

# A World Where No One Is Needlessly Blind.



YEAR IN REVIEW  
2024 VIDEO

## THE PROBLEM

The need for eye care in the Republic of Congo is real and desperate.

**480,000**

The number of Congolese estimated visual loss.

**35%**

of Congolese that live in Absolute Poverty, i.e. <USD1.90 a day



3 in 4 who are visually impaired require help with daily activities.



9 out of 10 people who are blind cannot go to work or school

## THE SOLUTION We have opened two eye centres and we are building a hospital.



### Provide Comprehensive Eye Care

We opened our Impfondo eye centre in 2012, our Ouesso Interim Eye Centre in 2019, as well as our Interim Surgical Centre in 2022, to provide accessible comprehensive eye care.

Our new eye hospital is under construction and is planned to be opened in 2024.



### Empower the Local Community

We train the community to create sustainable, locally managed services so that they will continue to run long after our involvement. Our nurse training program has been running since 2019. The students have been involved in clinical work, eye screening and COVID-19 relief initiatives.



### Advocate Eye Health

We partnered with the government, WHO and schools to distribute masks and recorded COVID awareness info via radio in 2020. In 2021, we ran 4 eye health screening and educational campaigns, and began to produce and distribute a children's magazine to local schools to promote literacy, numeracy, and health education.

## OUR IMPACT

The priceless gift of sight transforms thousands of lives in one of the poorest and most neglected areas in the world.



Every US \$1 invested in eye health generates on average US \$4 of economic gain. <sup>1</sup>



Restoring someone's sight is the single most cost-effective health intervention to reduce poverty. - WHO<sup>2</sup>

## NEW SIGHT IN NUMBERS

OPENED IN 2012

### Impfondo Eye Centre

**9,477**

Consultations

SINCE 2013

**362**

Surgeries performed

**>2,000**

Patients screened

**4**

EYE NURSES Trained

OPENED IN 2019

### Ouesso Interim Eye Centre

**12,681**

Consultations

SINCE Oct 2022

**113**

Surgeries performed

**910**

Glasses

**592**

Patients screened

**100%**

Positive patient feedback

**15** TRAINEES FOR

Intro program

**4** TRAINEES FOR

Nurse program

STARTED IN 2020

### Covid-19 Relief Initiatives

**>12,000**

Educational leaflets & posters

**20,000**

Instructions for proper mask wearing

**108**

Hand-wash bucket systems for schools

**36,000**

Reusable masks

**5,000**

Cloth masks by local tailors

LAUNCHED IN 2021

### School Outreach Program

**>30**

School programs

**9** ISSUES OF

Children's magazines

**129,630**

Distributed to date

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