



Video: The Story of New Sight

OUR VISION:

A world where no one is needlessly blind.

THE PROBLEM:

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

480,000	The number of Congolese estimated to suffer from blindness or visual loss		3 in 4 who are visually impaired require help with daily activities.
35%	The percentage of Congolese that live in Absolute Poverty, i.e. < USD1.90 a day		9 out of 10 people who are blind cannot go to work or school.

THE SOLUTION:

We have served Congo since 2012 and opened Phase 1 of our hospital in 2025.

Provide Comprehensive Eye Care	01	Empower the Local Community	02	Provide Health Education	03
We have performed over 26,000 consultations since 2012, and our patient feedback has been consistently 100% positive. We are the only eye surgery provider and prescription glasses manufacturer in northern Congo. Our new hospital on 6 hectares of land will enable us to help more patients.		Our training school equips the community to provide locally managed services. We provide employment with professional development opportunities. We partner with authorities, health entities and over 40 schools.		We regularly run eye screening and health campaigns. Our children's magazine for literacy, numeracy and health education has a national readership of over 22,000.	

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. ¹		Restoring someone's sight is the single most cost-effective health intervention to reduce poverty. – WHO ²
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NEW SIGHT IN NUMBERS

Impfondo Eye Services	Opened in 2012	Ouesso Eye Services	Opened in 2019
9,477 Consultations	362 Surgeries performed (since 2013)	17,370 Consultations	189 Surgeries performed (since 2022)
	4 Eye nurses trained		1,286 Glasses
		100% Positive patient feedback	8 Personnel trained
Community Health Initiatives	Started in 2013	School Outreach Program	Launched in 2021
>22,000 Health education materials distributed	>2,000 Impfondo patients screened	>40 School programs	>22,000 Circulation per issue
592 Ouesso patients screened	>280 Dental outreach patients (since 2025)	12 Children's magazine issues	3 Children's summer camps
		182,566 Distributed to date	

Updated as of 31 August 2025

1) The Fred Hollows Foundation. Investing in Vision: A Study by PricewaterhouseCoopers. 2013-2014. <https://www.hollows.org/au/research/investing-in-vision>

2) World Health Organization. Global Initiative for the elimination of avoidable blindness: Action Plan 2006-2011.2007. https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/43754/9789241595889_eng.pdf