative follow-up to ensure safe recovery and lasting outcomes.

Among them was Bhagirathi Bhagwan Mali, a 60-year-old farmer from Bhiwandi Shelar. Living alone with limited income, she had struggled with blurred vision for over a year. After learning about the free camp through local outreach, she attended a screening, was diagnosed, and underwent successful surgery on June 26. Today, she's back to work with restored vision and renewed independence.

Stories like hers reflect the program's deeper impact, restoring not just sight, but stability and self-reliance.



Bhagirathi After Surgery

Our Patient Impact

Average Age:	65.1 years
Median Age:	65 years
Youngest Patient:	40 years
Oldest Patient:	85 years
Female Patients:	52
Male Patients:	48

Conclusion

By aligning the objectives of a funding partner and a charitable healthcare provider, Somaa Health was able to drive measurable, timely, and high-quality outcomes for a population often overlooked by traditional healthcare systems.

We remain committed to building similar partnerships that advance access, equity, and operational excellence in healthcare.

Thank You!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions!

Prepared by
Somaa Health

✉ info@somaa.health

🌐 www.somaa.health

📍 308, Balarama, Near Family Court, Mumbai- 400051

