



**FINANCIAL  
REPORT  
2021**



**OPC**  
EMPOWERING  
THROUGH SIGHT

# LET'S NOT LET GO !



The year 2021 has been an emotional and challenging. First, a bad storm. In April, the British government abruptly announced

the end of its financial support to the fight against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Africa. The OPC and other NGOs were left in great difficulty. The OPC - as well as its partners - made sure to find solutions to bounce back and not abandon those who need us so much.

Then, a ray of sunshine. In July, the United Nations adopted the "Vision for All 2030" resolution, which commits the international community to helping the 1.1 billion people living with preventable vision loss.

Finally, since December, a smaller renewed team of employees has been in charge of our daily operations. After the settling period typical of any transition, these changes mark a new era that we hope will be favorable to OPC.

It is especially as we get closer to our goal that the task becomes the most difficult. **We are going through the "last mile" toward the elimination of Trachoma in many countries, and more effort and ingenuity are needed to reach the most isolated cases. It is crucial now not to let go,** or we might see our previous efforts ruined.

I know I can count on your faithful support to continue and expand our action to all those for whom we are the only hope. I thank you for your support.

**Professor Serge Resnikoff**  
President

## TEAM

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# MISSION

## OPC goes where the need is the greatest

Founded in 1978, OPC is a French NGO that is active in Francophone Africa to preserve the sight of the most vulnerable populations.

Working alongside its partners – Ministries of Health and civil society organizations – OPC's mission is to transfer knowledge in public health ophthalmology, fight against eye diseases and sustain national eye care programs for the benefit of the most vulnerable.

OPC is:

- An official partner of the World Health Organisation (WHO) since 2000
- Member of many international organisations such as:
  - International Agency for Blindness Prevention (IAPB)
  - WHO Alliance for the Global Elimination of Blinding Trachoma (GET)
  - International Coalition for Trachoma Control (ICTC)

Thank you



"Some time ago, my eyebrows started to rub my eyes. I came here to this surgical camp because the community leaders told us about it. I was lucky to be examined by a woman. She told me that I can benefit from a surgery to get rid of epilation and pain."

Nafissa G, Chad, 2021

SINCE 1978

WE'VE BEEN

### Preserving sight

acting on everything impacting vision by preventing, treating and equipping

### Going where nobody else goes

to the most destitute, in the most difficult-to-access areas, against the neglected tropical diseases

### Acting for a lasting impact

alongside local actors to implement comprehensive and universal eye health devices



The IDEAS Label attests to the implementation of good practices in governance, financial management and monitoring the effectiveness of our action.



# 2021 PROGRAM RESULTS

## The fight against NTDs

with the help of  Sightsavers

Those NTDs are either caused by parasitic worms in water or soil or transmitted by mosquitoes and flies.

87 497  
people

In **Congo** from the Sangha region were treated against lymphatic filariasis.

3 832 550  
adults

In **Chad** benefited from a large campaign covering the four diseases.

2 607 425  
kids

## Trachoma

with the help of THE  FUND  Fondation Théa 

Trachoma is the first infectious cause of blindness in the world. This disease is transmitted by contact and by flies, from childhood. Over time, the eyelashes scratch the cornea (trichiasis), requiring eyelid surgery to save the eye.

In **Chad** were screened for trichiasis, resulting in 468 operations for the most advanced cases.

41 851  
people

1 676 970  
people

In the **Central African Republic** were treated against trachoma thanks to massive drugs distributions. A large series of epidemiological surveys has been launched to take stock of the health situation after several years of action.

## Comprehensive and universal eye care

with the help of   Organisation mondiale de la Santé

Childhood blindness is a major cause of infant mortality. A pilot project has therefore been launched in the Mopti region to equip hospital ophthalmology departments and train teams in the specific care of children. The OPC hopes to replicate this approach in other regions and countries.



# OPC'S KEY NUMBERS

**8 246 743**

people treated

**32 651**

people enlisted  
and trained

**7**

programs in **4**  
countries



" I had a tough life and currently I am a bit scared to lose my sight like my mother did because of the dog's hair disease (translation of local term used for trachoma). It starts very young and day after day it takes you to darkness. That dog is a very bad friend! I heard the medical team was coming to the village, so here I am [...]. I lived long enough to see it. Thanks to [...] the team, soon, my fear will be over. I will still see the sun rise and enjoy my grandchildren. "

Arafa C, Chad, 2021

# FINANCE



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Fiscal year 2021 closed with a surplus of €1,305,704 (compared to -€29,378 in 2020). Although this result is encouraging, it must be interpreted with caution. Indeed, the OPC benefited in 2021 from an exceptional bequest of 1 268 566€ from a faithful donor. His heartfelt gesture allows us to look forward to the future with a little more serenity. However, donations continue to decline (-22%). Therefore, the OPC must react to diversify, prospect and develop new donors and partners.

Thank you very sincerely for your generosity, which allows us to carry out our actions while guaranteeing the good functioning of the OPC.

**Mr. Gérard Bédos**  
Treasurer

## Balance sheet

ASSETS	
Fixed assets	6 968\$
Other receivables	396 072\$
Cashflow	3 410 652\$
Prepaid expenses	11 019\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3 824 713\$</b>

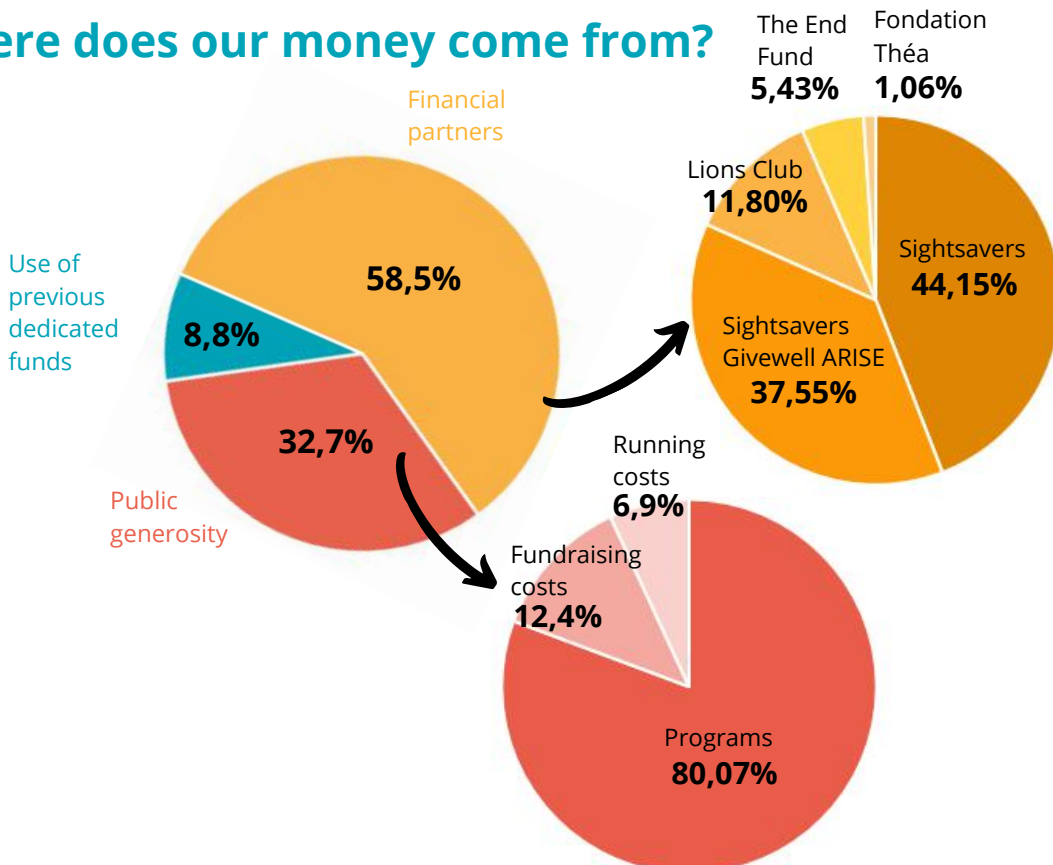
LIABILITIES	
Accumulated funds	2 507 648\$
Dedicated funds	1 207 546\$
Other debts	105 451\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3 824 713\$</b>

## Financials by origin and destination

INCOME BY ORIGIN		
Revenue from public generosity	1 786 153\$	32,7%
Revenue not related to the public generosity	3 185 020\$	58,4%
Other income	4 325\$	0,1%
Use of previous dedicated funds	480 163\$	8,8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 455 662\$</b>	<b>100%</b>

EXPENSES BY DESTINATION		
Programs	1 786 153\$	32,7%
Fundraising expenses	3 185 020\$	58,4%
Operating costs	4 325\$	0,1%
Dedicated funds carried forward	480 163\$	8,8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 976 195\$</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Where does our money come from?



# OPC'S FINANCING

## The search for international donors

The complexity, cost, scope, and impact of OPC's programs is such that it requires the use of substantial funding.

## Various sources of funding

OPC relies on three sources of funding: public generosity, grants from private foundation and grants from public entities. Public generosity is essential to OPC not only to channel funding to its programs but also to show its ability to financially support some aspects of a given project.

## The reserve policy

The reserve policy ensures the continuity of activities in the event of lack of financing during a period of one year.

## Transparency

Financial transparency is OPC's fundamental management to queries or audits ordered by the grantors up to six years after the end of a given contract.

As per French law, OPC's accounts are established by an independent accounting firm (Aca-Nexia), certified by an independent auditor (Deloitte) and published in the French Official Journal.







## GET INVOLVED

You can help OPC empower through sight in Francophone Africa

Consider making a gift today.

American Friends of OPC enables donors to claim the maximum tax benefits allowed by US tax law for their contribution.

## DONATE

Gifts by check can be made out to KBFUS with "American Friends of OPC" in the memo section. Please send checks to KFBUS, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10020.

Gifts by credit card can be made online by visiting [www.opc.ngo](http://www.opc.ngo)

\*Tax-deductible donations to American Friends of OPC can be made through the King Baudouin Foundation United States, a registered 501(c)(3) charity that facilitates thoughtful gicing to organizations in Europe and Africa.

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