

2015 ACTIVITIES

Trachoma

In **Chad**, the program set to eliminate trachoma, a bacterial and infectious eye disease affecting the eyelid but whose evolution leads to irreversible corneal damage leading to blindness, is being implemented in four regions: Guera, Salamat, Ouaddaï and Sila. More than 10,000 people were operated by 38 OPC-trained surgeons and more than 2.4 million people have received antibiotic treatment.

In the **Central African Republic**, despite the currently difficult conditions more than 220,000 people of Mbomou region have received an antibiotic treatment.

Eye health

In **Mali**, the eye care program running in three regions (Kayes, Sikasso and Mopti) allowed for 36,360 consultations and 5,000 people recovered their sight after a cataract surgery. In Ségou region, 8 eye care units (1 regional hospital and 7 health centres) have been renovated and equipped, which brings the total number of upgraded eye units in this country to 28.

In **Guinea**, the eye care program in three Eastern regions (Kankan, N'Zérékoré and Faranah) where the Ebola epidemic hit, helped equip 9 eye care units (in 6 regional hospitals and 3 health centres), which allowed to host 22,090 eye consultations and operate 4,450 cataracts and 337 glaucoma.

In **Niger**, where an eye care program is being implemented in two regions - Tahoua and Tillabéry - 8 eye care units (in 2 regional hospitals and 8 health centres) have been upgraded and over 1 240 people were operated for a cataract and 23,251 patients received an ophthalmological consultation.

In **Cameroon**, 9 eye care units (in 2 central hospitals, one regional hospital and 6 health centres) of Littoral, Central and South regions have been renovated and equipped within the framework of a comprehensive eye care program.

Field activities, planned and supported by OPC, including training, are validated and implemented by the Ministries of Health of the partner countries.

NEGLECTED PEOPLE NEED YOU!

Going where the needs are the greatest

Founded in 1978, OPC is a French NGO that is currently active in Francophone Africa to preserve the sight of the most vulnerable populations. The choice of Francophone Africa is dictated by the fact that this region receives ten times less development assistance for health than Anglophone Africa. OPC is currently present in seven countries of Central and West Africa.

Preserving the sight of the poorest

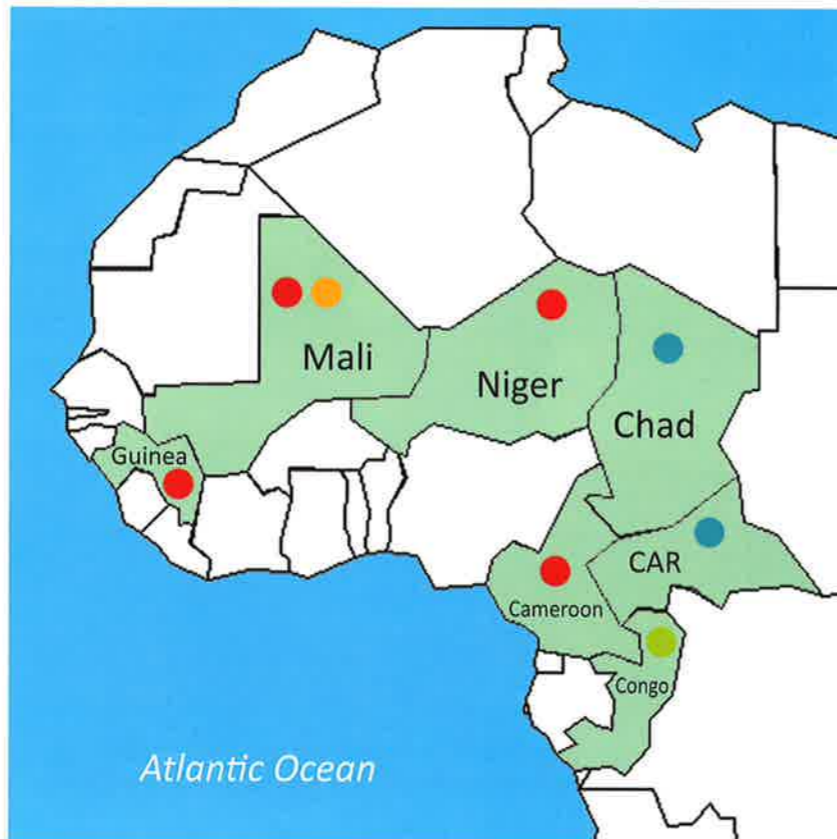
Working alongside its partners - ministries of health and civil society - OPC's mission is to transfer knowledge in public health ophthalmology, fight against eye diseases and sustain national eye care programs for the benefit of the poorest.

OPC is :

- Recognised as a public interest organisation by the French government
- In an official working relation with the World Health Organisation (WHO)
- A member of Coordination Sud (France)
- 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)

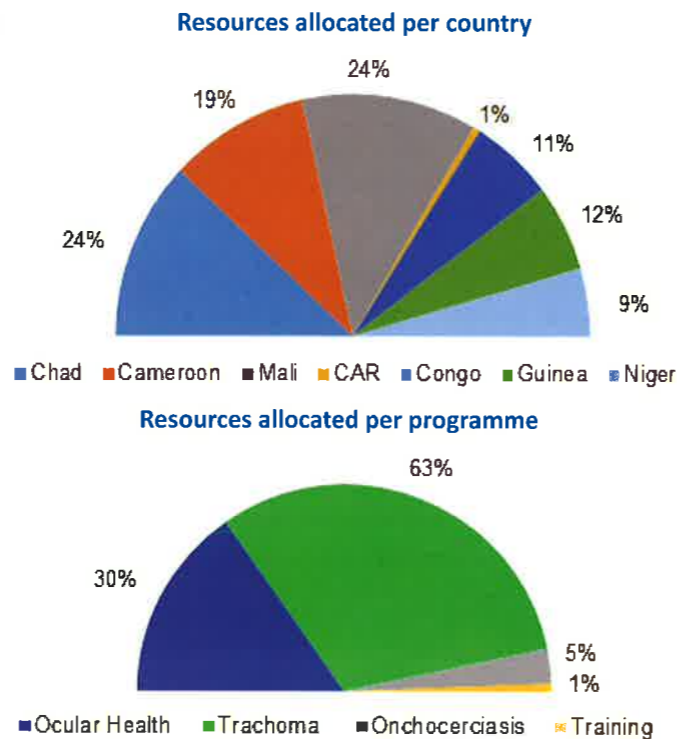
Onchocerciasis and lymphatic filariasis

In **Congo**, more than 421,700 and 125,270 people have received treatments against onchocerciasis and lymphatic filariasis respectively. Epidemiological evaluations have shown that the infection in human population is virtually eliminated or close to elimination in several regions, but it is still prevalent in others, requesting for the continuation of the mass drug distribution effort. As per LF, treatments were implemented in areas co-endemic for onchocerciasis and LF but will be extended to reach full coverage of the Congolese focus.



Training

In **Mali**, 4 traineeships of six months each were provided to students in their final year of ophthalmology certificate at Bamako's African Institute of Tropical Ophthalmology (IOTA).



Thanks to the trust donors and partners continue to put in OPC we were able to achieve a surplus of more than 683 k€. This result is remarkable especially when we recall that 2014 ended with a negative result of 103 k€. Public donations, mostly five legacies totalling 639 k€, somewhat explains the surplus. Yet, it is important to stress that we would have still ended the year with a profit of 45 k€ without the legacies.

The fundraising through the mailing continues to decline. Since 2013, there has been an erosion of revenues by about one third: it went from 88 k€ to 60 k€ with a coverage rate of € 1.13 (€ 1.16 in 2014). This downward trend is similar to that of the donors' database, while the average donation of €45 is unchanged. An investment in donors' prospection will take place in fiscal year 2016.

Meanwhile, funding from our financial partners have rose by more than 2.6 M€, a high volume linked to program expansion. The «Lions Club International Foundation» (LCIF) and the «UK-Department for International Development (DfID) remain our major donors and represent 90% of raised resources.

Also, 2015 saw the arrival of a new US partner, The END Fund, interested in supporting our programs against trachoma in CAR despite the crisis in that country.

Most of the raised resources were dedicated to programmes (92%), running and fundraising costs (6% and 2% respectively) remain well controlled. Finally, 50% of the surplus is set aside in accordance with a newly board approved policy, the rest is allocated to the equity.

Caring about the transparency of its accounts and activities, OPC has decided to undertake the IDEAS (Institute for the Development of Ethics and Action for Solidarity) certification process, reached in December 2015. This label covers three themes: governance, financial management and programme effectiveness.

Finally, OPC has updated its Strategic Planning 2016 - 2020 that was approved by the Board of Directors. And, within this framework, new financing and programs opportunities need to be undertaken as soon as 2016.



Mr Gérard Bédos - Treasurer

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

ACCOUNTING FOR THE ANNUAL USE OF COLLECTED RESSOURCES

- Public generosity - Donations and legacies : resources resulting from mailings, direct donations, pre-authorized banking debits, and legacies (five wills received representing 639 k€).
- Private funds: these come from two partners essentially (LCIF 46% et DfID 44% of collected private funds).
- Forward dedicated fund: funds collected from the public, unused in 2014, but used for programme activities in 2015.
- Programmes: expenses directly attributable to programmes and share of in-house costs inherent to programmes implementation.
- Running costs: they include expenses incurred by the general services.
- Fundraising costs: they include expenses for mailing, research and/or renewal of partnerships, communication, as well as costs set for general public communication and sensitization such as the internet: website.

Statement of accounts (as of 12.31.2015 in euros)

ASSET	2015	2014
Capital assets	13 693	14 041
Other receivables	381 933	38 373
Cashflow	2 008 483	1 704 765
Prepaid expenses	64 839	48 507
Inventory	129 200	
TOTAL (€)	2 598 148	1 805 686
EQUITY	2015	2014
Accumulated surplus	1 006 569	322 768
Dedicated funds	1 287 654	703 364
Other debts	246 982	105 998
Deferred income	56 943	673 556
TOTAL (€)	2 598 148	1 805 686

Accounting for the use of resources (as of 12.31.2015 in euros)

ORIGIN OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES		
Public generosity - Donations & Legacies	816 069	18%
Private funds	3 500 911	77%
Miscellaneous revenue	23 153	1%
Reversal of provisions	54	
Forward dedicated fund	218 447	5%
TOTAL (€)	4 558 634	100%
ALLOCATION OF THE RESOURCES COLLECTED IN 2015		
Programmes	2 832 937	62%
Programmes to be realised	802 737	18%
Fundraising costs	171 962	4%
Running costs	67 164	1%
Budgetary surplus	683 801	15%
Provisions	33	0%
TOTAL (€)	4 558 634	100%
ALLOCATION OF RESSOURCES COLLECTED AMONG THE PUBLIC IN 2015		
Programmes	41 424	25%
Fundraising costs	110 533	67%
Running costs	12 178	7%
TOTAL (€)	164 135	100%
EVALUATION OF VALUNTARY & INKIND CONTRIBUTIONS		
Programmes	4 828	3%
Fundraising costs	183 012	97%
Running costs & other costs		
TOTAL (€)	187 840	100%
Inkind contributions	4 828	3%
Inkind donations	183 012	97%
TOTAL (€)	187 840	100%

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- Capital assets: office equipment, desktops, laptops and office furniture.
- Other receivables: amounts expected in 2016 in relation with the 2015 campaign.
- Cash-flow: increase 303 719 €
- Term deposit: 1 100 000 €
- Deferred assets: 2015 expenses linked to the following year
- Accumulated surplus: restricted resources from identified contributors; cumulative assets definitively acquired; in increase of € 683 801 (profit of the year 2015).
- Earmarked funding increased by € 584,290. It represents resources allocated by donors to projects, which could still be used in accordance with the commitment made to them.
- Other debts: amounts due to service providers and national social entities.
- Deferred revenues: resources acquired in 2015 for programme activities to be delivered the following year.

2015 KEY NUMBERS

3,234,277 people have directly benefited from OPC's actions and those of its partners
34 health units upgraded and equipped
8 regions of Chad mapped for trachoma epidemiological prevalence bringing the regions mapped to 18 out of 22
61 is the total number of eye care units supported by OPC
4 international financial partners have awarded grants to OPC totalling €3,500,910
14 people work for OPC on a full-time basis: 3 in Paris, 5 in Bamako 6 in N'Djamena.

OPC's FINANCING

Various sources of funding

OPC relies on two sources of funding: public generosity - direct donations and legacies - and grants from public (DfID, UK government agency for international development) or private (foundations) entities. Thus, OPC's accounts may appear different from those of other French NGO of the same scale.

Transparency

Financial transparency is OPC's fundamental management objective, so as to respond, at any time, to query or audits of the organizations from which it receives grants. OPC's accounts are open to audits ordered from international donors up to six years after the end of a given contract. As per French law, OPC's accounts are certified by an independent auditor, published in the French Official Journal and on OPC's website.

Public generosity

Public generosity is essential to OPC not only to channel funding to its programmes but also to reassure the international donors which support the programmes developed by OPC. These donors verify that OPC is able to implement some aspects of a given program before participating. Without the public's generosity, OPC would lose its attractiveness

The search for international donors

The complexity, cost, scope and impact of OPC's programmes is such that it requires the use of substantial funding. OPC is part of several international alliances to advocate for the most neglected people and countries and to remain visible to international donors and agencies for either funding or potential synergies

The reserve policy

Thinking about sustaining OPC's activities, on December 2015 the Board of Directors adopted the principle of a reserve policy, which aims to ensure continuity of activities of the Paris headquarters and the regional offices, in the absence of funding for a period of one year. The result for the year 2015 helped to provide this reserve with an amount equivalent to 50% of the surplus.

The accounting for the annual use of the collected resources

The annual use of collected resources (CER, in French) is an integral part of the financial statements certified by the auditor, and that of OPC is established in accordance with these rules.



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Development and performance

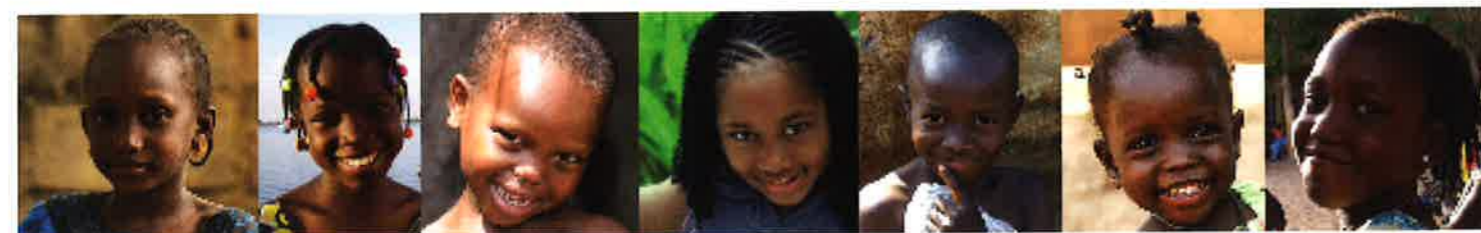
Although insecurity remains a major constraint in most countries we support, we continued to make progress in terms of people who benefit from our actions and those of our field partners. In this regard, let us never forget that the development of local capacity is the foundation and cornerstone of OPC's action. I would like to highlight some successes and new activities recently put in place:

- The elimination of trachoma has been a major element of our action against blindness. In Chad, the first two rounds of antibiotics took place in February 2014 in Mongo health district then in four regions (Guéra, Salamat, Sila et Ouaddai) in December 2015. Thus, 2.4 million people have been included in a treatment protocol that will last three years. But the fight against trachoma is not limited to antibiotic treatment. It also implied programs to improve hygiene and train surgeons to operate complications. It is interesting to note in this regard that in April 2016 the ten thousandth patient underwent surgery, while only a few patients could have access to this treatment before the implementation of the program.
- In CAR we are still fighting to support the national program. With our own funds we were able to support an antibiotic distribution in conflict zones and we hope to see progress as far as the security improves, and hence access to affected populations.
- However, the fight against trachoma is not OPC's sole action. The establishment of eye care, comprehensive and universal in nature, continues to be our top priority in Mali, Guinea, Niger and Cameroon. We provided our support to 61 eye health centres and the results are very encouraging.
- As of 2014, OPC has undertaken to comply with the quality standards specific to associations labelled "public utility" by the French Government. This has been brought to completion successfully and OPC has obtained the «IDEAS» label. A great success for the whole team.

But all of this is possible thanks to the thousand people who answer our calls and sent donations, to all those who have enrolled us in their will, which represents a major contribution to our operations, foundations and companies who gave us their support, especially the Gouault-Wendling Foundation, to members of our Board of Directors and volunteers who give their time without counting and whose experience and wisdom are so valuable to our organization. And of course, our Honorary President, the Professor Pouliquen of the French Academy, who remains our leader and most effective and respected spokesperson. Thank you all.



Professor Serge Resnikoff - Président



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IDEAS LABEL

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