

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.

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Provide Comprehensive Eye Care

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.

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Empower the Local Community

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.

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Provide Health Education

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. – WHO²

NEW SIGHT IN NUMBERS

Impfondo Eye Services

Opened in 2012

9,477
Consultations

362
Surgeries performed (since 2013)

4
Eye nurses trained

Ouesso Eye Services

Opened in 2019

17,370
Consultations

189
Surgeries performed (since 2022)

1,286
Glasses

100%
Positive patient feedback

8
Personnel trained

Community Health Initiatives

Started in 2013

>22,000
Health education materials distributed

>2,000
Impfondo patients screened

592
Ouesso patients screened

>280
Dental outreach patients (since 2025)

School Outreach Program

Launched in 2021

>40
School programs

12
Children's magazine issues

>22,000
Circulation per issue

182,566
Distributed to date

3
Children's summer camps

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