



**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION  
OF PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**

**Global Campaign on Education for All  
Children with Visual Impairment (EFA-VI)**

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**ICEVI serves as a catalyst  
to provide a better  
tomorrow to persons with  
visual impairment  
throughout the world**

# A few words of background on ICEVI

- Founded in 1952 to facilitate exchanges of info on best practices
- Stages of the organizations development
  - \* quinquennial conferences and newsletter -1952-1978
  - \* technical assistance in developing countries -1978-2002
  - \* addressing access for the 4 million out of school blind children

# Forces and conditions that drove the development of this global campaign

- concerns by international partners of limited forward progress
- emergence of a more rights based approach to education
- emergence of “Education for All”
- UNCRPD – specifically Article 24
- three year study and planning process by Global Task Force of the ICEVI ExCo
- EFA-VI launch in July, 2006

## Factors we considered in selecting pilot countries

- government commitment and an EFA national plan
- demand creation and development of local role models
- active involvement of DPO's
- collaboration with eye health care providers
- a representative, government led stakeholders advisory group

# Where are we today and what has been achieved

- 20 countries directly involved and the number is increasing
- 650 capacity building programs
- Over 105,000 children reached
- quality-not just quantity

# A look ahead:

- scaling up in collaboration with larger organizations working on general education
- use of mobile technologies to deliver content and training
- further development of local and regional human resource training programs

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# **ICEVI - We Believe in Being and Becoming**

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