



NEW SIGHT EYE CARE

Registered Address: The Megacentre, 32 York Road, Leeds LS9 8SY

Charity Commission Registration Nr: 1144893

Annual Report for the year ending April 2016

OVERVIEW:

New Sight Eye Care is a registered charity founded in the UK in 2011, and is constituted by Memorandum and Articles of Association. We provide support and financial aid from the UK to the Republic of Congo to pioneer the first and only eye surgery centre in the northern part of the country.

The charity, whose objects are below, is administered by the Trustees, namely;

Dr. Joyce Samoutou-Wong

Mr. Henri Samoutou

Mr. Christopher Denham

Mrs. Linda Adam

Mrs. Safi Newton

The charity is governed by trust deed administered by the trustees, as well as being a non-profit limited company. There are five trustees at any time. When a vacancy occurs, the trustees note the fact in the minutes of their next meeting. The trustees discuss a possible candidate with relevant experience and commitment. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee is appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting.

The **OBJECTIVES** of the charity are:

1. The Advancement of health and / or saving of lives in particular (but without limitation) by providing assistance overseas principally (but not exclusively) in the Republic of Congo for those affected with sight difficulties; and
2. To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the Charity as the Trustees may from time to time think fit

ACTIVITIES, PROGRESS and PLANS to date:

The north of Congo has never had an eye centre. This is the reason that Joyce and Henri Samoutou uprooted their families' lives in the UK in April 2012 to pioneer the first and only

non-profit eye centre in the north of Congo. The eye centre is based in Pioneer Christian Hospital in Impfondo, the capital of the Likouala Region. This general hospital founded in 2006 is developing rapidly. It has 32 buildings in a 17-acre site. It has grown to 75 beds in recent years. New Sight and the hospital continue to enjoy good relationships with the government, the Ministry of Health, as well as the local authorities and communities. We collaborate frequently with other non-profit organisations such as United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees and Médecins d’Afrique, who frequently send their patients to us for eye treatment.

Vision 2020 is the WHO global initiative to eliminate all avoidable and reversible causes of blindness and severe visual impairment by the year 2020. According to the WHO, worldwide, 4 in 5 people who are blind or severely visually impaired are blind from avoidable causes. This means that we can prevent or treat their blindness. New Sight follows the Vision 2020 technical guidance to plan, budget and purchase the equipment and consumables needed. In the year ending April 2016, the number of consultations in the clinic was 1614 and the number of people screened was 903. The total number of patient encounters was therefore 2517, a 67.2% increase from 2015. The bulk of our charity’s surgery is to remove cataracts. This year, to remove cost as a barrier to access of care, we provided all operations free of charge. Patients blind from cataracts can see again the day after this one-off operation. When sight is restored, lives are transformed, not just for the patients, but also for their families and even the wider communities.^{1 2} There have been several well documented studies that proved cataract surgery to be one of the top operations with the most measurable improvement in quality of life, and supported the argument that it offers economic benefit to relieve poverty.^{3 4 5}

In addition to cataract surgery, we provide vision tests and aids (e.g. glasses), prevention and treatment of eye diseases and systemic illness involving the eye (e.g. diabetes and hypertension), an ‘accidents and emergency’ service, as well as other surgeries (e.g. for glaucoma and pterygium). Free administration of Vitamin A supplements and River Blindness treatment are also offered. For those who are assessed to be genuinely unable to afford paying for our very low-cost non-profit services, their costs are covered by New Sight’s charitable poverty fund.

¹ Javitt, International Congress Ophthalmol 1983.

² International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment. Annual Report 2004. <http://www.icevi.org/publications/Annual%20Report%202004.htm>.

³ Javitt et al. The economic and social aspect of restoring sight. International Congress Ophthalmol 1983; 1308-1312.

⁴ Kuper et al ‘Does Cataract surgery alleviate poverty? Evidence from a Multi-Centre Intervention Study Conducted in Kenya, the Phillippines and Bangladesh’ PloS Medicine 2010; 5.11.

⁵ Faal and Gilbert, "Convincing governments to act: VISION 2020 and the Millennium Development Goals" Community Eye Health. 2007 December; 20(64): 62–64

For the year ending April 2016, some key development and activities included:

- In August 2015, we received our first summer intern, Rowan Cassels-Brown, a university student from Manchester. The trip was a great success. He was a great help in many areas.
- In August 2015, we were able to repaint and build new furniture for the eye centre.
- The four nurses continue to grow in their clinical knowledge and skill, and they can now all do initial consultation independently.
- In September 2015, Cable TV visited New Sight in Congo. It was aired in January and February 2016 in Hong Kong, and continues to be available online on Cable TV site. The feedback received by both Cable TV and ourselves was positive. Since the airing of the episodes, there has been a growth in the visibility of New Sight on Social media, as well as new contacts who watched the program expressing interest in helping New Sight.
- In October 2015, New Sight was invited for a 1-week field visit to Ouessou.
- In November 2015, New Sight made its first overnight campaign to Doungou, the biggest town north of Impfondo. The 3-day free screening and community health education was successful with over 100 patients seen. The venue and logistics were organised with the help of the Mayor
- We have started actively recruiting long-termers to join the team.

In the UK, we continue our fundraising efforts by running our Priceless Gift Store – an on-line donation gift store.

Over the next 12 months, we will concentrate on developing our clinical service, as well as provide further training to our staff so that they can be empowered to take on more responsibilities. We have almost completed screening the northern part of Likouala region, and will start screening in the southern part. We will continue working with a non-profit construction organisation with a view to future partnership. We will also continue working on obtaining building permission from the government. In addition, we hope to continue to build our financial reserve so that we will have enough funds to build.

New Sight Global Finance YE 5 Apr 2016

	In USD	In % Total Inc.
Income	471,217	100.0%
Donation	462,681	98.2%
Patient Contribution	8,536	1.8%
Total Income	471,217	100.0%

	In USD	In % Total Exp.
Program Expenses	204,555	78.4%
Consumables (incl. shipping)	164,358	63.0%
Outreach & Screening	4,072	24.9%
Medical staff	32,321	12.4%
Training and Licensing	3,804	1.5%
Fundraising Expenses	16,349	6.3%
Fundraising	6,632	2.5%
Travel	9,717	3.7%
Administrative Expenses	39,879	15.3%
Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	13,767	5.3%
Administrative Staff	23,592	9.0%
Fees and Commissions	2,520	1.0%
Total Expenses	260,783	100.0%

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