

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

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# New Sight Eye Care

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**New Sight**





# Overview

## New Sight Eye Care serves in the Republic of Congo to restore and protect sight, transforming lives and communities in the region.

New Sight Eye Care is a registered charity founded in the UK in 2011 and in Hong Kong in 2013. We provide support and financial aid in our work to restore and protect sight in the Republic of Congo. We transform lives and communities in the region through pioneering the first and only eye surgery centres in the northern part of the country and in building a new eye hospital in Ouessou. The charity is governed by trustees in the UK and by directors in Hong Kong, and is a non-profit limited company. See bottom left chart of key governing boards and committees.

The Trustees/Directors for New Sight Eye Care have reviewed our objectives and activities as set out in deeds of trust to ensure they continue to reflect our aims now and in planning future activities. While carrying out this review, the trustees/directors have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

## Objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

- The advancement of health, and the 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
- To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable and are connected to the charitable work of the Charity as the Trustees and Directors may from time-to-time think fit.

### KEY GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

UK Board Trustees	HK Board Directors	Executive Committee	Project Advisory
Mr. Christopher Denham	Ms. Evelyn Chan	Ms. Evelyn Chan	Ms. Silla Chow
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		Mr. Charles Leung	Dr. Terence Pang
		Ms. Stephanie Ng	Mr. Steve Pyle
		Mr. Henri Samoutou	Mr. Henri Samoutou
		Dr. Joyce Samoutou-Wong	Dr. Joyce Samoutou-Wong

## Impfondo Eye Centre

The north of Congo had never had an eye centre. This was the reason that Joyce and Henri Samoutou uprooted their family's life in the UK in April 2012 to pioneer the first and only non-profit eye centre in the north of Congo. The eye centre, based at the Pioneer Christian Hospital in Impfondo, the capital of the Likouala Department, provided much needed eye care and education to the community and region. New Sight was able to establish good relationships with the government, the Ministry of Health, as well as the local authorities and communities. New Sight also collaborated frequently with other non-profit organisations such as United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees and Médecins d'Afrique, who frequently referred their patients for eye treatment.

## Ouessso Eye Hospital

Following the successful establishment of the Impfondo eye centre, New Sight was invited by local authorities to build a new eye hospital in Ouesso. The strategic location of Ouesso can make eye care accessible for the entire country of Congo. In November 2016, the purchase of the 6-hectare piece of land in Ouesso was completed, with one of the six hectares being a donation from the mayor's office in Ouesso. A team of topographic surveyors from Brazzaville completed land studies.

This future eye hospital is in a strategic location that can reach out to the whole of Congo, and perhaps even to neighbouring countries such as Cameroon and Central African Republic.

The initial plan for the Ouesso Hospital will include:

1. Inpatient Department
2. Outpatient Department
3. Optical Shop
4. Pharmacy
5. Surgical Unit
6. Community Development Centre
7. Core Infrastructure (electricity and water supply, incineration facility)

Subsequent extensions may include training facilities and staff and visitor quarters.



*The Republic of Congo, also called Congo-Brazzaville, is a central African nation.*

# Our Vision

## Our vision is for a world where no one is needlessly blind.

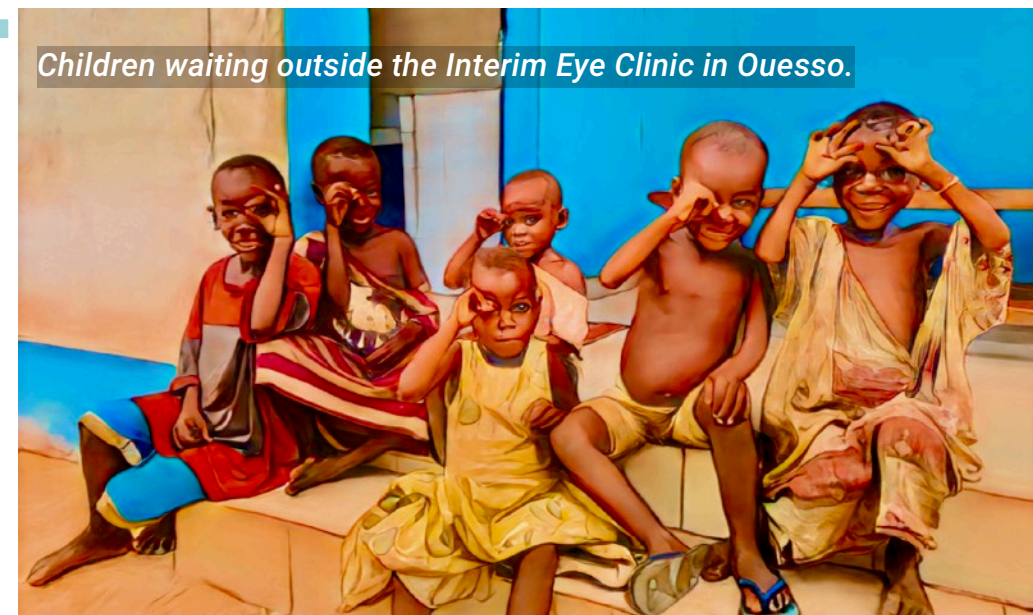
In line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and the World Health Organisation's (WHO) inclusion of eye care as an integral part of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), New Sight's Vision is:

A world

- where nobody is needlessly visually impaired
- where those with unavoidable visual loss can achieve their full potential
- where there is universal access to comprehensive eye care services

The WHO World Report on Vision,<sup>1</sup> published in October 2019, states that more than 2.2 billion people have a vision impairment or blindness, of whom at least 1 billion people do not have access to the services they need. Poor vision and eye health needs are expected to increase substantially in the coming decades, with the number of people living with blindness projected to triple by 2050. The impact of vision loss cuts across many of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Improving eye health helps to reduce poverty (Goal 1) and helps to deliver on quality inclusive education, gender equality and decent work and economic growth (Goals 4, 5 and 8). According to the WHO, worldwide, four in five people who are blind or severely visually impaired are blind from avoidable causes. This means that we can prevent or treat their blindness.

The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) has set out the eye care sector's strategic plan for the next decade with '2030 In Sight'<sup>2</sup> – a call to action to embed vision as a fundamental, economic, social and development issue, incorporate eye health in wider health care systems and drive patient, consumer and market change. Child eye health is an important aspect of the provision of comprehensive eye health; and school eye health programmes are an integral part of that.



Children who are blind are more likely to die in childhood than a child with good vision, especially in low-income countries.<sup>3</sup>

New Sight follows the technical guidance provided by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness in collaboration with the WHO to plan, budget and purchase the equipment and consumables needed. The bulk of our charity's surgery is to remove cataracts. 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."*

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,<sup>4,5</sup> and supported the argument that it offers economic benefit to relieve poverty.<sup>6,7,8</sup>

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 'accident 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.



# A Year Full of Celebrations and New Milestones

For the year ended 31 March 2023, some key progress and activities included:

- Our Ouessou Interim Eye Centre (IEC) provided 2,967 consultations; that is close to 8,500 consultations since its establishment in July 2019.
- The Ouessou Interim Surgical Centre (ISC) was launched in October 2022 and carried out over 40 surgical procedures.
- The eyeglasses workshop made 68 prescription glasses this year. In total, 86 prescription glasses have been made/sold since its establishment in July 2021
- We're working on staff and student training and improving clinical standards, including the drug formulary and inventory system.
- We have an incredible core team of volunteers and pro-bono workers, along with 17 full-time and 5 part-time staff.
- Local authorities have reaffirmed their ongoing support.
- New Sight has succeeded in raising more than HK\$ 8.7 million (US\$ 1.11 million / GBP 0.91 million) in this fiscal year. We entered 2023 financially poised to support the growth of our operations in Congo and to best serve our goal of eliminating avoidable blindness.
- Throughout the year, the global team and supporters celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Samoutou family's arrival in Congo to start New Sight Eye Care on 6 April 2012.

## In 2022/2023, New Sight continued to work towards its three key objectives:

1. To provide accessible and comprehensive eye services;
2. Empower the local community;
3. Ensure sustainability by engaging with local and international partners.



*Henri with the first surgery patient at the Interim Surgical Centre.*





Hiu Yin at the Pharmacy.



Franck with patient who is very happy with her glasses.



Using the autoclave to sterilise surgical tools.

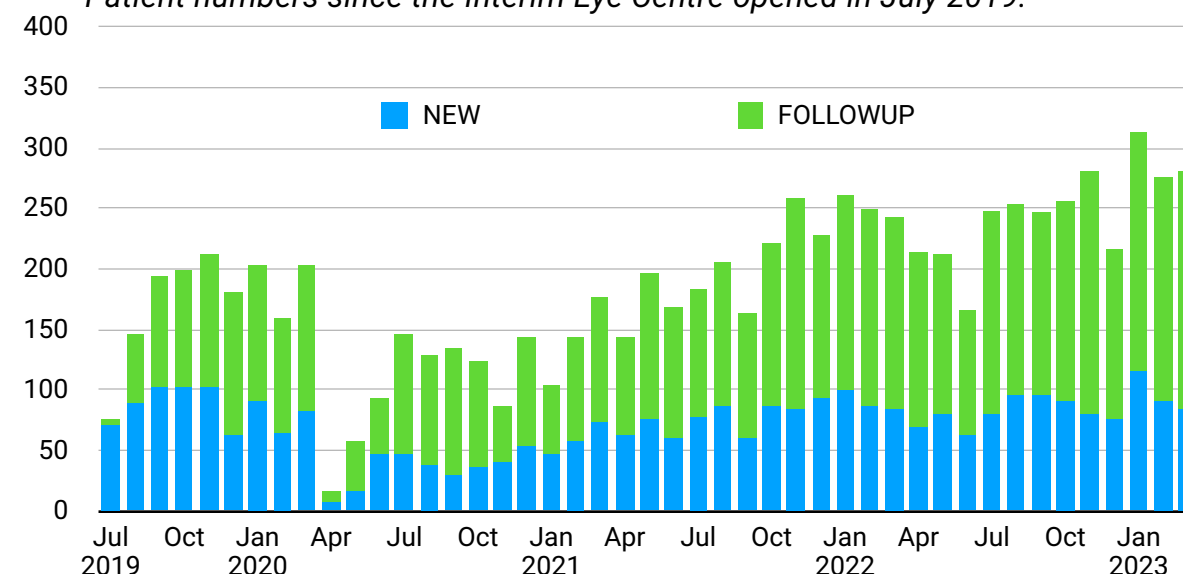
# 1. Provide accessible & comprehensive eye services

New Sight worked hard to improve the Ouesso Interim Eye Centre, set up and equip the Ouesso Interim Surgical Centre, and continued to pursue the most pragmatic approach to hospital construction in Ouesso.

## Ouesso Interim Eye Centre (IEC)

The Interim Eye Centre has been busier than ever. The team saw an average of 290 patients per month over the first quarter of 2023, including 314 in January, making that the busiest month since the centre opened in July 2019. This has highlighted the need for more medical and support staff to join the team. A new pharmacy was set up in June 2022 and this will be continually updated. By the end of March 2023, the IEC has provided a total of 8,419 consultations. We treated around 250 patients per month in the last 12 months for infections, vision loss and emergencies. Patient feedback is still 100% positive with over 97% giving the highest satisfaction rating. The trust and relationship we build with our patients means that we can ensure they receive the full treatment and care needed. So far, the most common eye conditions seen at the IEC have been eye infections, need for glasses, cataract, allergic conjunctivitis, pterygium and glaucoma. The team has focused on improving clinical standards, including writing a drug formulary and inventory system.

Patient numbers since the Interim Eye Centre opened in July 2019.





## Optical Shop

Our students are gradually getting the hang of making glasses. As our lens edger machine could be the first and only in the country, the idea of having prescription glasses made so readily and quickly is still a novel concept for many and learning to make them is taking time and effort. Students Franck and Brunel successfully made their first pairs of glasses in September 2022. The joy of the patient pictured with Franck (see previous page) as she regained her vision with the new glasses is most heart-warming. The Optical Shop display got a makeover in December 2022. As of 31 March 2023, we have provided 282 pairs of glasses (including 68 prescription/fabricated) for our patients in the last 12 months. A total of 671 glasses have been made since the establishment of the Interim Eye Centre in July 2019.

## Ouesso Interim Surgical Centre (ISC)

Delayed by the pandemic, shipments of surgical equipment and supplies from the Netherlands, India and Hong Kong finally arrived in Ouesso in June 2022. In July, Henri and team tested and prepared the machines for surgery. The team worked with local builders, electricians, plumbers, carpenters and tailors to fit out the centre for operations. After a huge effort to deliver specialist surgical equipment and set up the centre for both surgery and inpatients, the team was ready to begin performing surgery in October 2022. The opening of the new Interim Surgical Centre provides an essential lifeline for patients who need surgical care for their eyes. The first cataract surgery was for a 35-year-old woman who had started losing her sight at 14 years old. It steadily got worse, and she lost the sight in both eyes. Following surgery, sight has been restored in both eyes.

This was another huge step for our students who are now able to learn to look after surgical patients for the first time. The students commenced surgery skills training in August 2022. Henri trained students with surgery simulation in October 2022. He taught them about preparing surgical instruments, scrubbing up, and had our staff member Sabin acting as the patient to demonstrate various techniques and uses of surgical tools and machines. To date, all operations have gone very well with excellent outcome. The ISC has a long waiting list but we are intentionally taking our time to steadily build up the service. More patients are receiving new sight after surgery and treatment.



*Brunel making his first pair of glasses.*



*Surgery in progress at the ISC.*





*Installation of hangar roof support.*



*The construction team with Henri and Joyce.*



*Drone view of hospital under construction.*

## Construction Progress on Ouesso Eye Hospital

After overcoming many challenges, including the painful delays caused by the pandemic, the New Sight team successfully relaunched on-the-ground construction work in May 2022. The machinery and local management team for the construction of our eye hospital arrived safely in Ouesso from Pointe Noire to put shovels in the ground. Joyce and Henri were also able to visit Pointe Noire and have productive meetings with the construction company along with our newly appointed agent, Francois, while they were there for the customs clearance of their newly donated vehicle.

Construction and fitting out materials arrived in Ouesso from all over the world, and we were delighted to be able to offer work to local people on the site as well as for unloading the containers. In September 2022, three containers of equipment and furniture arrived from Hong Kong. A team of local workers unloaded the important supplies. Tremendous amounts of planning and organising went into balancing expediency and safety of those involved. When the first of the containers finally made it to our site, we were overwhelmed with gratitude because not only are their contents instrumental to the project, but they are also the combined effort of so many people including generous donors, volunteers and partners who tirelessly helped us pack, store, transport, plough through endless lists to navigate through several tricky processes.

In November 2022, posts were put up so that the hospital structure could be erected at the building site. Volunteer engineers Jason Kalb and Jack Eisenbach visited in December 2022 to continue supervision in-person, overseeing the hospital structure going up and installation of the roof. They reviewed the construction progress and supported the construction team in their continued work. As of March 2023, the walls and ceiling are up, and the floor slabs are set.

*“The hospital construction site is a hive of activity every day, with work progressing to plan. We look forward to seeing all the patients to whom we can offer help, once the hospital is completed.”*



## 2. Empower the local community

With a view that education and training provide the most direct route to empowering the local community, New Sight has established a training school and conducted health education outreach.

### Training School (paid for by generous donors of New Sight)

The students continued to learn alongside qualified staff at the IEC. Under Henri's supervision, they are beginning to do consultations and patient examinations. They have also undergone surgery skills training since August 2022 and are learning to look after surgical patients.

### Team training and team-building weekend

On 10 March 2022, the New Sight Congo team, including the students, took part in a training day, focussing on soft skills and work ethics, such as communication and teamwork. They worked on group activities and had a lot of fun while learning and developing skills. One of the highlights was the activity 'The Worst Employee' where each team came up with their own scripts and acted as the worst employees, hopefully helping them to be the exact opposite.

Following this, the team enjoyed their first staff development weekend in Pokola, a town about 45 minutes north of Ouessou from 1 to 3 April 2022. This weekend was originally planned for April 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic. The Ouessou team was joined by Patrick, our Brazzaville agent, and together they travelled to Pokola where they stayed at a local hotel by the Sangha River. They had team-building activities, including visiting the town, early morning runs, outdoor games, puzzles, brain challenges and board games, as well as a movie night. They also enjoyed morning devotions and meals with great conversations. The recharging weekend ended with a meal for staff and their families back in Ouessou.



*'The Worst Employee' learning activity.*



*Team training.*



*Having fun at the Pokola staff development weekend.*





Wendy instructing students at Ecole Initiation.



Student reading the children's magazine at Ecole Initiation.



Wendy presenting the children's magazines report to the Department Director of Preschool, Primary and Secondary Education and Literacy.

## Children's Magazine

The magazines have been so popular in Congo and have provided amazing opportunities for the New Sight team to share with children all over Ouessou, as well as other towns and cities, including Brazzaville, Oyo, Impfondo and Pointe Noire. As of 31 March 2023, we have distributed over 63,900 children's magazine in total. The team distributed the fourth, fifth and sixth issues of our children's magazine to over 30 schools around and beyond Ouessou in May and October 2022 and January 2023. These issues were printed in colour, and each had a print run of 12,000 copies, and the number is increasing at each successive issue. Our volunteer Wendy Ossaga who has been so instrumental to expanding our magazines' reach has also presented our children's magazines report to the Department Director of Preschool, Primary and Secondary Education and Literacy, who expressed support for our efforts. Our team continues to marvel at how well our humble magazines and school presentations are received, and we are working hard on improving the content and distribution for an even bigger impact.

Here are some of the schools we have visited, to meet the children and teachers and spend some time with them while delivering the magazines.

Complexe Scolaire ByBocasses  
Héritier

Complexe Scolaire Evangelique  
Daniel Bokangue

Complexe Scolaire La Sangha  
Nouvel Horizon

Complexe Scolaire Mama Maria  
Ecole Bethanie Celeste

Ecole de Lombo

Ecole Divine

Ecole Djaka

Ecole Emile Verhill

Ecole Horizon Meya

Ecole Initiation

Ecole La Sangha

Ecole Le Printemps

Ecole Les Aiglons

Ecole Les Cadres de Demain

Ecole Marie de Passion

Ecole Mboma

Ecole Ndjombo

Ecole Notre Dame des Anges

Ecole Primaire Bokouaye

Ecole Primaire Jesus Ressuscite

Ecole Primaire Le Bon Berger

Ecole Primaire Les Aiglons

Ecole Primaire Les Vainqueurs

Ecole Primaire Mambake Dzika

Ecole Primaire Mambeke Mboko

Ecole Primaire Milandou

Ecole Okomba Mystère

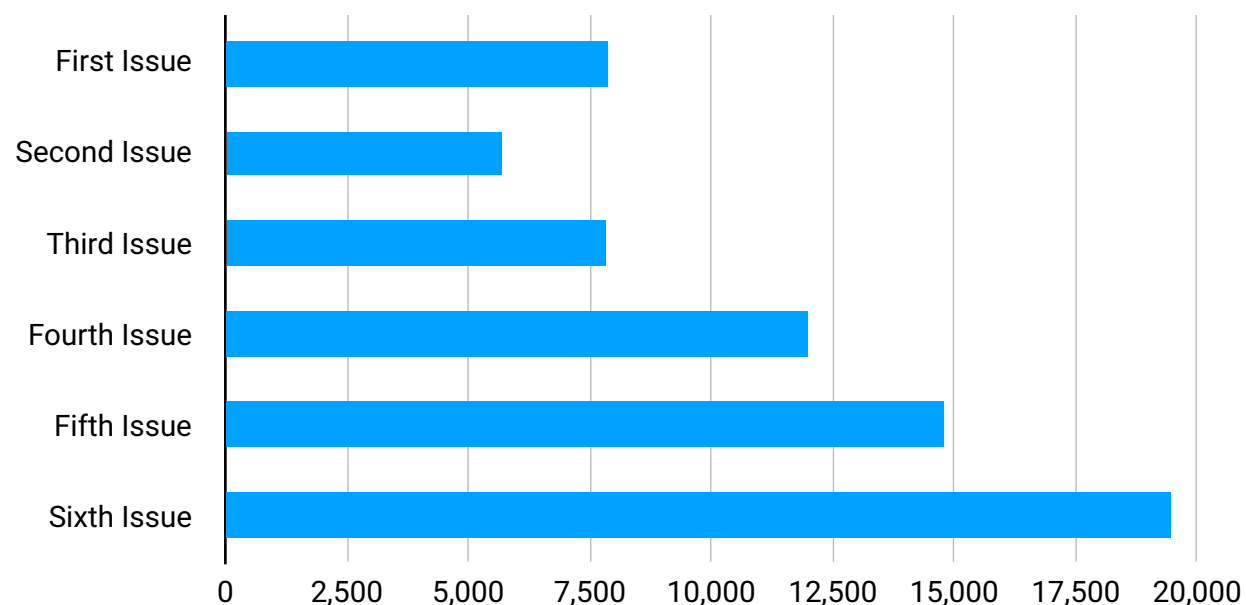
Ecole Primaire St Pierre Claver

Ecole Saint Jean Denis

Ecole Vol d'Oiseau



Print circulation of the Children's Magazine.



## All Covid-19 restrictions lifted in Congo

The state of health emergency throughout Congo was lifted effective 18 October 2022; mask wearing and negative tests to enter and exit the country are no longer required. The government thanked all the appointed members of the Covid-19 commission, including Joyce, for their service.

*"We give thanks for the many who have been concerned during this pandemic for the continent of Africa, for Congo, and especially for our team, patients, and communities. We also give thanks to all who generously donated finances and supplies to our special Covid fund, which enabled us to help the community with resources and health education. Most of all, we give thanks that we have weathered this challenge together, experienced stress, pain and loss together, and became stronger and humbler in the process."*

Joyce Samoutou-Wong, co-founder of New Sight



The newly opened surgical centre has a waiting room full of patients.



The children's joy and enthusiasm are infectious.



### 3. Ensure sustainability by engaging with local and international partners

New Sight continued to strengthen relationships with local authorities, and work towards best practice communications, fundraising, team structure and operational processes.

#### Engagement with Local Authorities

New Sight continues to operate under a Protocole d'accord signed with the Ministry of Health of Republic of Congo which covers performance as a health institution and provides for tax exemptions, visas, and work permits.

#### Ouesso Eye Hospital Ground-breaking Ceremony

On 28 July 2022, we were honoured to hold a ground-breaking ceremony to officially mark the start of the construction of our eye hospital. After multiple painful delays, we were finally able to gather together in person under the patronage of the Préfet (the governor) of La Sangha, Mr Gilbert Mouanda-Mouanda, the General Secretary of La Sangha, Ms Carolle Akondgo, the General Secretary of the Mayor Office, Mr Aime Momba, the Director of Health, Dr Faustin Kebele, as well as several dignitaries and local authorities. A delegation from Fondation Congo Assistance led by their General Secretary, Mr Michel Mongo, travelled all the way from the capital, to mark the occasion at our construction site. We were so touched and encouraged by our guests' presence and words of congratulation. We are so thankful for the important support they represent from this country that we serve.

*"Healthcare services provided by New Sight continue to receive good testimonials [from the community]. The laying of the foundation stone for its future eye hospital today ensures continuity of these good healthcare services specialised for the eyes for our population!"*

Director of the Department of Health, Dr Faustin Kebele



Honourable guests at the Ground-breaking Ceremony.



Dignitaries touring the Interim Eye Centre and brand new Interim Surgical Centre.





The Préfet of La Sangha, Mr Gilbert Mouanda-Mouanda laying the foundation stone.



Henri presented New Sight's vision and plan for the hospital.

Mr Gilbert Mouanda-Mouanda, the Préfet (the president's representative) of La Sangha region, laid the foundation stone of our future hospital on the groundbreaking ceremony on 28 July in Ouessou. During this important section of the groundbreaking ceremony, the Préfet said, "I agree that the most important and fundamental organ of the body is the eye. I also agree that construction of this future eye hospital would be the pride, not only of the region of La Sangha, but also of the whole country of Congo, and perhaps even of the whole Central African region!" We are so delighted and blessed to have the support and trust of the Préfet! Doors are being opened for us to bring new sight, new life!

*"The eye is considered the most vital organ of our body. The construction of New Sight hospital specialised in ophthalmology is a highly commendable operation. It will be a milestone in history of Ouessou, as it will solve an acute, crucial public health problem in our community, which our state has not had solution until now!"*

Mr Aimé Momba, the General Secretary of the Mayor's Office

*"New Sight is honoured to have served the Republic of Congo for the past ten years and is committed to developing its services and growing its impact with the partnership of the Congolese government and the communities. It is our hope that together, we can continue to smoothen our operations and increase our efficiency, which will in turn incentivise our donors to invest further in the country and enable us to deliver more help to our patients and community. New Sight in English means new sight. Today, let's celebrate us coming together as a community to build medical facilities to give new sight, new hope, new life."*

Henri Samoutou, co-founder of New Sight

The day after the ceremony, Mr Mouanda-Mouanda, personally received the Samoutous at his office where he offered his strong support to New Sight once again.



## Visit of Préfet to Interim Eye Centre and Interim Surgical Centre

A few days after the ceremony in August 2022, Mr Mouanda-Mouanda, visited our Interim Eye Centre and the soon-to-open Interim Surgical Centre. Henri, Joyce and our staff Sabin brought him to each area and explained how our services, equipment and medicines can help the community, for which he was very supportive. We're thankful that his visit went well and grateful for the support he represents. We are so humbled by his generous words and encouragement.

## Visit of Director General of Hospitals and government health officials

On 6 February 2023, we were honoured to welcome government health officials, Dr Dieudonné Okemou, Director General of Hospitals and his team from the capital Brazzaville, as well as Dr Felicite Dolama, the Director of Health of the La Sangha region, at our Interim Eye Centre and Interim Surgical Centre. We are thankful for their invaluable advice and are humbled by their very generous comments and important support. We look forward to our partnership to better serve the eye care needs of Congo.

## Télé-Congo TV Interview and visits of other dignitaries

On 10 March 2023, we were humbled to be interviewed by Télé-Congo TV station and the Fondation Congo Assistance delegation from Brazzaville. We were honoured to also receive the Mayor of Mokeko, Mme Jeanne Obouo Itokisi, who came to visit our interim eye centre and the construction site of the future hospital with the delegation. We are encouraged that the media coverage will help raise awareness about the importance of looking after our eyes.

## Celebrating our 10th anniversary

Throughout the year, the global team and supporters celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Samoutou family's arrival in Congo on 7 April 2012 to start New Sight Eye Care.

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*Henri explains visual acuity testing to the Préfet.*



*Henri and Joyce with the Préfet at the Interim Eye Centre.*





The Samoutou Family then and now.



Team celebrations in Congo.

## The 10th Anniversary Party on 7 April 2022

Many supporters joined the 10th anniversary party which was broadcasted live on Facebook. There were amazing stories, virtual birthday toasts and birthday cake, as we celebrated 10 years of life-changing work at New Sight Eye Care. The 10th anniversary song “Elonga” (meaning ‘Victory’ in English) was performed with much joy and rhythmic exuberance by the team. The Congo team also performed a joyful dance and song called “Elikia” (which means “Hope” in English) which lifted spirits tremendously.

*“When God first called our family to Congo, He told us that through New Sight, He would bring new sight and new life, not only to our patients, but to all who would become part of the New Sight family. He told us that children would see how they can make a difference. This is being fulfilled through Project Two Front Teeth as well as our children’s magazines and school programs. He told us that as we partner with the local community and train our students and staff, they would see themselves and their potential differently. This is being realised as we empower them with resources and skills, and they grow in confidence and capacity. God also told us that many would hear the stories, give, and volunteer, and that some would even visit Congo. This is happening every day as our supporters, staff, volunteers, and visitors see our world in new light and in turn live their lives differently.”*

Joyce Samoutou-Wong, co-founder of New Sight



## 10 Days of New Sight Challenge

In August 2022, some of our staff and supporters set themselves a challenge to do something new for 10 days. It could be anything – exercise, sleep, learn a new language, cook new dishes. Through doing this, we were reminded that doing something new can help us to see ourselves and the world differently, just like our patients who are given new sight.

## Establishing and growing the team

In January 2022 a new base with office and storage space was set up in Brazzaville.

We engaged a new receptionist and cleaner at the IEC/ISC in Q4 2022. Two part-time staff were engaged in Point Noire to help with logistics and the children's magazine.

We were blessed to welcome the missionary Wendy Ossaga in February 2022, who comes from the legal profession in Gabon to help our Congo team, chiefly in administrative work for five months. She left Congo at the end of June to resume her work with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in Nigeria. She decided to return at the end of September 2022 to help New Sight for eight more months. The whole team was overjoyed to have her enthusiastic presence. Wendy has worked incredibly hard and made a huge impact, in particular working on the children's magazine, administration and team training. She is a capable hard worker with many talents. She is especially passionate about children and is instrumental to our school outreaches.

A pharmacist by training, Hiu Yin Yeung dedicated seven months from May to November 2022 to serve with New Sight in Ouessou. She "hit the ground running" when she first arrived at Pointe Noire, the port city in Congo, to help Joyce and Henri arrange the release of a shipping container. She helped New Sight through several milestones including ground-breaking ceremony, ISC set up and launch, setting up pharmacy and revamping the IEC layout. She also learnt how to sterilise, scrub and assist in surgery and assisted Joyce with administration, organisation and social media posting. Her joyful smile and willingness to learn was spiritually encouraging to the team.



The Samoutou family took part in various challenges for 10 days of New Sight.



Wendy and Hiu Yin at the Interim Eye Centre.

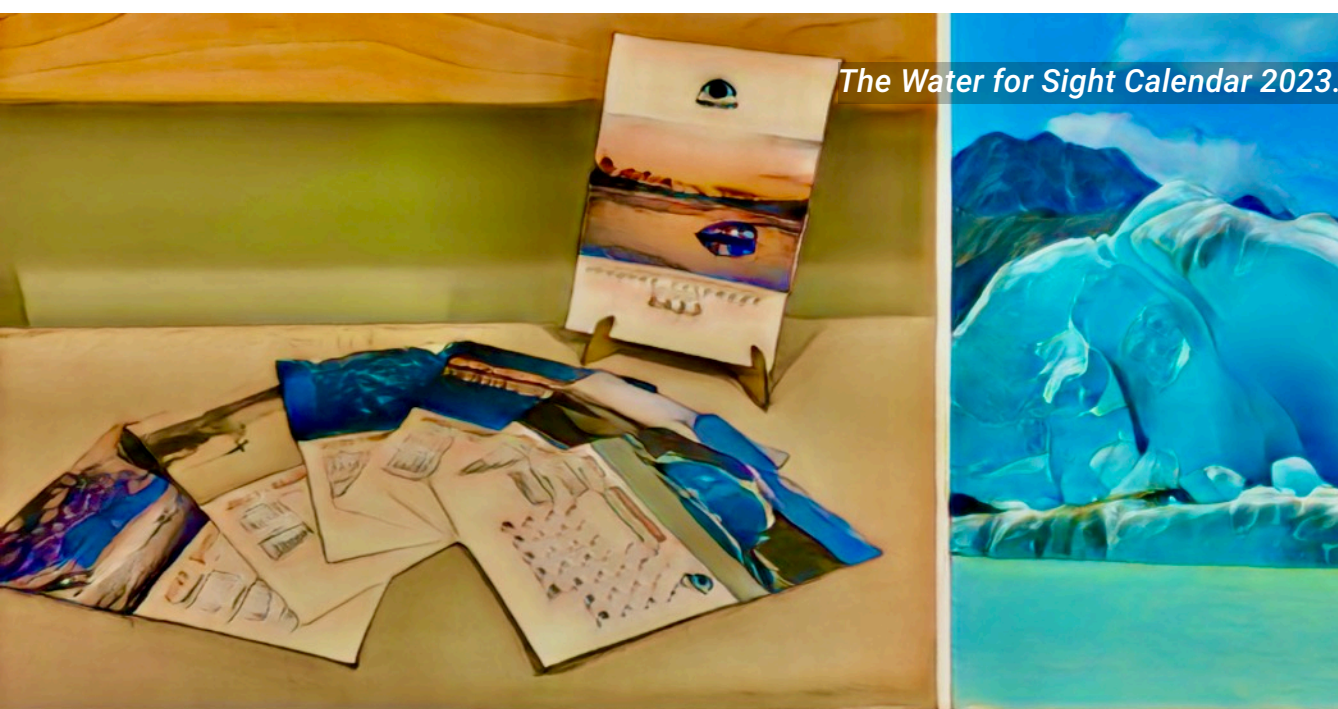




Joyce speaking at the Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church.



The Three Musketeers promoting the 2023 calendar.



The Water for Sight Calendar 2023.



## Speaking at UK churches

In April 2022, Joyce was able to visit two churches in the UK, and happily spoke to the congregations of Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church and C3 YRKS about New Sight. She also shared online with Alliance International Church and C3 YRKS. She is thankful for the opportunity to share and was encouraged and uplifted by the prayers.

## Water for Sight Calendar 2023

Signifying life-giving, refreshment and renewal, Cherissa, Ezra and Karis Samoutou chose 'Water for Sight' as the theme for their New Sight 2023 calendar. The Samoutou kids gave the calendar an exciting new look and included as a bonus some of their favourite recipes from their kitchen in the Congo jungle. The calendar was filled with beautiful photographs of water features from around the world generously provided by our talented supporters and chosen by the Samoutou kids.

This was the fifth year of calendar sales with around 40% sold and the rest given away to major donors and stakeholders. Design and production of the 1,500 calendars was again a donation from QP Group. The main goal was to reconnect with supporters, provide a year-round reminder, and help to raise profile.

## Reaching Out

Outside of our clinic work, the team have been making connections and seeking to serve our community in other ways. At Christmas again, we brought food, soap, and other practical gifts to the prison, and the Catholic mission where they care for elderly and young families in need.

## Legal advisory teams

New Sight continues to be supported with pro-bono legal, governance and compliance advisory from Allen & Overy, and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Hong Kong, and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in the US.



# The amazing support of churches, schools and corporations

New Sight’s work is made possible by kind donations from generous individuals and caring organisations. See top right chart listing some of our supporters.

## Patient story: Little girl with eye infection

We want to share the story of this lovely little girl (see bottom right photos) who helped her family on the plantation. One day, some dust went into her eye, and instinctively she rubbed her eye several times, trying to ease the irritation. When it didn’t get better, her family tried a traditional remedy. After 5 days, her eye worsened. Her family took her to the Interim Eye Centre and Henri examined her, and found her eye was badly infected and ulcerated with pus. Thankfully, she came to us and received antibiotic treatment. Her eye is now fully healed. She could have lost her sight if she had not come to receive treatment in time.

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Alliance International Church, Hong Kong	Baptist Lui Ming Choi Secondary School, Hong Kong	Champion Eye Centre, Hong Kong
Arise Church, USA	Diocesan Boys’ School, Hong Kong	Healing Hope Organisation, Hong Kong
Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church, UK	Diocesan Girls’ Junior School, Hong Kong	Hong Kong Eye Surgeons
Chinese Church In London, UK	Diocesan Girls’ School, Hong Kong	Little Pianists, Hong Kong
Christian Church of Divine Providence, Hong Kong	Funful Group of Schools, Hong Kong	New Fei Optical (HK) Limited
EFCC Kong Fok Church, Hong Kong	Island School, Hong Kong	Optical 88, Hong Kong
Kowloon Tong Alliance Church, Hong Kong	St Paul’s Co-Educational College, Hong Kong	QP Group, Hong Kong
Island Evangelical Community Church, Hong Kong	St. Paul’s Co-Educational College Primary School, HK	SF Holding Company Limited, Hong Kong
North Point Alliance Church, Hong Kong	Ying Wa Girls’ School, Hong Kong	ZEISS Vision Care, Hong Kong
San Francisco Chinese Alliance Church, USA		
The United Brethren Baptist Church, Hong Kong		
The Vine Church, Hong Kong		
Union Church Hong Kong		



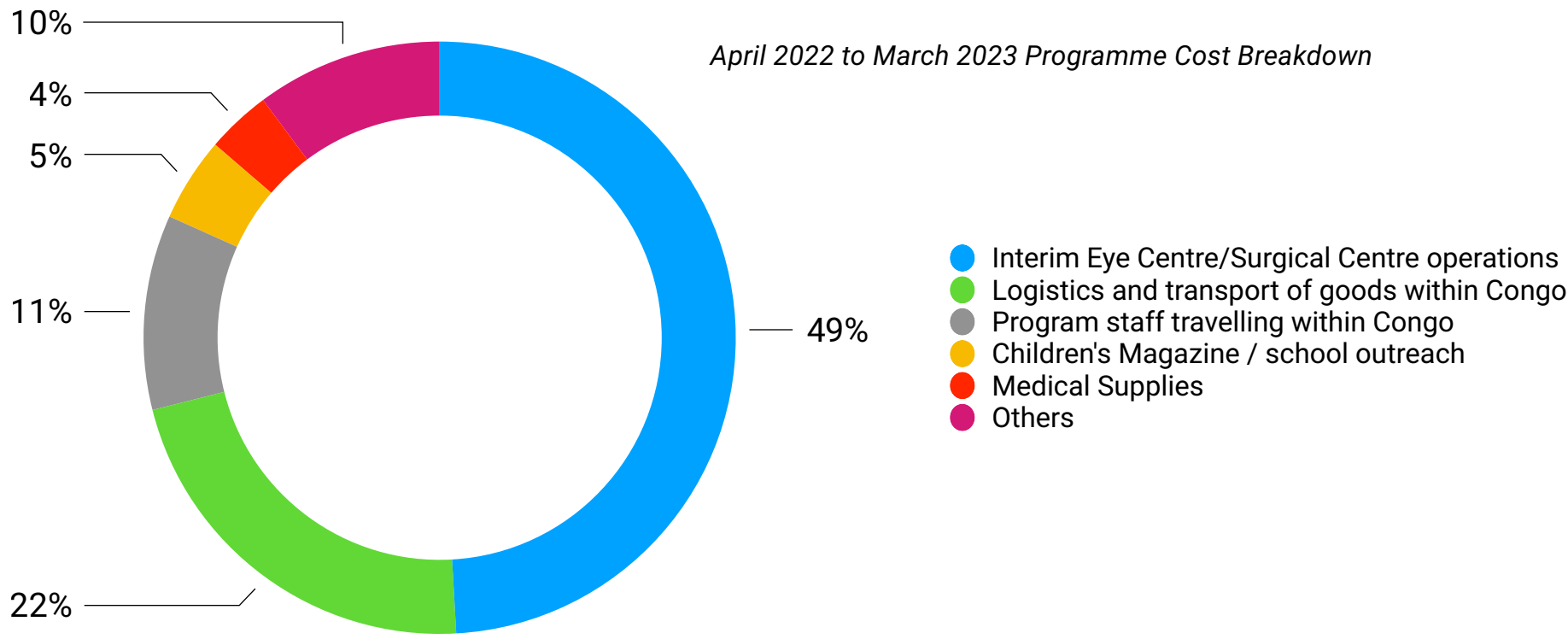
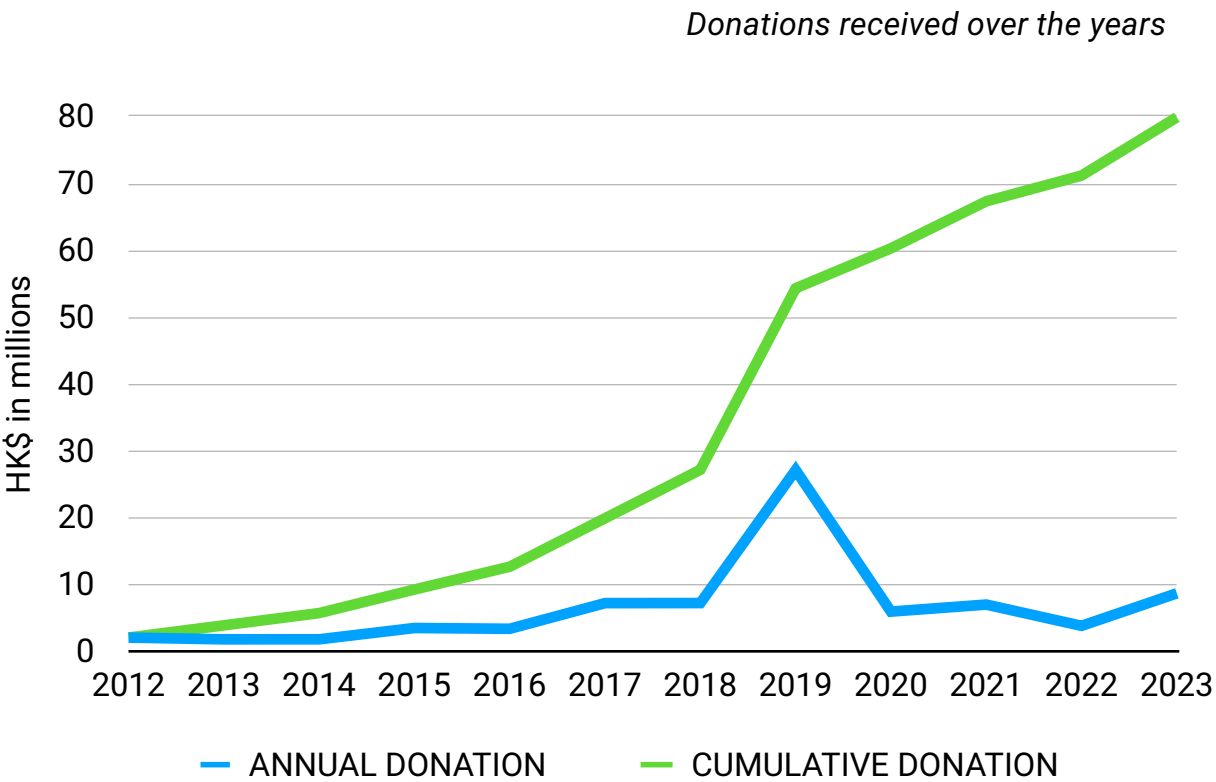


# Financials

For the past 11 years, New Sight has raised close to HK\$ 80 million (US\$ 10 million). The majority of our funds were used or reserved for the Eye Block and Accommodation Block of our future hospital, with the remaining in sustaining our daily operations in medical consultations and surgery, eye screening and community outreach, COVID-19 relief initiatives in 2020 and new initiatives such as the Children's Magazine / school outreach.

Since the establishment of our base in Ouessou, 80% of our operating expenses were spent on program cost, staff training and operation of our clinics; 16% on systems and costs required to maintain a viable presence in Congo, and 4% on overhead costs. Only 0.1% was spent on fundraising as generous donors have sponsored the cost of various events.

New Sight has benefitted greatly from numerous in-kind donations, such as medical equipment, office furniture, printed materials, waiver of storage space and office space rental, as well as pro-bono services in engineering, architecture, logistics, legal, compliance, finance, human resources, marketing and event management from professionals around the world.







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