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CareWell Organizes Cataract and Eye Diseases Screening Camp Benefiting More Than 1000 Patients from Urban Slums

Patna, India; December 20, 2008: CareWell Charitable Society, a Patna, India based non-profit, organized a medical camp benefiting more than 1000 patients with various eye ailments, including cataract. Residents from various slums of Patna, India benefitted from this medical camp. These slums are facing severe economic challenges and hardships where many families survive on less than \$1 a day. Residents of these slums do not have access to even basic medical care. These urban slums have a very high prevalence of eye diseases, both in adults and children. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Meena Prasad CEO & President of CareWell Charitable Society said "high prevalence of disabling vision impairment in these communities is often devastating for the affected families, as adults affected by vision impairment are not able to be gainfully employed which pushes these families further into poverty. Various surveys, including those done by CareWell, show that in many such families, children are the worst effected as they are often withdrawn from schools and forced to do menial jobs in order to support the family". This camp was organized in partnership with Dr. Upendra Kumar and Dr. Pankaj Sinha of Patna, Bihar. During this free eye camp, more than 1000 patients were checked for various vision problems and those affected were provided free treatment. Patients in need for tertiary care and those requiring surgical intervention were selected by participating physicians and CareWell will arrange for required medical and surgical care for these patients free of cost.

Dr. Meena Prasad, CEO& President of CareWell Charitable Society thanked the Physicians, nurses and para-medical staff, and all CareWell volunteers for their efforts and time in organizing this camp.

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About CareWell: Founded in 2002, CareWell Charitable Society is a not-for-profit, non government community-based organization registered with the Government of India. Our mission is to provide comprehensive rehabilitation, financial empowerment and integrated healthcare to the millions of people living a life of poverty and despair in the urban slums of India. CareWell is dedicated to provide all medical services and education support services for free regardless of race, color, creed, origin or religion. All services are free and no one is denied service because of inability to pay. For more information about CareWell visit www.carewell.org.
