

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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*IRIS Mundial has helped **more than 112,000 persons** and **more than 1,000 persons** has benefited from surgeries.*

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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE GENERAL MANAGER



We are pleased to share our annual report with you, giving an overview of the activities that IRIS Mundial has accomplished in 2024. We are proud of the work done by IRIS Mundial, its members, employees, volunteers and partners. Their unwavering commitment helps the most disadvantaged people to better see the world.

The year 2024 got off to a flying start with a mission to Gabon in January. A multidisciplinary team of Canadian volunteers was despatched to provide vision care at the renowned Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Lambaréné, Gabon. It was an intense but satisfying mission; our volunteers provided care and eyewear to over 1,900 people! The pandemic had forced us to pause our activities, so this mission put IRIS Mundial back on track. As soon as we returned from Gabon, another one-time project was planned by our amazing volunteers: a mission in Podor, Senegal which began in January 2025

We have continued our ongoing programs, delivering online training and mentoring sessions. These sessions were offered to team members of our Program for the Prevention and Fight against Blindness (PPFB) in St. Louis, Senegal, and also PPFB team members in Limbe, Haiti, whenever the internet connection was stable. Once again, this year, the program in Senegal was able to provide hundreds of people with screening, a thorough eye exam and, if necessary, eye surgery. As for the Limbe PPFB in Haiti, the socio-political situation remains extremely complicated, but despite this, our partner CEDI-VE has been able to meet the majority of its goals by offering screening exams at its clinic as well as in-depth exams by an ophthalmologist who comes once a month whenever possible. Unfortunately, the mobile clinics have not yet been able to resume their work yet. Our support for the Espérance et Vie clinic intensified in 2024. It has been added to our list of permanent projects and has been named the PPFB in Terrier-Rouge! The beginnings of a PPFB in Lambaréné, Gabon, also took shape this year. Last but not least, a number of interesting partnership and support opportunities in Cuba came to fruition in 2024, opening the door to exciting prospects for collaboration there!

The year 2024 was also an opportunity to start identifying new target groups for help within our Canadian operations.

We warmly thank our many partners, collaborators, members, volunteers, administrators, donors and funders for their support and precious collaboration.

IRIS Mundial has begun 2025 with an intense workload that reflects our wish to help more vulnerable populations.

*Johanne de Champlain*  
**President**  
Johanne de Champlain

*Julie Roegiers*  
**General manager**  
Julie Roegiers



# IRIS MUNDIAL SHOWCASE

## WHO WE ARE

### MISSION

To provide quality preventive and curative optometric, optical and ophthalmological services to populations in developing countries and to people in need in Canada.

### VISION

Mission IRIS Mundial is a reference body promoting the Right to Sight, which aims to improve the visual health of the most vulnerable populations in developing countries.

### VALUES



Solidarity



Accessibility



Excellence



Sharing of  
knowledge and  
empowerment



Partnership



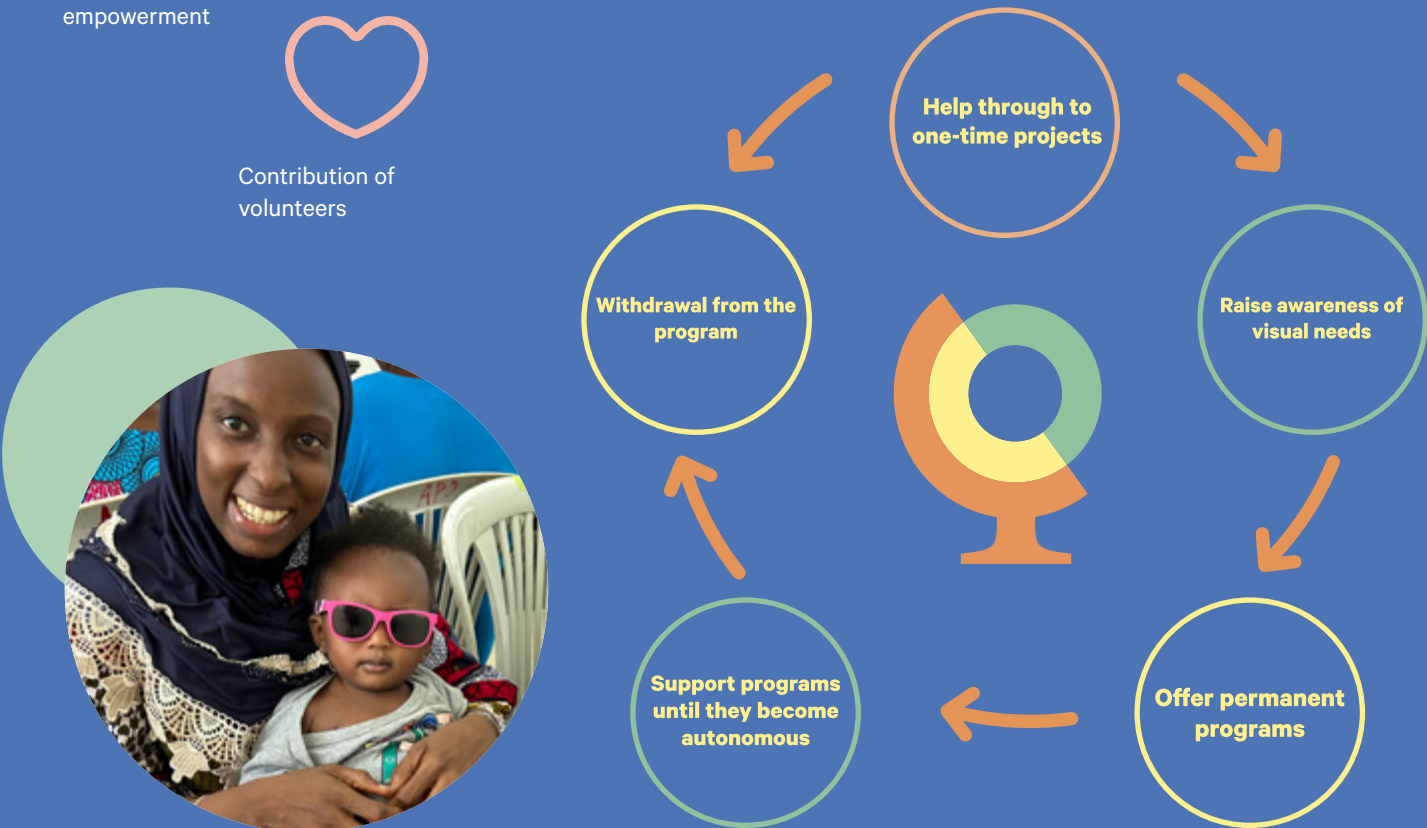
Respect for  
cultures



Contribution of  
volunteers

### AREAS OF INTERVENTION

- **Blindness prevention** through education and a wareness on ocular-visual health;
- **Diagnosis of ocular-visual problems** by screenings and eye exams;
- **Correction of visual impairments** by offering eyeglasses, medical and surgical treatments;
- **Transfer of knowledge** and ongoing training of local professionals.



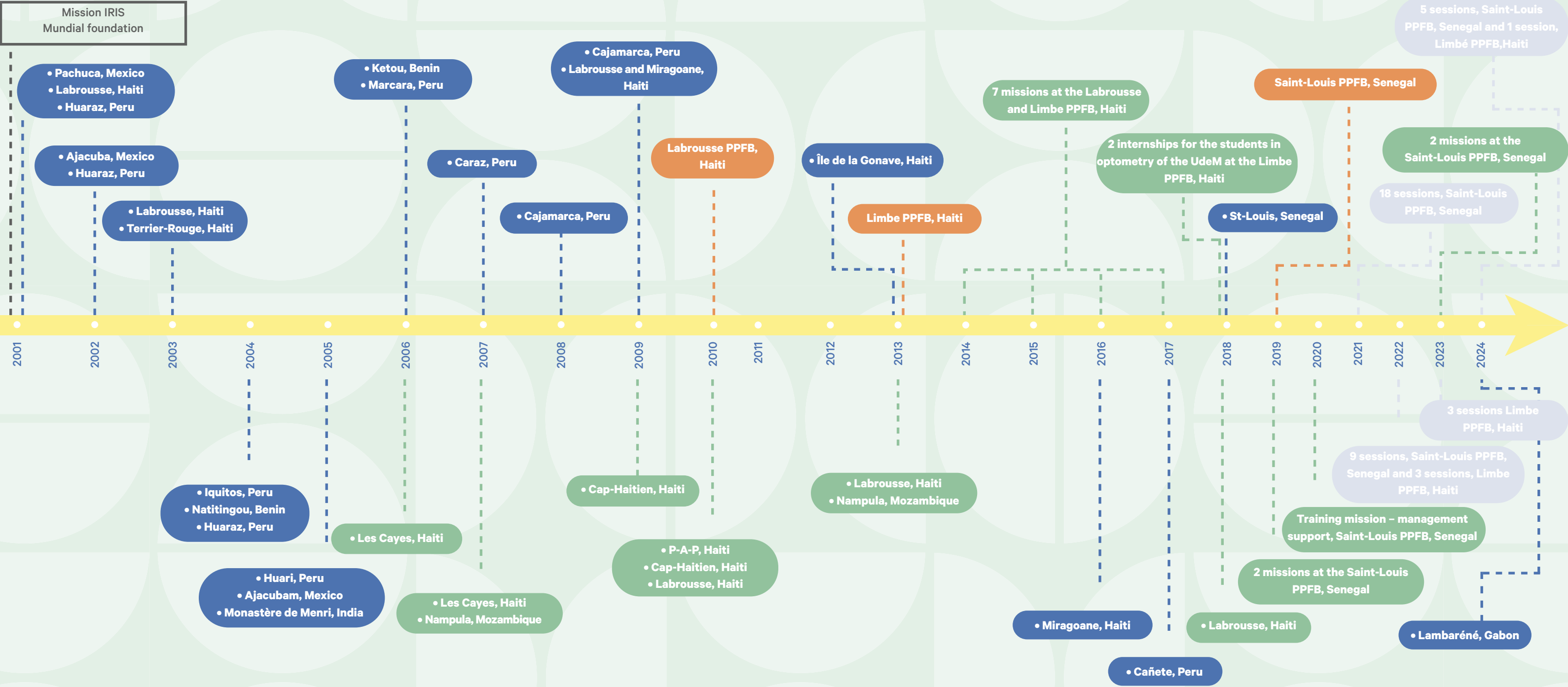


# HISTORY

Since 2001, with the initiative of Dr. Jean-Pierre Tchang, Optometrist, IRIS Mundial volunteers participated in more than 25 one-time projects, mainly in Haiti and Peru, but also in Senegal, Mexico, Benin, Mozambique and India, and more recently in Senegal and in Gabon. Thanks to the contribution of volunteers who offer their professional expertise, their time, their availability and their commitment, IRIS Mundial projects contributed directly to assist over 112,000 people and over 1000 people underwent surgery. These projects help thousand people to better see the world.

## LÉGENDE

- Début des programmes permanents (3)
- Missions de formations (25)
- Projets ponctuels (25)
- Sessions de formation et mentorat à distance (36)



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT



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Partnership and program officer



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General Manager

# RELEVANCE OF PROJECTS

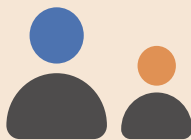


## Economic benefits

- **1,1 billion** people live with vision loss globally\*
- **90%** of vision loss is preventable or treatable \*
- **There are 4 times more** of unaddressed distance vision impairment in low- and middle-income regions.
- **\$411 billion** is the annual global costs of productivity losses associated with vision impairment \*
- **Almost everyone** will need access to eyecare services during their lifetime\*
- **55%** of people with vision loss are women and girls\*

Vision loss is habitual blurred vision (vision impairment) at distance or near. There are four categories of vision loss: blindness, moderate to severe, mild, and near. Vision loss may be permanent or it may be treatable, for example with glasses or surgery.

*According to eye-care specialists, the socio-economic benefits of an effective care are far greater than the costs of non-treatment.*



## Social benefits

- Of social exclusion;
- Participation in daily activities and leisure;
- A preservation of social status, self-esteem and well-being.



## Childhood benefits



Educational performance is linked to good vision. Children with vision impairment have poorer educational outcomes and are more likely to be excluded from schools. Investing in eye health services improves educational attainment

**For example: glasses can reduce the odds of failing a class by 44%.\***

*IRIS Mundial's activities help to reduce blindness prevalence and vision impairment among impoverished people, thereby they improve their quality of life and their participation in the socio-economic development of their community.*

\* Sources: Bourne R, Steinmetz J, Flaxman S, et autres, Trends in prevalence of blindness and distance and near vision impairment over 30 years: an analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study. Lancet Glob Health. 2020. Accessible via l'atlas de la vision de l'IAPB (<http://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas>)ainsi queWorld Report on Visionde l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS)et l'Atlas de la vision de International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness(IAPB)

# PERMANENT PROGRAMS

IRIS Mundial aims to help developing countries reach autonomy in terms of eye care. The organization does this by establishing permanent eye care services and working with local partners by respecting existing cultures and structures in the country. In order to make visual services available throughout the year, IRIS Mundial has implemented three “Programs for the Prevention and Fight against Blindness (PPFB)” that aim to offer a quality eye care system to the most disadvantaged population located in isolated areas. The PPFB team is made up of nurses and assistants, who are joined by an ophthalmologist once a month.

- 1

**To offer a permanent eye care program to the population :**

And collect statistical data on the main causes of blindness and vision impairment in the area;
- 2

**To provide primary, secondary and tertiary eye care :**

To conduct vision screenings at the ophthalmological clinic, in mobile clinics and in schools in the area, to refer the patients who require further treatment to the ophthalmological clinic where an ophthalmologist will examine them once a month; and to offer a free eye surgery in a partner clinic to some patients.
- 3

**To help improve the knowledge of the local inhabitants on visual care and how to access it :**

Provide public awareness and education sessions on visual hygiene, provide radio spots on visual health, create partnerships for referencing, etc.

## PPFB EVALUATION

From September to December, we welcomed an intern to our team. Nour is a master’s student in public health with a specialization in global health at the Université de Montréal School of Public Health. As part of his studies, he carried out a cross-cutting evaluation of our PPFBs in Haiti and Senegal, and made recommendations to increase the sustainability of our programs. These recommendations have been shared with our respective partners, and we will be joining forces with IRIS Mundial, in the form of a committee, to put them into practice.



*Mr. Philippe Prospère, a Limbé PPFB patient, almost blind due to glaucoma, with no children and no money, is unable to travel to Cap-Haïtien (nearly an hour and a half’s drive away) for ophthalmological treatment. Thanks to the care available at the PPFB, he has been able to preserve what vision he has left, as the program covers the cost of his visits and pays for the medication he needs. According to Mr. Prospère, “the program is a blessing from the universe!”*



# Saint-Louis PPFB - Senegal



**Area of intervention:**

Centre communautaire ophtalmologique, Sanar, Saint-Louis, Senegal

**Project date:**

September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2024 / September 1, 2024, to March 31, 2028

**Total investment:**

\$29,150 for the year 2024

**Donor :**

« Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie du Québec » (MRIF) through the « Québec sans Frontières » (QSF) program

**Main Partner:**

« Association Saint-Louisienne pour la Vue » (ASV)

**People involved:**

5 employees hired for the program

**Final results (2024):**

- 947 visual screening (2,668 children and 2,865 adults)
- 889 optometric examinations and 286 ophthalmological examinations
- 29 eye surgeries

**Clean and sustainable energy at PPFB Saint-Louis :**

Over the past few years, the Community Ophthalmology Center has had to contend with a number of power cuts and power surges that have affected the quality of its activities and services, as well as the smooth running of the PPFB. To remedy this problem, the chosen solution was to install a system of solar panels. The project came to fruition in July 2024, thanks to funding from the MRIF and the support of Avenir Solaire.





# Limbe PPFB - Haiti

## Area of intervention:

«Maison Partage du Savoir », Limbe, Nord Department, Haiti

## Project date:

September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2024 /  
September 1, 2024, to March 31, 2028

## Total Investment:

\$29,600 for the year 2024

## Donor :

« Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie du Québec » (MRIF) through the « Québec sans Frontières » (QSF) program

## Main Partner:

« Centre d'Éducation et de Développement intégré- Village de l'Espoir » (CEDI-VE)

## People involved :

5 employees hired for the program

## Final results 2023 :

- 902 visual screening (314 children and 588 adults)
- 163 ophthalmological examinations



We would like to express our sincere thanks on behalf of the Villa Clara National Association of the Blind for the invaluable donation of prescription lenses, eyeglass frames, cases, magnifiers and white canes. Your generosity and support make a significant difference in the lives of our members, providing them with essential resources that facilitate their independence and improve their quality of life.

IRIS Mundial's support goes beyond donated items; it represents a message of solidarity and hope for those who face the daily challenges of visual impairment. Thanks to you, many people will be able to function with greater confidence and security and take an active part in the life of our community.

Your contribution is a great step towards the inclusion and well-being of our members. We are happy and grateful to be able to count on the support of a committed organization like IRIS Mundial.

With gratitude and respect,  
Esther M. Lopez Fuertes,  
President of the provincial ANCI of Villa Clara

(Translation of the original text in Spanish)

# Labrousse PPFB - Haiti

Since the emergence of the crisis in 2019, the Fondation pour le Développement économique et social (FODES-5) and the health center Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes of Labrousse have unfortunately been unable to receive medical and nursing students from Quebec for six months of the year, which was one of their main sources of income. Since then, the health center has offered very limited services. To support them, Collaboration Santé Internationale (CSI) and Développement, Expertise, Solidarité Internationale (DESI) have obtained \$350,000 in funding over three years from the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie of Quebec (MRIF). The aim of the project is to get the health center back on its feet, notably through training and coaching sessions for medical staff. The health center Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes in Labrousse used to host the PPFB, and we very much hope that they will be able to resume their activities at full capacity.

# Material support in Cuba

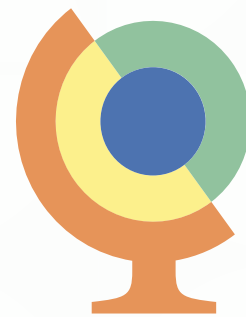
In May 2024, IRIS Mundial sent a number of donations to Cuba as part of a project to provide optical and ophthalmological equipment. Several large pieces of equipment, such as a retinal camera and a visual field, were donated to our partners at the Ophthalmology Center of the Hospital Provincial Clinico Quirurgico "Arnaldo Milian Castro". A number of frames, lenses, magnifiers, white canes and spectacle cases were also donated to beneficiaries associated with our second Cuban partner, the Asociación nacional de ciegos de Cuba (ANCI) in Villa Clara. The frames and cases were distributed in the province's 13 municipalities, located in rural areas far from major health centers. Magnifiers, white canes and corrective lenses were delivered according to the needs of the beneficiaries and to the escuela Provincial fructuoso Rodríguez, an elementary school for blind and/or visually impaired children. The optical and ophthalmological equipment and materials available in the region are several years old, and some have missing parts. Due to the country's economic crisis and constant shortages, it is very difficult to obtain equipment and spare parts in Cuba. With this in mind, IRIS Mundial stepped up its material and equipment support to Cuba in 2024, thanks in particular to frames donated by the New Look Vision Group. A second shipment of frames and cases is planned for 2025.

# Support to the Espérance et Vie clinic - Haiti

As part of the "Support for ophthalmological material and equipment for eye surgery" project financed by the Louise Grenier Foundation and ending in December 2024, the very first pterygium surgery was performed in the new operating room set up within the walls of the Clinique Espérance & Vie in Terrier-Rouge. The main aim of this project was to make a functional, low-cost eye surgery service available to disadvantaged people in the region (instead of a 2-hour drive to Cap-Haïtien). An operating microscope, a stretcher, some intraocular implants, a sterilizer, a cauterizer, a vitrector, surgical instrument kits, furniture and sterilization trays were sent to Terrier-Rouge to equip our partner's operating room. IRIS Mundial also consolidated its partnership with Espérance & Vie in 2024, and a new funding proposal was sent to the Louise Grenier Foundation. With the aim of making the ophthalmology department more sustainable, our partner wanted to equip the clinic with a green electricity system to avoid untimely power cuts. Financing was granted at the end of December, and the project is scheduled for implementation in 2025. Thanks to funding from the Louise Grenier Foundation, the Clinique Espérance & Vie - more specifically, the ophthalmology department and the new operating theatre - will be able to offer sustainable services, without electrical disruptions, to the people of Terrier-Rouge and the surrounding area, thanks to the installation of solar panels.







## Trainings

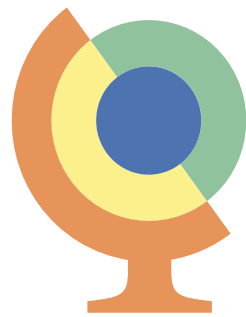
### Distance learning and mentoring

4 mentoring sessions were given by Dr. Marie-France Duguay, optometrist, to nurses at PPFB Saint-Louis in Senegal.

1 optician training session was offered by Caroline Anderson, optician, to the trainee optician of Saint-Louis PPFB (self-taught through online capsules and videos)

1 revision training session was given by Dr. Francine Lavallée, optometrist, to PPFB Limbé team members in Haiti.





## One-time projects

### Background

A one-time project is a group mission of one to two weeks, in which a multidisciplinary Canadian team of approximately 25 volunteers<sup>4</sup> travel to provide a first experience in ophthalmic services (eye exams, pairs of glasses, medication and sometimes surgeries) to about 2,000 disadvantaged people in a developing country. These missions are always organized in a region where visual care isn't available, and in partnership with a local organization in the intervention area.

A lot of upstream work has to be done to realize and organize a project of this scale, among other:

- 1** To recruit the members of the team, including the 4 mission managers<sup>5</sup>;
- 2** To organize workshops to prepare 6000 used eyeglasses;
- 3** To obtain ocular medicines and, if necessary, surgical equipment;
- 4** To prepare the mission bins (glasses, ophthalmic equipment, logistic material);
- 5** To obtain official authorizations for the mission and the right to practice for the professionals;
- 6** To provide the pre-departure training for volunteers.

<sup>4</sup>Opticians, ophthalmologists, optometrists, doctors, nurses, translators, logisticians and other stakeholders

<sup>5</sup>Visual Care Manager, Volunteer Manager, Logistics Manager, Dispensary and Eyewear Manager



*Optician Andréanne Fortin tells us Émile's story. "Émile is a 73 year-old farmer. Very polite, quiet and infinitely grateful for our presence in Gabon, Émile's story touched me as soon as he arrived. Émile has very severe myopia: -15.00 in both eyes, that's huge! And he's never worn glasses in his life! I couldn't believe it! Looking at his prescription, knowing that he's never had glasses in 73 years, I can't imagine what his environment must have been like for him. I spent a lot of time trying to find a prescription and a frame that would suit him. What I was able to find wasn't perfect (we have a large bank of glasses, but for such strong prescriptions, it's more difficult), but it still made a huge difference to him! When I put the glasses on his face, he took my hands and, with the purest look in his eyes, said "I SEE YOU!!!!". Émile then stood up smiling and started looking at the trees outside, pointing at them. I have no words to express what I felt then..."*



Gabon Project

Objective :

To provide a first experience of ophthalmic services to underprivileged populations living in a region where eye care is non-existent.

Intervention area :

City of Lambaréné, Moyen-Ogooué province, Gabon

Project date :

January 20 to February 1, 2024

People involved :

22 Canadian volunteers (ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians, nurses and others), 2 IRIS Mundial employees and 15 Gabonese volunteers.

After many months of preparation, a multidisciplinary team of vision professionals flew to Gabon. The entire team was welcomed at the famous Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Lambaréné. Braving the extreme humid heat, the strain caused by repetitive movements and the fatigue of very long days, our volunteers worked tirelessly to offer as many people as possible a complete eye examination. As a result, several hundred people received treatment and regained sight: of the 1,900 or so patients examined, over 1,500 received a pair of glasses for distance and/or near vision. In addition, all patients received a pair of sunglasses and were made aware of the harmful effects of the sun's rays on the eyes. For an additional seventh day, the IRIS Mundial team set up a mobile screening clinic in an elementary school located upstream from the hospital and was thus able to test for the first time a more mobile model that will be perfected and replicated in 2025.

People involved :

- Fondation Internationale Schweitzer Lambaréné
- Albert Schweitzer Hospital
- Ministère de la Santé et des Affaires sociales of Gabon
- Ministère des Affaires étrangères of Gabon
- Ministère de l'Intérieur of Gabon
- IRIS, The Visual Group and IRIS boutiques for the preparation of used eyeglasses and for the edging of eyeglasses
- Essilor for the edging of eyeglasses
- Air France
- Alcon Canada
- Allergan
- Centennial
- Collaboration Santé Internationale
- Health Partners International of Canada
- Newlook Vision Group



Preparation of the mobile clinic in Podor, Senegal

The second part of the year was devoted to preparing the one-time project that was to take place in the form of a mobile clinic in Podor, Senegal in January 2025. Thanks to the collaboration of our long-standing Senegalese partner, the Association St-Louisienne pour la Vue, we were able to navigate the administrative, governmental and logistical maze without too much difficulty. Identification of the villages to be visited during the mobile clinic, practice authorizations and import tax exemptions, communication and patient mobilization - this is just a non-exhaustive list of the steps that had to be taken.

Volunteers selected for these missions took part in a comprehensive pre-departure intercultural training course. For the first time this year, we developed a partnership with the Cégep Édouard-Montpetit, under which students in visual orthotics techniques accompany us on a mission, along with one of their professors. The selection process for two students was completed in the fall.







# *Activities in Canada*

## Exploration of projects in Canada with other target groups

Towards the end of the year, the Projects in Canada committee met to discuss the various possibilities for intervention with target groups other than aboriginal populations. Interesting avenues were identified and are to be explored in 2025.





## Collection and Préparation of used glasses

**26** workshops at the Saint-Jérôme warehouse

**16** miscellaneous initiatives at the Saint-Jérôme warehouse

**3.5** hours of work in Sherbrooke, Quebec

**Several initiatives** from the IRIS stores across Canada



## Workshops organized by Cégep Édouard-Montpetit

For several years now, IRIS Mundial has been collaborating with students and teachers of visual orthotics at Cégep Édouard-Montpetit. Whenever possible, the professors try to include in the students' practical eyewear edging exercises edgings that can be used by IRIS Mundial. In addition, numerous workshops for repairing, analyzing and even cutting glasses for IRIS Mundial are organized during students' free time. In 2024, 8 workshops were organized, involving 18 students and 7 teachers for a total of over 20 hours!

## 2024 Jean-Pierre Tchang Award

The Jean-Pierre Tchang Award was created in 2009 to highlight the exceptional contribution of a volunteer to the IRIS Mundial mission. For the year 2024, the award has been given to Mr. Denis Allard, Director of Information Technology at IRIS and IRIS Mundial volunteer since 2018. The award was presented to him at the volunteer meeting held on Saturday June 8. On this occasion, several people offered him beautiful testimonials.

It was in 2018 that Denis developed an application to computerize the form where we enter mission results. It has literally changed the way we carry out our missions. Some of the benefits include more legible and therefore more accurate data, and the ability to draw up statistics without having to transcribe the data from 2,000 patients on return. Denis has devoted several hundred hours to developing, improving and updating this software, not to mention the time he spends on returning from missions to draw up statistics to help us better understand the needs of our future projects! Denis took part in missions to Senegal in 2018 and Gabon in 2024. His role was, of course, to ensure that everything was running smoothly with the application; no mean feat, especially with the repeated power cuts we experienced in Gabon! During his two missions, Denis also acted as a conductor, smoothing the flow of patients and ensuring that the workflow was as efficient as possible.

## Events

- Annual General Meeting, June 8
- Annual volunteer Meeting, June 8



Participation in the activities of the AQOCI and other organisations

AQOCI<sup>6</sup>

- RBM 201 training, February 20,27 and 29
- Information meeting on reporting for the QSF, February 22
- Consultation meeting - QSF's volunteer and safety, March 21
- Training on Bill 25 for the protection of personal information, April 11
- Annual General Assembly, June 13 and 14
- Webinar on QSF 2024-2028, May 29
- Managing mental health risks for travellers training course, September 25
- Training on data collection, October 17, 22 and 24
- Webinar on the call for proposals for the development of multi-stakeholder projects of the MRIF, November 22
- VQSF consultation meeting, November 28

Others

- Presentation of IRIS Mundial at Cégep Édouard-Montpetit, February 13 and October 7
- FISIQ Annual General Assembly, June 13
- Coordination meeting of Canadian NGOs in Senegal, with the Délégation du Québec à Dakar and the Canadian Embassy in Senegal, April 25
- Gala 'Femme qui Fonce', 28 juin
- Salon de la Vision, 4-5 octobre



According to IAPB\*, children with vision loss are up to 5 times less likely to be in formal education in low and middle-income countries

<sup>7</sup>International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness



Fundraising  
activities

<sup>6</sup>Association québécoise des Organismes de Coopération internationale



Qu bec sans Fronti re

2024 saw the renewal of IRIS Mundial's grant from the Minist re des relations internationales et de la francophonie of Quebec (MRIF). Indeed, in 2021 IRIS Mundial had received three-year funding under the Qu bec sans Fronti re (QSF) program in support of its mission. This grant was due to expire in mid-2024. Following the submission of a grant application, IRIS Mundial was awarded a new grant of \$380,000 over a four-year period (April 2024 to March 2028). Thanks to these funds, IRIS Mundial will be able to continue supporting the activities of Saint-Louis and Lim   PPFs, as well as two new PPFs in Terrier-Rouge in Haiti and Lambar  n  in Gabon!

IRIS Mundial Month

February 2024 was IRIS Mundial month in each IRIS store across Canada! For each pair of eyeglasses sold during this special month, a donation of \$10 was made to IRIS Mundial to the grand total of \$94,880!

We warmly thank all the owners and the team members of the IRIS stores and the shareholders and professionals and employees at the IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic for their generosity and their efforts in promoting IRIS Mundial.

Thanks to these donations, IRIS Mundial will continue to help thousands of people to better see the world!

IRIS is the main partner of IRIS Mundial and we are thankful of their generous contribution, this is why the organization can continue to implement projects in developing countries. A warm thank you for:

- The annual fundraising campaign: thanks to the IRIS Mundial month, \$1,498,870 have been raised since 2008.
- The technical support and expertise: accounting, information technology, law, communication and marketing
- The contribution of optometrists, opticians and ophthalmologists volunteers.
- The collect and preparation of used glasses by the staff of the IRIS stores.

A student who had a screening examination in school told us: "After the consultation, I was asked to come to the centre for additional exams, because I had a little bit of myopia... now that I have my glasses, I can see the board very well—something I could not do previously unless I stood in front of it."



Campaigns towards the clients of the IRIS stores

Throughout the year, the staff of the 150 IRIS stores all over Canada promote the activities of IRIS Mundial and invite the patients to contribute to the cause by making a donation in cash or by giving their old glasses in order to offer them a second life. In 2024, close to \$2,200 have been raised.

**IRIS Mundial is grateful to the staff of IRIS stores for their efforts towards this goal and thanks all the generous donors.**

October campaign at Visique Laval-Est-FYI doctors

As part of their annual Enhancing Life Foundation campaign, the FYI doctors-Visique clinic in Laval-Est (482) chose IRIS Mundial as their beneficiary in 2024! Throughout the month of October, the clinic talked about IRIS Mundial and encouraged its patients to contribute to our cause. A total of \$1,909 was raised for IRIS Mundial. Thank you to the Visique of Laval-Est clinic and the FYI doctors/Visique Enhancing Life Foundation for your generosity!





ACTIVE COMMITTEES IN 2024

**PROJECT COMMITTEE:** Post-mortem of the mission to Gabon and preparation of the mission to Podor in Senegal

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:** finalization of the volunteer safety guide and emergency plan. Development of the risk and security management policy.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** communication plan for 2024 and development of different communication tools.

**MATERIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** planning of eyewear repair workshops, organization of edging (renewal of the eyewear bank) and preparation of materials for the mission to Senegal.

**GENERAL MANAGER EVALUATION COMMITTEE:** annual evaluation of the General Manager.

**TRAINING COMMITTEE:** carrying out distance training and mentoring sessions for the Saint-Louis and Limbe PPFB.

**IPAD COMMITTEE:** update of the epidemiological data collection software for our one-time projects, based on feedback from the last use, in preparation for the mission to Senegal.

**CANADIAN PROJECT EXPLORATION COMMITTEE:** meeting to determine the target groups in which we will launch our explorations with a view to developing new projects

*Did you know that overall, women are 12% more likely to have sight loss than men (IAPB\*)*

\*International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness





PUBLICATIONS OF IRIS MUNDIAL

- 2 NEWSLETTERS
- 1 ARTICLE ON OUR PROJECTS
- 6 SLIDES ON THE SCREENS OF THE IRIS STORES IN FEBRUARY

MEDIA

- 1 ARTICLE ON THE MISSION TO GABON IN “LA NOUVELLE UNION»
- 3 TELEVISION REPORTS IN GABON (INCLUDING ONE WITH THE NATIONAL CHANNEL) ON THE LAMBARÉNÉ MISSION

FACEBOOK

- 42 BILINGUAL PUBLICATIONS
- 1,194 SUBSCRIBERS OF THE OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE
- 15,720 PERSONS REACHED

WEBSITE

- 7 BILINGUAL PUBLICATIONS
- 5,883 VISITS





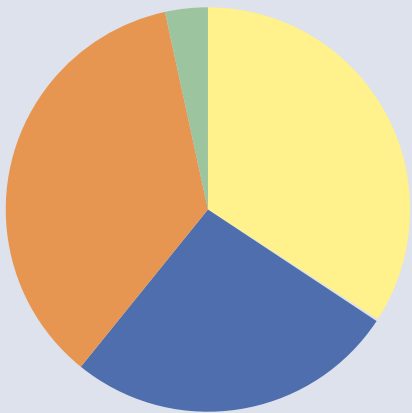


# 2024 Financial statement

## STATEMENT OF OPERATION

REVENUES*	2024	2023
DONATIONS	\$122,130	\$80,902
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$595	\$400
IRIS SPONSORSHIP	\$94,880	\$92,090
OTHER GRANTS	\$127,985	\$73,031
CONTRIBUTED VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$0	\$2,400
OTHER	\$12,197	\$12,151
	<b>\$357,787</b>	<b>\$260,974</b>
EXPENSES		
ADMINISTRATION	\$56,341	\$49,779
COSTS OF THE PERMANENT PROGRAMS	\$178,905	\$98,770
COSTS OF THE ONE-TIME PROJECTS	\$153,645	\$121,821
COSTS OF PROJECTS IN CANADA	\$234	\$14,325
	<b>\$389,125</b>	<b>\$284,695</b>

\* Donations in kind, necessary for carrying out the activities, are not included.



### REVENUES

- Donations 34 %
- Funding 0.17 %
- IRIS sponsorship 27 %
- Grants 36 %
- Contributed volunteer services 0.00 %
- Others 3 %

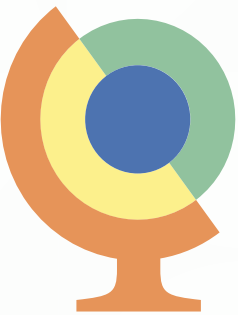


### EXPENSES

- Administration 14 %
- Costs of the permanent programs 46 %
- Costs of the one-time projects 39 %
- Costs of projects in Canada 0 %

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	2024	2023
CASH	\$124,019	\$424,599
DEBTORS	\$3,003	\$1,080
PREPAID EXPENSES	\$4,972	\$6,087
STOCKS	\$3,224	\$4,299
NOTE RECEIVABLE	\$220,000	\$20,000
FIXED ASSETS	\$8,312	\$8,312
	\$363,115	\$464,377
LIABILITIES		
PAYABLE ACCOUNTS AND ACCRUED CHARGES	\$24 155	\$17,400
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	\$0	\$76,679
	\$24,155	\$56,548
NET ASSETS		
ALLOCATED TO ONE-TIME PROJECTS	\$50,000	\$50,000
ALLOCATED TO STRATEGIC RESERVE	\$150,000	\$150,000
UNALLOCATED	\$138,960	\$ 170,298
	\$338,960	\$370,298
TOTAL	\$363,115	\$464,377



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Ministère des Affaires étrangères of Gabon  
Ministère de l'Intérieur of Gabon

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Asociación Nacional de Ciegos de Cuba (ANCI) de Villa Clara  
Centre d'ophtalmologie de l'Hospital Provincial Clínico Quirúrgico « Arnaldo Milian Castro » de Villa Clara

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