

**7 034 608**

Adults and  
children beneficiaries

**32 192**

Mobilized local  
community actors

**8**

Programs in  
5 countries

ORGANIZATION FOR THE  
PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

## SUMMARY REPORT 2023

### LOOKING AHEAD

2023 was a year marked by significant challenges and notable progress in our fight against avoidable blindness and visual impairment.

Despite the worsening political and security situations in some countries, our commitment remained steadfast, thanks to the long-standing relationships of trust we have built with our local partners. Together, we ensured the continuity of our activities and even launched several new projects.

The OPC also secured a three-year renewal of its status as an official partner of the World Health Organization and maintained the IDEAS label, both of which attest to the quality of our

operations and the impact of our work. Their trust honors us and motivates us to continually strive for better. The 2030 Agenda for the UN Sustainable Development Goals continues to guide our efforts toward a world where everyone can see better to live better. All of this is also thanks to you. Thank you for your ongoing commitment.

**Pr. Serge Resnikoff,**  
President



# OUR 2023 PROGRAMS

OPC promotes the strengthening of eye health and advocates for the right to sight for the most neglected populations in Francophone Africa. It develops programs, funds, advises, assists, monitors, and evaluates activities implemented by local actors according to international standards, under the leadership of the Ministries of Health.

Since its creation in 1978, OPC's missions are organized into 5 key areas :

- ▶ **Promote** and implement measures to combat blindness and visual impairments.
- ▶ **Contribute** directly or indirectly, and encourage all initiatives in the field of eye health and blindness prevention.
- ▶ **Carry out** epidemiological studies on the causes of total or partial sight loss.
- ▶ **Initiate** and organize information campaigns to raise public awareness about the scope and severity of blindness in Francophone African developing countries.
- ▶ **Commit** to the development of human resources in the field of eye health.

## NEW IN 2023: MULTI-COUNTRY PROJECT

### STRATEGIC CAPACITY BUILDING

In partnership with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), this project has 4 components:

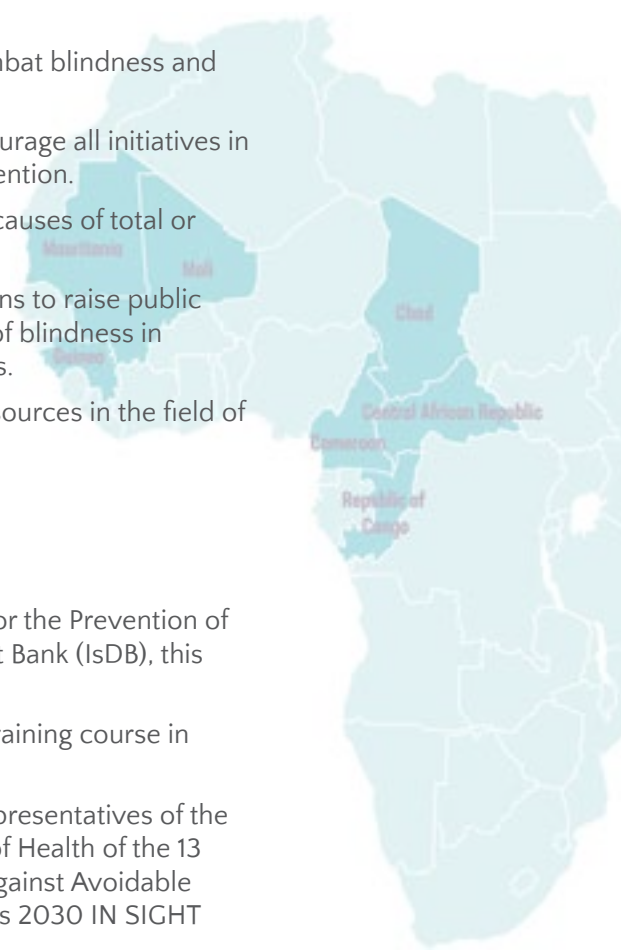
- The creation of a free, self-paced online training course in French on improving eye care systems.
- The organization of two workshops for representatives of the Eye Health Programs from the Ministries of Health of the 13 AFAB-II countries (Alliance for the Fight Against Avoidable Blindness) on the implementation of IAPB's 2030 IN SIGHT strategy.
- The update of a database on eye health training centers in Francophone Africa.
- The harmonization of training curricula at some of these centers.

### COMPREHENSIVE, UNIVERSAL, AND SUSTAINABLE EYE CARE

#### CHILDHOOD BLINDNESS AND HR CAPACITY BUILDING

Visual impairment heavily impacts the quality of life of those affected. It is therefore crucial to ensure that everyone has access to comprehensive, universal, and sustainable eye care services.

## OUR PARTNERS



In **Chad**, in the provinces of Ouaddaï and Guéra, OPC is working on the creation of an optical center, equipping the ophthalmology unit of the Abéché hospital, and training teachers and community health workers to screen for and manage eye diseases and vision loss, particularly in 212 schools in these regions.

In **Mali**, the pilot project to combat childhood blindness in the Mopti region is coming to an end. Specialized equipment for younger patients has been delivered to the hospital. In 2023, **4,771 consultations** and **84 surgeries** were carried out. A total of **62 healthcare professionals** in the region have been trained in pediatric eye health issues.

## NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

They affect approximately **700 million people in Africa** and have devastating consequences on individuals' health, often impacting their vision and worsening their living conditions. Among them are **trachoma, schistosomiasis (SCH), and soil-transmitted helminthiasis (STH)**.

### TRACHOMA

In **Chad**, IMass drug administrations have treated **738,130 people** for trachoma. These efforts were paired with health education initiatives to ensure the sustainability of our fight against trachoma as a public health issue.

A total of **770,781 people** were screened for trachomatous trichiasis (TT), the advanced form of trachoma requiring eyelid surgery, thanks to **1,243 screeners** deployed across 3 provinces. In total, **399 TT** cases were treated in accordance with WHO quality standards.

Finally, 12 impact surveys have measured the progress in reducing the disease: no further drug distributions are planned for 2024, allowing us to focus on the priority treatment of all TT cases.

In the **Central African Republic**, a new wave of mass drug distribution was carried out in 5 health districts, targeting a total of over **964,682 people**.

### SCHISTOSOMIASIS AND SOIL-TRANSMITTED HELMINTHIASIS

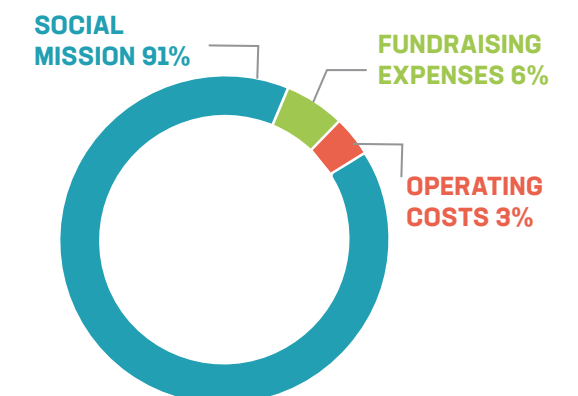
In **Chad**, **3 218 434 school-aged children** were treated with medication for schistosomiasis (SCH) and **409,277 children** for soil-transmitted helminthiasis (STH), covering a total of **16 regions** in the north and south of the country. Evaluation surveys also revealed a consistent decrease in the prevalence of SCH in 25 health districts.

## 2023 INCOME STATEMENT

	Income	Expenses
Operating	4,393 K€	4,339 K€
Of which:		
Memberships	1,080	2 837 810
Donations	96,743	425,196
Legacies	105,296	
Contributions	2,856,129	
Financial	143 K€	80 K€
Exceptional	0 K€	0 K€
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,536 K€</b>	<b>4,431 K€</b>

## BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES

Average breakdown of OPC's total expenses over the last 3 years:



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- ▶ **Become a partner** if you are a company, foundation, or non-profit organization.
- ▶ **Become a member** for an annual fee of 20 euros, and participate in the major annual meetings.

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**Supporting OPC means fighting for the right to sight for the most neglected populations in Francophone Africa.**



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