

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

New Sight

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New Sight



Overview

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

New Sight 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 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 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 other medical conditions; 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.

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Impfondo Eye Centre

Before April 2012, the northern region of Congo had no eye care centre, which led Joyce and Henri Samoutou to uproot their family from the UK and establish the area's first and only non-profit eye centre. Based at the Pioneer Christian Hospital in Impfondo, the capital of the Likouala Department, the centre provided much-needed eye care and education to the local community and wider region. Over the years, New Sight developed strong relationships with the government, the Ministry of Health, and local authorities, while also collaborating with organisations such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Médecins d'Afrique, which frequently referred patients for eye treatment. In August 2023, New Sight ended its services in Impfondo and redirected its efforts to Ouessou, where it operates the Interim Eye Centre and Interim Surgical Centre, with plans to open the dedicated comprehensive hospital in the near future.

New Sight Hospital, Ouessou

Following the successful establishment of the Impfondo eye centre, New Sight was invited by local authorities to build a new hospital in Ouessou. This location was chosen strategically, as it has the potential to provide eye care access for communities across the entire Republic of Congo. In November 2016, New Sight acquired a six-hectare plot of land in Ouessou, one of which was donated by the town's mayor. Following the purchase, a team of surveyors from Brazzaville conducted detailed topographic studies of the site to prepare for future development.

Strategically located to serve communities across Congo and beyond, the future hospital will provide vital sight-saving care to underserved populations, with potential reach extending to neighbouring countries including Cameroon and Central African Republic.

The plans for the hospital include the following key facilities:

1. Inpatient Department – For patients requiring overnight care
2. Outpatient Department – Providing consultations and non-surgical treatments
3. Optical Shop – Supplying corrective lenses and eyewear
4. Pharmacy – Dispensing essential medications



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

5. Surgical Unit – Equipped for ophthalmic procedures
6. Community Development Centre – Focusing on education and outreach
7. Core Infrastructure – Including reliable electricity and water supply, as well as an incineration facility for safe waste disposal

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

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,¹ 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 International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), worldwide, 90% of vision loss is preventable or treatable.²

The IAPB has set out the eye care sector's strategic plan for the next decade with '2030 In Sight'³ – 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.⁴

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.



Child outside the Interim Eye Clinic in Ouessou.

"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,^{5,6} and supported the argument that it offers economic benefit to relieve poverty.^{7,8,9}

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.

Name Change to New Sight Limited

On 2 April 2024, New Sight Eye Care Limited officially became New Sight Limited. As we prepare to open our new hospital, this change reflects our vision for the future, 'A world where everybody has access to holistic health care'. While our core mission remains providing essential eye care to those in Congo who lack access, we recognise the urgent need for other medical specialties in the country. Our ambition is for the hospital to grow into a hub for broader healthcare services – expanding our impact and transforming lives in even greater ways.

A Year of Growth and Transformation

The year ended 31 March 2025 marked another milestone in New Sight's journey, filled with progress, impact, and exciting developments. Here are some highlights:

Expanding Our Reach

- Ouessou Interim Eye Centre (IEC): Delivered 3,841 consultations this year – bringing the total to nearly 15,600 since 2019.
- Ouessou Interim Surgical Centre (ISC): Performed 52 sight-restoring surgeries, totalling 154 life-changing procedures since 2022.
- Eyeglasses Workshop: Crafted 33 prescription glasses this year, contributing to an impressive 931 glasses provided to date.

Educating & Empowering the Next Generation

- Our children's magazine now reaches 22,000 students per issue across 40+ schools, with 173,660 copies distributed so far.
- Launched an inter-school choir, fostering creativity and community engagement.

Strengthening Foundations

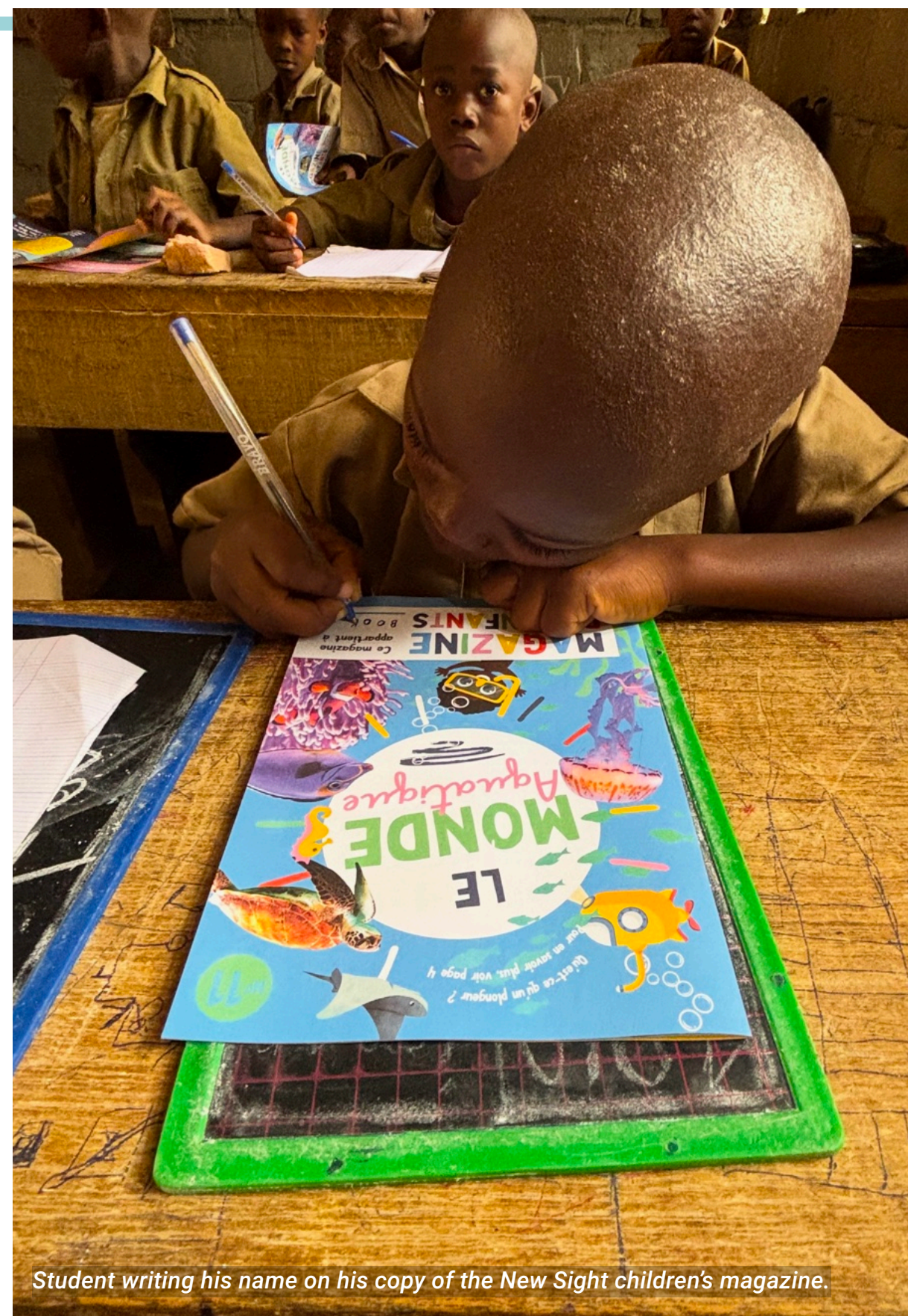
- Advancing staff training, clinical standards, and inventory systems to enhance care quality.
- Relied on the dedication of 34 full-time and 3 part-time staff, alongside an incredible team of volunteers and pro-bono professionals.
- Received continued support from local authorities, reinforcing our partnerships.

Building for the Future

- Made significant progress on our new hospital, completing its structure and interior while awaiting final operational approvals.
- Raised around HK\$3 million (USD 0.4M / GBP 0.3M) to fuel our mission.

In 2024/2025, 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.



Student writing his name on his copy of the New Sight children's magazine.



Receptionist Sandrine welcomes patients at the IEC.



Intern conducts the visual acuity test.

1. Provide accessible & comprehensive eye services

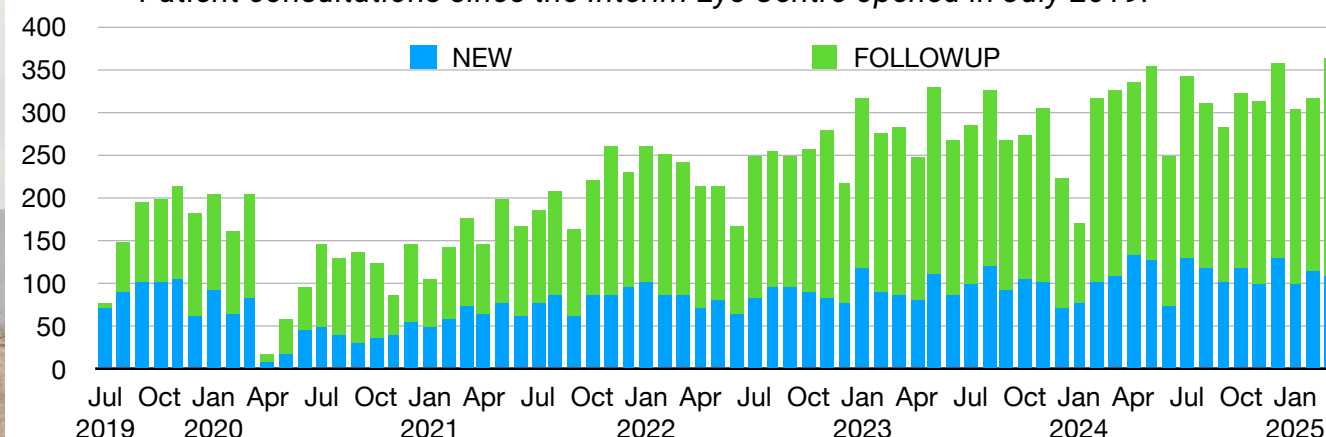
Advancing our eye medical services through improving and equipping the Ouesso Interim Eye Centre and Ouesso Interim Surgical Centre and fitting out the new hospital building in Ouesso.

Ouesso Interim Eye Centre (IEC)

The Interim Eye Centre has seen remarkable growth, with 3,841 patient consultations in the year ending 31 March 2025 – a 15% increase from the previous year's 3,327 consultations. On average, the team treated 320 patients per month, addressing conditions such as eye infections, vision loss, and emergencies. To meet rising demand, we are actively seeking additional medical and support staff to strengthen our team. Medicines and clinical supplies, sourced from the UK, India, and the Netherlands, are integrated into the pharmacy's drug formulary and the clinic's inventory system. Since its establishment in July 2019, the IEC has provided 15,588 consultations as recorded at the end of March 2025. The most frequently treated conditions include eye infections, refractive errors (need for glasses), allergic conjunctivitis, Cataracts, Pterygium and pinguecula, Glaucoma.

Over the past year, 336 patients completed the feedback questionnaire at the interim eye centre. 100% of patients said that they were satisfied with the care they received (99 to 100% awarded New Sight with the highest satisfaction score) and stated they would return and recommend others to the eye centre again.

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



Ouesso Interim Surgical Centre (ISC)

For the year ending 31 March 2025, we successfully performed 52 vision-restoring procedures, bringing our total to 154 sight-saving surgeries since launching in October 2022. We're proud to maintain our 100% success rate, with all patients experiencing excellent surgical outcomes. There was a pause in surgery in November 2024 while Joyce and Henri attended the Global Missions Health Conference (GMHC) in Louisville, Kentucky, USA. The Interim Surgical Centre continues to provide an essential lifeline for patients who need surgical care for their eyes.

Optical Workshop

Our lens edger machine has enabled us to provide 266 pairs of glasses this year (including 33 custom-fabricated prescriptions), bringing our total to 1,176 life-changing pairs distributed since the workshop's 2019 launch. Our interns continue to perfect their optical craftsmanship, ensuring this vital service remains both accessible and affordable for the community.

Progress on the New Sight Hospital, Ouesso

The hospital structure is fully complete and has passed inspection by the Department of Construction and Urban Development. In April, teams from South Africa and southern Congo installed the solar system, including inverters, batteries, and a 375 kW PV setup with 140 batteries. This sustainable system covers 95% of water and electricity needs, supported by a backup generator. The construction company completed final work in June, including building a patient canteen, repairing roofs and ceilings, installing outdoor lighting, and fitting indoor handrails, flooring, sinks, showers, and toilets. Over the past year, volunteers and mission teams from Congo, Hong Kong, Boston, Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, and Texas contributed to the hospital's setup. By March 2025, offices, consultation areas, and patient wards were ready, with ongoing work in operating theatres, utilities, and waste systems. Repairing the public access road remains challenging but essential for patient access. We are nearing completion but need a final push for interiors and paperwork.



Henri performing cataract surgery.



Intern perfecting his skills on the lens edger machine.



Geoweb has been laid for soil stabilisation and erosion control for the public access road.



Volunteer guiding kids to write their names on the magazine.



Students holding up the New Sight children's magazine.

2. Empower the local community

Equipping the local community through education and training, our interns are growing in knowledge and experience.

Training School (Funded by Generous Donors of New Sight)

Under Henri's expert guidance, the interns are steadily improving their technical skills and clinical confidence. They now efficiently prepare the operating room, oversee pre- and post-operative care, and provide skilled assistance during surgical procedures.

Children's Magazine and School Partnerships

Our pioneering children's magazine – the first and only publication of its kind in Congo - continues to expand its reach. Born from the COVID lockdown when Congolese children had no access to education or entertainment, our magazine started as simple activity sheets created by the Samoutou children. With each new issue, we receive growing requests from schools and churches to share this valuable resource. The magazine's uplifting content highlights fun facts and promotes eye and general health education. The response has been extraordinary. By March 2025, we've distributed 173,600 copies, with print runs increasing steadily to meet demand. The teams distribute magazines and host engaging activities to foster a love of reading and learning. It is rewarding to see children in schools and churches eagerly participating thereby demonstrating the magazine's power to inspire young minds.

The team distributed the latest three issues in April 2024, October 2024 and February 2025. They have been able to share with children all over Ouesso, as well as other towns and cities, including Brazzaville, Impfondo, Pointe Noire, Pokola, Mouale and Betou.

With every distribution, we're reminded of the power of these magazines to ignite curiosity and creativity. The students' boundless energy and enthusiasm drive us to keep crafting meaningful content and interactive experiences that inspire young learners.

The magazine currently reaches about 22,000 students in over 40 schools, including:

- Complexe Scolaire ByBocasses Héritier, Ouessou

Complexe Scolaire Evangelique Daniel Bokangue, Ouessou

Complexe Scolaire les Oliviers, Brazzaville

Complexe Scolaire Mama Maria, Ouessou

Ecole Bethanie Celeste, Ouessou

Ecole de Lombo, Lopola

Ecole de Mokeko, Mokeko

Ecole de Ngombe, Ngombe

Ecole de Souanke, Souanke

Ecole du Parti – Djambo

Ecole Deo-gracia, Pokola

Ecole Divine, Ouessou

Ecole Djka, Ouessou

Ecole Emile Verhille, Ouessou

Ecole Gemitseruja, Pointe Noire

Ecole Horizon Meya, Ouessou

Ecole Initiation, Ouessou

Ecole la Sangha, Ouessou

Ecole le Bon Berger, Ouessou

Ecole le Printemps, Pokola

Ecole les Cadres de Demain, Ouessou

Ecole Madona Emmanuel, Liranga

Ecole Marie de Passion, Ouessou

Ecole Marie de Passion, Peke

Ecole Mboma, Ouessou

Ecole Ndjombo, Ouessou

Ecole Nkounka Gerda, Pointe Noire

Ecole Notre Dame des Anges, Ouessou

Ecole Okomba Mystère, Makoua

Ecole Primaire Bokouaye, Ouessou

Ecole Primaire Jesus Ressuscité, Ouessou

Ecole Primaire la Sangha, Ouessou

Ecole Primaire les Aiglons, Ouessou

Ecole Primaire les Vainqueurs, Ouessou

Ecole Primaire Mambeke Dzika, Ouessou

Ecole Primaire Mambake Mboko, Ouessou

Ecole Primaire Milandou, Ouessou

Ecole Primaire Saint Pierre Claver, Ouessou

Ecole Priveé Mémé Louise, Pointe Noire

Ecole Saint Jean Denise, Ouessou

Ecole Saint Michel, Pokola

Ecole Vol d'Oiseau, Ouessou

Institut Henri Lopes, Pointe Noire

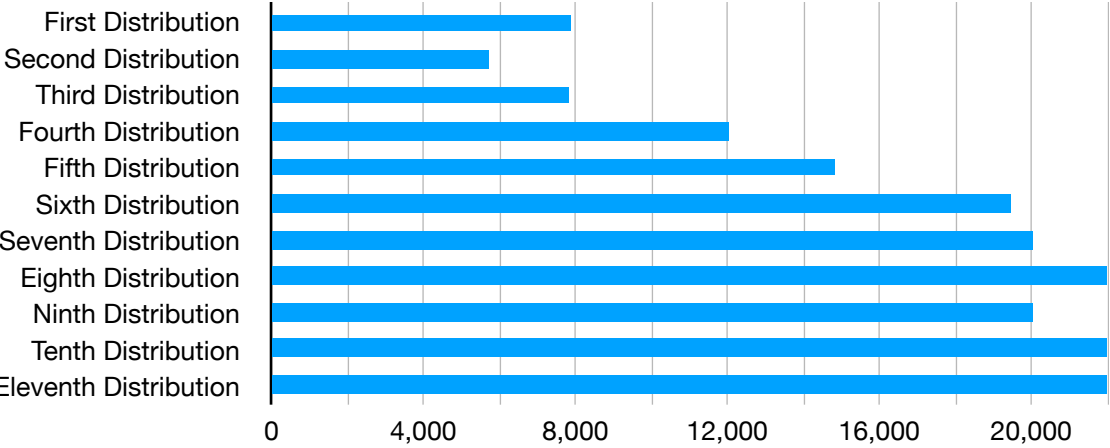


School outreach team holding up lyrics to a song.



School kids joyously greet the New Sight team.

Print circulation of the Children's Magazine.





Our 8th issue, themed 'Travel,' captivated young readers across Congo. Students listened intently as our team introduced the magazine's contents, their faces lighting up with curiosity. Eager hands shot up to answer questions – proof of their excitement and engagement. Interacting with these bright young minds and witnessing their enthusiasm for learning was truly inspiring. The learning journey continued with our 11th issue, "Aquatic World," distributed in February 2025 in Ouessou by our Hong Kong team. Volunteers brought the magazine to life through dynamic activities: Evelyn, Phoebe, and Bruce led lively singing sessions with Wendy and Margaret using vibrant posters, while Po, Peter, and Olivia helped students practice writing their names. The children's beaming smiles and active participation made these moments unforgettable, showcasing the magic of joyful, hands-on learning.

Students from the Canadian International School of Hong Kong (CDNIS) undertook a meaningful initiative to support young learners in Congo. The school's Grade 9 and 10 Advanced French classes dedicated their efforts to creating vibrant children's magazines with engaging content, designed to inspire primary students. CDNIS students contributed to four magazine issues. Special thanks to New Sight's Olivia and Stephanie for enabling this impactful partnership. This project not only reinforces CDNIS's commitment to global initiatives and student involvement in charitable causes but also allows their students to apply their French skills for the greater cause of addressing the region's shortage of reading resources.



This map shows how the number of our distribution centres have grown exponentially since its first issue in May 2021.



3. Ensure sustainability by engaging with local and international partners

Strengthening relationships and partnering with local authorities, we continue to work towards best practice communications, fundraising, team structure and operational processes.

Establishing and growing the team

New Sight has been incredibly fortunate to work with outstanding volunteers who bring diverse expertise to our mission. This includes dedicated members of our Executive Committee and Board, along with talented professionals specialising in video production, graphic design, procurement, legal counsel, and fundraising event coordination. Their generous contributions of time and skills have been invaluable. Wendy Ossaga, our dedicated volunteer, remains pivotal in expanding the children's magazine's reach while leading administration, team training, and school partnerships. She expertly managed operations during Joyce and Henri's absence.

New Sight has enhanced performance through training and regular reviews. We've implemented improved guidelines, clear job descriptions, streamlined communications, and structured compensation reviews - all designed to support staff development and workplace efficiency. To further empower our team, we've added practical resources including a new 15-seater minibuss (acquired in 2024) for reliable transportation of staff and visitors between the hospital site, Brazzaville, and outreach programs. These investments reflect our commitment to creating an enabling environment where both our team and mission can thrive.

Engagement with Local Authorities

New Sight operates under a formal Protocole d'accord with the Republic of Congo's Ministry of Health, granting recognition as a health institution along with tax exemptions, visas, and work permits. In recognition of New Sight's positive reputation and good standard of care, the Ministry of Health, Director General of Hospitals, and other organisations – including businesses and insurers – are increasingly referring patients to New Sight.

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Our dedicated volunteer Wendy with Ezra.



A 15-seater minibuss has been acquired to provide reliable transportation.



Joyce and Henri meeting with Gilbert Mokoki, Minister of Health.



The new Minister of Health Jean-Rosaire Ibara and officials visit the hospital.

Recognition at the FCA Gala hosted by the First Lady (June 2024)

Joyce and Henri were deeply honoured to attend the Fondation Congo Assistance (FCA)'s 40th Anniversary Gala in Brazzaville on 21 June, hosted by the First Lady of the Republic of Congo. The prestigious event brought together the President, Prime Minister, government ministers, ambassadors, and the First Lady of the Democratic Republic of Congo. In a special moment of recognition, Joyce and Henri were the only guests invited to stand to receive acknowledgement for New Sight's significant contributions to the nation. This heartfelt tribute serves as powerful encouragement, affirming the meaningful impact of New Sight's work across the country.

Meeting with the Minister of Health (January 2025)

Joyce and Henri were honoured to be invited for a meeting with Gilbert Mokoki, Minister of Health, Republic of Congo and his team on 9 January 2025. The Minister welcomed updates on New Sight's 20% annual growth, 100% patient satisfaction, and progress on the new hospital. We deeply appreciate the Ministry's ongoing support and their commitment to expediting approvals for the hospital's opening. We look forward to our continual partnership to better serve the needs of Congo.

Minister of Health, Prefet, Departmental Director of Health visit (March 2025)

In early 2025, we welcomed a distinguished delegation, including the new Minister of Health Jean-Rosaire Ibara, Prefet Edouard Denis Okouya, President of the Departmental Council Emmanuel Akouelakoum, Ouesso Mayor Armel Sidobe Gah, Commune 1 Mayor Irène Andziou, Commune 2 Mayor Hamed Camara Dekamo, and Departmental Director of Health Félicité Dolama, along with their teams for a tour of the hospital site. They were impressed by the size, quality and scale of our eye block, and were enthusiastic about our services to the Ouesso community in eye care, health care, and community health education. We are encouraged by our discussion of potential projects, sharing of space, and increasing accessibility to health services.

Visiting Volunteers

New Sight is extremely thankful for the amazing visiting volunteers who have travelled from across the world to work with the team in Ouesso over the past year. Nearly 50 volunteers and mission teams from Congo, Boston, Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, Texas, LA and Hong Kong contributed to the hospital's setup. The Boston Team arrived in June, the Canada Team (from Vancouver, Edmonton and Toronto) landed in July, the Texas team came in August, and the Hong Kong team joined in February 2025. Peter, our incredible volunteer from LA, worked tirelessly in Ouesso from February to April 2025. Even though they had mostly never met in person, they worked together like a flawless relay team. They transformed the warehouse-looking space into a hospital. They unloaded the containers, organised and assembled furniture. They organised supplies and spare parts. They cleaned and organised many rooms, set up offices, patient wards, surgical rooms, consultation areas, waiting areas, and storage rooms. They installed equipment, fixtures and systems. They fixed and commissioned the electricals and equipment of the hospital. Among the most challenging tasks was installing the internet cabling – working both atop and beneath the roof in gruelling conditions, often without lights, water, or air-conditioning. Though the work was exhausting, seeing the hospital getting many steps closer to being fully functioning was incredibly rewarding. The plans for the hospital were made by our volunteers from around the world, the materials sourced by our teams in Hong Kong and the UK, the building built by the Congolese, then came the teams from Canada, USA and Hong Kong. They gave of their time, money, and talent and worked incredibly hard. While they claimed to have 'the time of their lives,' we know their extraordinary dedication went far beyond mere enthusiasm – it represented a shared belief in making quality healthcare accessible.

We were delighted to welcome back Wilfred from Georgia, USA, returning in summer 2024 with his wife Lily to support our new hospital. The dynamic duo proved invaluable, even resolving a persistent challenge with our surgical doors that had stumped our team for months! Meanwhile, Gabriel from Toronto (son of our project manager Victor) demonstrated remarkable dedication by spending his entire summer supporting three short-term mission teams - an endurance feat he survived to recount! These extraordinary volunteers brought both technical solutions and joyful energy to our mission.

In September, our North American work team – including project manager Victor (Toronto), engineer Jack (Boston), and remote advisors Andy and Tom (Cincinnati) – conducted an intensive working visit. They organised fixes of crucial issues and installed equipment and electronic devices, and significantly advanced our preparations for the hospital's opening.

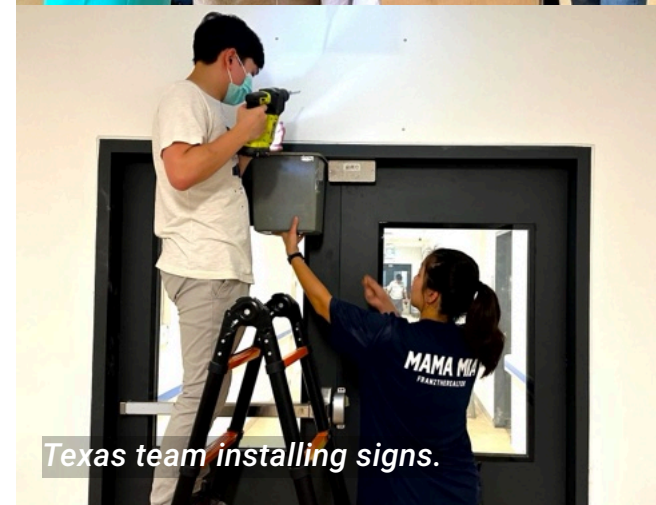
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Boston team unpacking boxes.



Canada team assembling partitions.



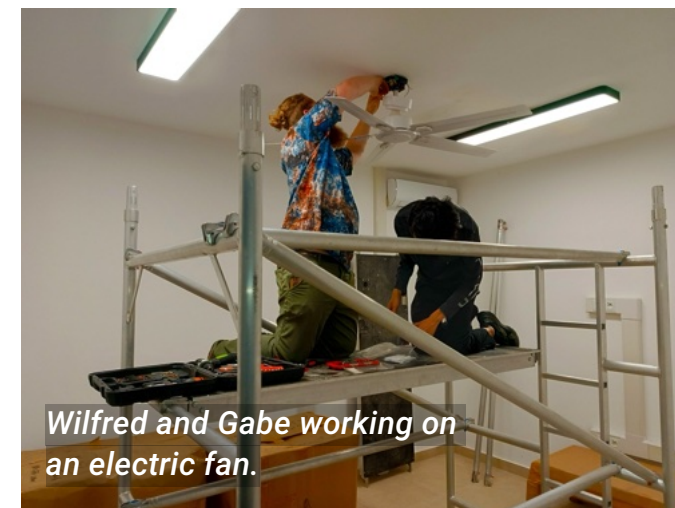
Texas team installing signs.



Canada team serving at Elm Church.



HK team with empty container.



Wilfred and Gabe working on an electric fan.



HK team sorting glasses and display cabinets.



Volunteers Jack and Tom checking electrical machinery.



The volunteers cherished many profound experiences and meaningful accomplishments, including witnessing patients regain their sight after surgery and sharing in their joy. They also served in the children's ministry at a local church by teaching Bible stories, leading songs, and organising crafts. Additionally, they participated in our school outreach programme, distributing the New Sight children's magazine.

Celebrating 12 Years of New Sight (6 April 2024)

To celebrate [#12yearsofnewsight](#), we put together a series of posts to tell the world 12 things we love about New Sight. These included: our patients, our future hospital, our visitors and volunteers, our school partners, our staff in Congo, our training school and interns, Project Two Front Teeth, our community and local leaders, our supporters, our worldwide team, and our community outreach programmes. As we celebrated our 12th year in Congo, we gave thanks to all the people, the authorities, the challenges and opportunities to serve. As Joyce and Henri always like to say, the needs are great, the challenges are great, but the opportunities to make a difference are even greater.

New Sight 2024 Year in Review Video

2024 marked a year of remarkable achievements for New Sight. We launched an inspiring inter-school choir initiative, delivered over 3,600 vital consultations, performed sight-restoring surgeries, and maintained our perfect record of 100% patient satisfaction. The year also saw us complete the structure and interior of our new hospital – a major milestone in expanding our care. These accomplishments were made possible through the invaluable support of local authorities, the Congolese community, and our global network of volunteers and donors. As we celebrate these successes, we're filled with gratitude and excitement for the future. The video features the beautiful original song 'Love's Boundless Flight' from our Virtual Choir Project 2024 collaboration with HKICF. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOq6NH7F8ec>

Legal advisory teams

New Sight benefits from ongoing pro bono legal, governance, and compliance advisory from leading international firms: A&O Shearman, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Hong Kong, and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in the US.

US Trip 2024

In November, Joyce and Henri travelled back to Louisville, Kentucky, to participate in the 2024 Global Missions Health Conference (GMHC), the world's largest gathering of healthcare professionals, students, and organisations focused on medical missions. Wilfred joined them, assisting in welcoming attendees at their booth. This year they hosted a number of events. Joyce and Henri shared about opportunities to join the New Sight hospital at 'Calling History Makers' Grab a boxed lunch and dinner events. Joyce spoke twice about 'Ten things I wish I had known when I became an unlikely missionary doctor, wife and homeschool mama'. Additionally, they travelled to Illinois and spoke at Wheaton College, Moody Bible Institute, and the Lawndale Christian Health Center, while also visiting The Moody Church. The primary focus for the trip was to raise support, recruit medical and non-medical staff, explore partnerships and make connections. The audience responded warmly to their talks, and several were inspired to explore volunteer opportunities.

Toccoa Falls Mission Conference (February 2025)

In early February, Wilfred Howe – a dedicated volunteer who has served twice in the Congo with his wife, Lily – attended the Toccoa Falls Mission Conference at Toccoa Falls College as New Sight's Mission Mobiliser. Wilfred set up an informational booth, delivered engaging classroom presentations about his experiences in the Congo, and connected with students from the nursing and mission departments. Through meaningful conversations, he shared internship and long-term service opportunities with New Sight. Thank you, Wilfred, for passionately advancing our vision and igniting a spirit of service in others!

Community Outreach: Spreading Christmas Joy

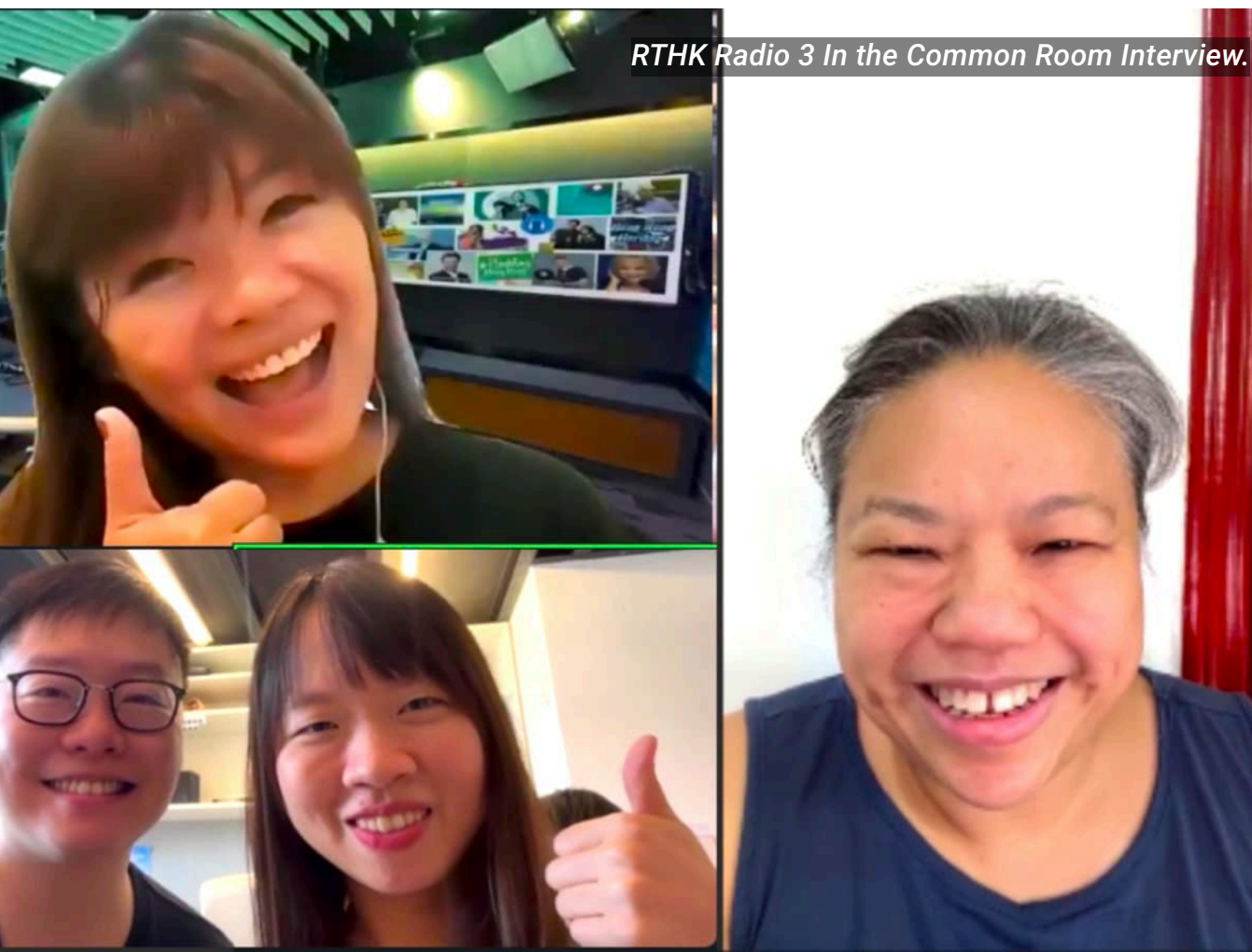
Beyond our clinical services, the New Sight team continues to build meaningful connections throughout our community. Maintaining our Christmas Day tradition of giving, the Samoutou family and Congo team visited the local prison and orphanage. Together, we delivered presents and vital supplies to our friends at the prison, orphanage, and home for elderly and vulnerable individuals cared for by the nuns. These moments of shared joy and kindness truly embody the spirit of the season.

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HKICF x Virtual Choir Premiere with guest of honour Dr Ko Wing-man.



RTHK Radio 3 In the Common Room Interview.

HKICF × New Sight Virtual Choir Premiere (August 2024)

The HKICF x New Sight Virtual Choir 2024 premiered on 24 August after a year of collaboration, uniting over 2,000 students from more than 50 schools across Hong Kong, Norway, and Congo – including Congo's first inter-school choir from 11 Ouessou schools. We're deeply grateful to the Hong Kong Inter-School Choral Festival and Artistic Director Kelvin Lau for featuring New Sight, and to composer Joyce Cheung for creating the beautiful original song 'Love's Boundless Flight' that connected our global community. The music video debuted on Hong Kong's Times Square screens in August and appeared as 30-second trailers in 33 MTR stations (4-17 November). We're thankful for every participant, especially our Congo team and choristers for their heartfelt performances moving people around the world. Watch the full performance at [<https://youtu.be/deCGkCs34qk>] and join us in celebrating this extraordinary musical journey for sight.

RTHK Radio 3 'In the Common Room' – 7-10 October 2024

Joyce was interviewed by Alyson Hau on Hong Kong's RTHK Radio 3 'In the Common Room' over the course of 4 shows. Joyce shared her favourite songs, including 'Love's Boundless Flight' commissioned for New Sight at the Hong Kong Inter-school Choir Festival 2024. 'Off Campus' with Dr Joyce Samoutou (Co-Founding Director of New Sight); Host: Alyson Hau (full-length audio version: [Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#))

1. [Episode 1: Growing up in Hong Kong; moving to Congo](#) (Timestamp: 25:45 – 34:26)
2. [Episode 2: Kids' health education; common eye problems in Congo](#) (Timestamp: 25:45 – 37:31)
3. [Episode 3: Encouragement for stepping out of your comfort zone](#) (Timestamp: 27:16 – 41:20)
4. [Episode 4: How to change the set ideas about yourself; What Joyce would tell her 15-year-old self](#) (Timestamp: 26:42 – 38:16)

Inspirational fundraising activities

We are humbled and excited by the creative ways in which our supporters fundraise and partner with New Sight.

Moses Law's Meaningful First Birthday (August 2024)

For his first birthday, Moses' family created a beautiful alternative to gifts – inviting loved ones to support New Sight's sight-saving work in Congo. This heartfelt gesture transformed celebration into life-changing impact, giving the gift of vision to those in need.

Seasonal Charity Fairs 2024

New Sight was delighted to participate in the Union Church Missions Christmas Fair 2024, joining fellow NGOs serving Hong Kong and the global community. Our stall featured beautiful Congolese handicrafts alongside homemade banana muffins and rich dark/milk chocolate cookies, all generously purchased by supporters to fund our sight-saving work.

We were also honoured to return to Diocesan Girls' School and Diocesan Girls' Junior School for their Christmas Mini Bazaar. This special opportunity allowed our volunteer team to share the impactful story of Project Two Front Teeth through our 'Mountains for Sight' 2025 calendars and DGS sticker gift box set designed by Megan Ng, spreading awareness while engaging with the school community.

Little Pianists Charity Competition (December 2024)

Young musicians showcased their talent in playing piano and violin, and raised funds for New Sight's sight-saving work. Their beautiful performance embodied the #TwoFrontTeeth spirit – proving children can create meaningful change through both music and compassion.

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Dean Close School's Disguised Decanian competition.

Mountains for Sight Calendar 2025.



Charity Performance for New Sight (January 2025)

Inspired by Dr. Joyce's powerful TED Talk, "How Children Can Lead Social Impact", teenage brothers and violinists Conrad and Winston were moved to take action. Together with friends, they organised an afternoon charity concert to raise funds for New Sight, aiming to support 10 cataract surgeries in Congo with a goal of £1,000. Held at Holy Name Church in Esher, the event featured a moving musical performance alongside cake and food sales. It was an amazing, transformative experience for the boys, and such a wonderful example of what young people can achieve as per the spirit of Two Front Teeth. We are so encouraged by the family and their support for our work.

Disguised Decanian (February 2025)

In February 2025, Dean Close School in Cheltenham, UK, hosted its exciting fundraising event, Disguised Decanian – a playful twist on The Masked Singer. Sixteen performers, including pupils and teachers, took part in a knockout-style singing competition, concealed in creative disguises. Over the course of the event, 15 acts were gradually voted off and revealed, leaving one winner to be crowned the Disguised Decanian. Once again, the public were invited to purchase tickets to a night of mystery, music, and fun, in aid of New Sight and one other charity.

Mountains for Sight Calendar 2025

Cherissa, Ezra and Karis Samoutou's chosen calendar theme of Mountains was inspired by two of New Sight's amazing friends and supporters, Seb and his dad Anthony Correa, who took part in a sponsored climb and conquered Everest base camp, thereby raising funds for New Sight. In recognition that with the important contribution of generous supporters and amazing volunteers, New Sight has overcome many challenges and conquered summits to bring real long-lasting impact to the community in Congo. Also included with the calendar were Joyce's key learnings from the mission field and a 'Spot the objects' game. As with past calendars, the main goal was to reconnect with supporters, provide a year-round reminder, and help to raise profile. The calendar was filled with beautiful photographs from around the world generously provided by our talented supporters and chosen by the Samoutou kids. This was the seventh year of calendar sales with around 56% sold and the rest given away to major donors and stakeholders. Design and production of the 1,500 calendars were again generously donated by QP Group.

The amazing support of churches, schools and corporations

New Sight’s work is made possible by kind donations from generous individuals and caring organisations. The chart on the right lists some of our supporters.

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Anti-clockwise from top left: Romeo outside the clinic with intern Orchidee; Romeo undergoing surgery; Joyce practising being a soldier with Romeo; a check-up to make sure Romeo's eye is healing well after surgery.

Patient stories

Romeo, our brave 8-year-old hero

Despite being injured by a hunting arrow during play, this courageous little boy never lost his smile. Throughout his examination, Romeo's infectious giggles kept the medical team laughing – though they did have to teach him to 'stand as still as a soldier!' While we were sad to miss his sunny personality as he returned home, we were delighted to see his recovery.

Mama Armande, the joy of sight restored

For 11 years, Armande lived with a cataract in her right eye. Three years ago, her left eye also became clouded, leaving her effectively blind. When she entered the surgical room, she moved cautiously, relying on someone to guide her.

Henri skilfully operated on her right eye first. The next day, as he examined her, Armande sat quietly – then correctly counted the fingers he held up. Gradually, she realised her vision was returning. Suddenly, she spotted her mother and cried out, "Mama!" The two embraced, overcome with happy tears. It was a beautiful moment – the gift of sight, restored.



Mama Armande laughing after she sees her mum.



Mama Armande's mum is so grateful that her daughter can see.

Financials

Over the past 13 years, New Sight has been deeply grateful to receive more than HK\$ 90 million (USD 12 million) in financial support – made possible through the generosity of donors, partners, and volunteers who share our vision and values. The first phase of the New Sight Hospital, which includes outpatient, surgical and inpatient sections, as well as facilities for training, screening, and community programs such as our children’s magazines and school partnerships, has been completed. A soft opening is planned for the second quarter of 2025, marking an exciting new chapter as we continue expanding our capacity and preparing to offer additional aid in new domains such as dentistry and other medical specialties.

New Sight has actively sought and benefitted greatly from numerous in-kind donations, including medical equipment, furniture, printed materials, waived storage and office rental costs, and pro-bono services in engineering, architecture, legal, compliance, finance, human resources, marketing and event management from professionals around the world.

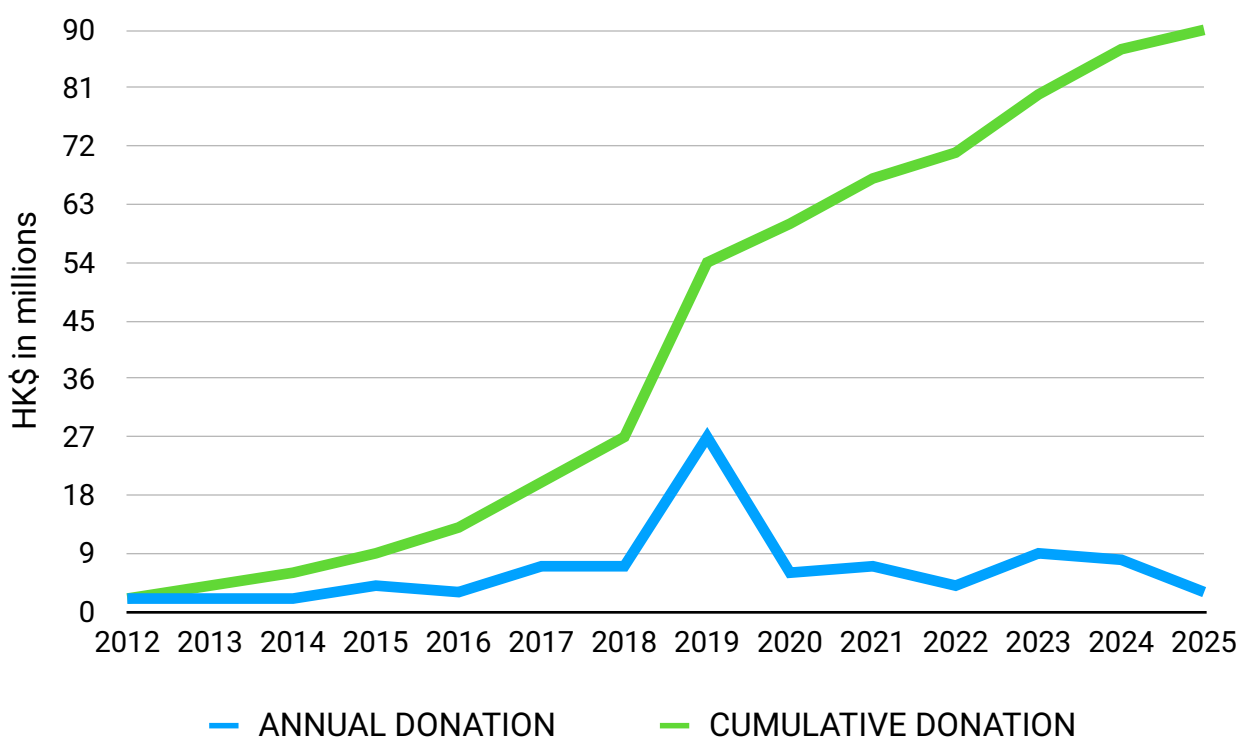
We take every donation seriously and are committed to maximising impact and minimising waste. Through disciplined stewardship, careful management, sheer determination and tireless work from our team, we are humbled to share that the construction of our facility came in over USD 1 million under budget without compromising quality – allowing us to stretch every dollar further in service of those who need us most.

In the fiscal year ended March 2025, 87% of our expenses were directed toward program costs – a reflection of our commitment to responsible stewardship and impact-driven service. Within these program costs:

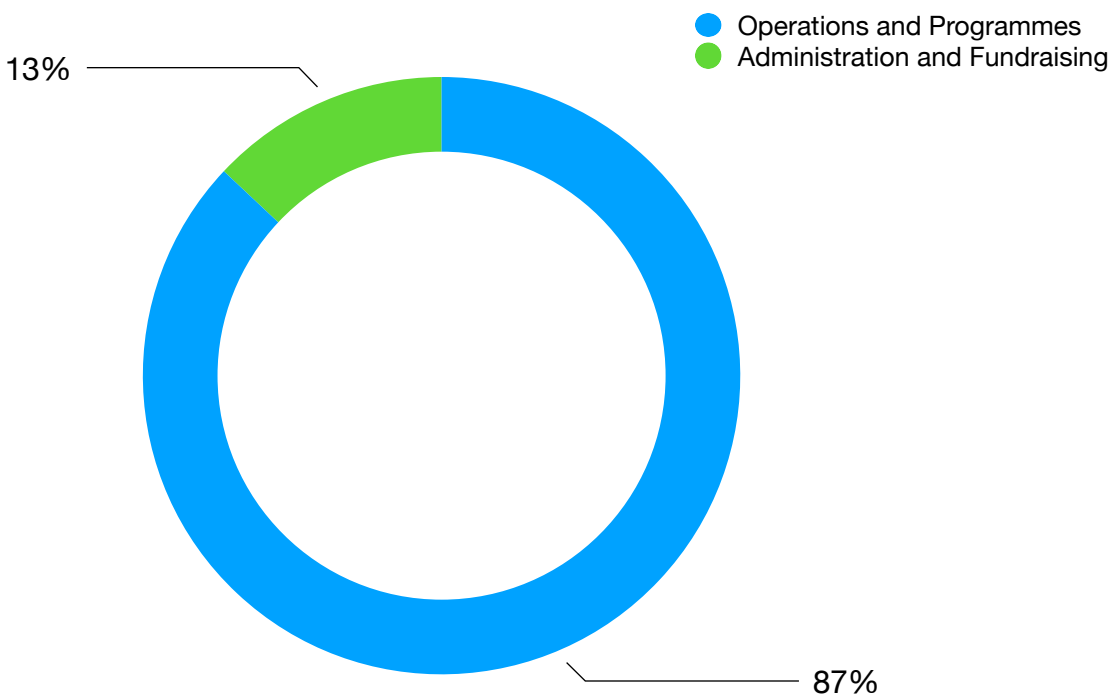
- 64% were dedicated to core program activities, staff training, and the operation of our clinic to deliver impactful services where there is otherwise none.
- 23% were dedicated to supported systems, logistics, and other vital infrastructure, essential to sustaining an effective long-term presence in Congo. These foundational costs rose this year due to the increased volume of container shipments required for the successful opening of new facilities. Meanwhile, our annual patient reach continues to grow by 20%, and our school partnerships have expanded from 30 to over 40 – enabling the delivery of critical equipment and care to rural communities.

We remain deeply committed to fiscal accountability, ensuring every dollar entrusted to us goes toward building stronger, sustainable futures.

Donations received over the years.



Cost Breakdown for the year ended 31 March 2025.



Looking Ahead: Meeting Tomorrow's Needs Together

To meet the growing needs of our patients and maintain effective service delivery and safe medical care, **we are seeking funding to support several critical initiatives:**

- **Training and capacity building**

We have an urgent need for professional training across maintenance, construction, administration, finance, human resources, medicine, nursing, and optometry. Investing in our Congolese staff is essential for long-term sustainability.

- **Accommodation for trainers**

To host international trainers and fulfil the requirements of potential partner mission organisations, we plan to construct on-site accommodation – a key step in expanding our knowledge transfer and mentoring capacity.

- **Development of new and enhanced services**

Now that we are in a privileged position to grow our capacity and reach, we are actively seeking support to introduce new specialties that remain critically underserved in the region:

- Dentistry: Our first dental short-term team is planned in the second quarter of 2025, with more to follow and with the ultimate aim for a long-term dentist to come and train local staff.
- Child health: We're launching a summer children's camp in the third quarter of 2025, as well as a school screening program for eye and general health beginning in the fourth quarter.
- We also aim to strengthen our existing eye services with additional medical equipment and diagnostic tools to provide comprehensive care and early detection of treatable conditions.



In addition, we are seeking in-kind donations especially in the following:

- Donor management software
- Local transportation logistics within Hong Kong
- Courier service to Congo (there is no mailing service to Congo and we have to rely on courier service)
- Container storage and shipping from China / Hong Kong to Congo
- Unexpired medicine, medical and surgical consumables
- A professional video editor who can bring our footages to life

While these goals are ambitious – especially given that our donations decreased by ~60% last year due to the global economic downturn – we remain confident that, with the same spirit of collaboration and generosity that has brought us this far, they are within reach.



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