



**OUR VISION:** A world where no one is needlessly blind.

**THE PROBLEM:** The need for eye care in Congo is real, huge and desperate.












<b>170,000</b>	The number of Congolese estimated to suffer from blindness or visual impairment.		3 in 4 who are visually impaired require help with daily activities.
<b>35%</b>	The percentage of Congolese that live in Absolute Poverty, i.e. < USD1.9 a day		9 out of 10 people who are blind cannot go to work or school.

**THE SOLUTION:** We have opened two eye centres and building a hospital.

<b>Provide Comprehensive Eye Care</b> <b>01</b> We ensure comprehensive eye care is accessible, to preserve and restore sight. This includes proven measures, such as cataract surgery, which are amongst the world's most cost-effective health interventions.	<b>Empower the Local Community</b> <b>02</b> We train the community to create sustainable, locally managed services so that they will continue to run long after our involvement. This includes teaching medical and administrative skills, as well as community education.	<b>Advocate Eye Health</b> <b>03</b> We partner with the government, health authorities and schools to advocate for and provide health education. We also collaborate with Médecins Sans Frontières and UNHCR, who send us their patients.
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**OUR IMPACT:** The priceless gift of sight transforms thousands of lives in one of the poorest and most neglected areas in the world.

When sight is restored the impact is profound, immediate and sustained for at least 6 years\*

	 Physical health  Assets & self-rated wealth	 Mental health  Household income and expenditure	 Health-related quality of life  Time in work and productive activities		 Assistance in daily living  Catastrophic expenditure  Hardship (defined as costs such as phone/utility bills, medications etc).
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The World Health Organisation has stated that restoring someone's sight is the single most cost-effective health intervention to reduce poverty.

## NEW SIGHT IN NUMBERS

<b>Impfondo Eye Centre</b> <b>Opened in 2013</b> <b>4</b> Eye nurses trained <b>15</b> Visiting volunteers <b>10,000+</b> Screenings, consultations and surgeries	<b>Ouessou Eye Centre</b> <b>Opened in 2019</b> <b>15</b> Intro programme trainees <b>9</b> Nurse programme trainees <b>1,000+</b> Consultations
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\* 1) London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene with International Centre for Eye Health: Cataract Impact Study: <https://blogs.lshtm.ac.uk/iceh/files/2014/03/CIS-Summary-Report.pdf> 2) Essue BM. A multicenter prospective cohort study of quality of life and economic outcomes after cataract surgery in Vietnam: the VISIONARY study. Ophthalmology. 2014 Nov;121 (11):2138-46. doi: 10.1016/j.ophtha.2014.05.014. Epub 2014 Jul 8. 3) London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene with International Centre for Eye Health: The Cataract Impact Study Six Year Follow-up <http://iceh.lshtm.ac.uk/files/2014/03/Cataract-Impact-Study-Six-Year-Follow-Up-SUMMARY.pdf>