

# Report of Activities 2022



# A word of Thanks from our President. Our mission and objectives

***"One in three visually impaired people would regain their sight if they had cataract surgery."***

*Thanks to your generous support, a cataract operation - which changes the lives of patients and their loved ones - was made possible in 2022 in Angola for a thousand people. In Angola, our efforts were concentrated on the training of young doctors in the process of ophthalmological specialization. Improving the eye health of children and people living in rural areas has been at the centre of our support in Laos and Madagascar.*

*In 2022, our partnership with the CDV gave a new life to technical aids for blind and visually impaired children in Madagascar. As for the 2nd edition of our annual conference, it was an opportunity to share updates to our generous donors who have placed their trust in our young foundation.*

*A warm thank you to our friends, donors, volunteers and partners. Without your support, we could not "give sight" to thousands of people in Angola, Laos and Madagascar.*

*On behalf of the CBM Board of Directors,*

***Diane Wolter***  
***President CBM Luxembourg***

## **Our mission**

### **Prevent avoidable blindness and visual impairments**

The CBM Luxembourg Foundation has set itself the goal of supporting projects that prevent avoidable blindness and visual impairment. It also wants to help improve the quality of life for people with other disabilities.



## **Our vision**

### **Reduce visual deficits and other handicaps by strengthening local partners**

In a limited number of particularly disadvantaged countries, CBM Luxembourg supports local partners in their efforts to reduce visual deficits and other disabilities. These prevention and treatment projects go hand in hand with improving the quality of life for people with such disabilities.



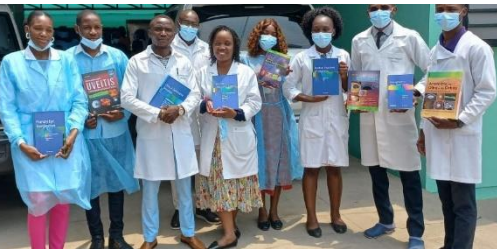
## **Our values** determine our actions:

- We act professionally and scientifically well-founded
- We are tolerant
- We are open to the world
- We act transparently
- We are inclusive
- We are constantly learning.

Ophthalmology in Angola is a huge challenge. Nationally, there are 94 ophthalmologists. Of these, almost 90% are concentrated in the capital – Luanda, leaving rural areas with little support. Of these 94 ophthalmologists (registered in the order of doctors), only 58 are nationals, the others are cooperating doctors. Overall, there is 1 ophthalmologist for about 350,000 inhabitants, when the WHO recommendation is 1 ophthalmologist for 10,000 inhabitants.

In 2022, CBM have deepened their commitment in Angola and strengthened our partnership with IONA, the National Institute for Ophthalmology.

The 2nd laboratory microscope was delivered, unpacked and tested by IONA in October. This microscope, along with the first, creates the infrastructure in the experimental lab, or “wet lab”, which is helping to reduce surgical training time, as well as make gains in surgical skill and dexterity, subsequently helping to keep the trainee safer.



Ophthalmology textbooks were sent to IONA from CBM. This allowed the trainee doctors to study quickly. Many of them had already gained a working knowledge of English and could access training in international books. Due to the limited training available in Portuguese, doctors in Angola typically can't access international books or training.

Outreach campaigns intensified in 2022, making people living in the suburbs of Luanda more aware of the help available to cure their cataracts. IONA carried out visual screenings and cataract surgery campaigns on important dates, such as World Glaucoma Day and World Vision Day.

Three newly qualified ophthalmologists completed their training using the laboratory materials donated by CBM to IONA and successfully completed an intensive training internship in cataract surgery in The Gambia.

Cataract kits for 1000 patients, shipped in 2021, were used to perform more operations. The total number of cataract surgeries increased by 83% when compared to 2021, from 1,283 to 2,352 in 2022

CBM Luxembourg donated 50,700EUR to the Angola project in 2022.

More info: [cbm.lu/en/project/angola](http://cbm.lu/en/project/angola)



# Project in Madagascar – CDV

Working together, Fondation CBM Luxembourg and CDV (Centre pour le développement de compétences relatives à la vue) have completed a successful installation of auxiliary aids for visually impaired students at a school in Madagascar.



CDV Luxembourg had upgraded a series of auxiliary aid equipment for its students and, subsequently, had a lot of equipment that was to be left obsolete since it was not convenient for the integrative approach. This equipment, was still in perfect working order and had many years of use remaining. The Director of CDV Luxembourg, Frank Groben, wanted to initiate a way for this equipment to be put to good use.

Working together with President of CBM Luxembourg, Diane Wolter, a school in Madagascar was identified.

The school identified for these aids was the EPHATA school of the ECAR Center, run by sister Chantal Ruppert. The school has 53 students, all with some visual impairment or blindness.

From March to June 2022, the arrangements were made, including delivery and shipping of the equipment. Meanwhile, the team at CDV carefully packed the equipment, which covered 275 aids in 173 boxes weighing 2700kgs. The shipment safely arrived at the EPHATA school in August 2022.



In late October 2022, two volunteers from the CDV, sponsored by CBM Luxembourg, visited the school for 10 days. Their mission was to check and install all of the equipment that had been shipped. During the visit, the volunteers from the CDV instructed and gave detailed guidance to EPHATA school specialists regarding the use of equipment. They spent time with staff and children to see the equipment in use, making sure the full benefit could be realised by the school.



When the volunteers left, the equipment had already begun being used on a daily basis at the EPHATA school, with many students benefiting from the auxiliary aids. During the trip, some children were identified as having treatable problems, such as cataracts.

This project has been a huge success for both CDV and CBM, as well as the school, putting to use equipment that would otherwise have been obsolete.

More info: [cbm.lu/en/CDV-madagascar](http://cbm.lu/en/CDV-madagascar)

# Project in Laos and Project in Madagascar

## Laos

More info: [cbm.lu/en/project/laos](http://cbm.lu/en/project/laos)

The eye healthcare situation in Laos is urgent; the last study on avoidable blindness, 2017, showed that only 54% of the required cataract operations have been performed.

CBM Luxembourg, working through CBM Switzerland, has supported projects to expand eye healthcare in Laos in 2022. In terms of goals, the total number of patient consultations was reached; 38,000 in the capital, Vientiane, and 15,400 in the South.



The quality of cataract surgeries was realized, as were patient satisfaction goals. The 10 ophthalmology nurses and optometrists candidates have been selected and training has started in 2023, with the aim to be complete by end of 2024.

CBM continues to build more accessibility and inclusivity into the eye health care program, with successful cooperation with two organizations for better outreach to people with disabilities. The inclusion training "Orientation and Mobility" was completed by 27 people, while information was distributed about treatment options for eye problems over the radio and through brochures.

CBM Luxembourg donated 40,000EUR to the Laos project, 12% of the total project budget for 2022.

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## Madagascar

Healthcare in Madagascar is inadequate; there are only 31 eye health centers in all of Madagascar. 3% of Madagascar's population live with a visual impairment, around half of them with cataracts. Half of the people with cataracts are children with congenital cataracts. Children must have cataract surgery in good time, otherwise they will irrevocably lose their sight.

CBM Luxembourg supports CBM Switzerland, who lead the work in Madagascar. Overall in 2022, more eye operations were performed on children than planned; 580, or 110% of our goal. Additionally, significantly more patients from very poor families were also reached; 497, or 330% of the goal.



Focusing on training has continued. The completion rate in the training of staff in ophthalmology is over 160%, including eye nurse training, an optometry training and a low vision training.

CBM Luxembourg donated 55,000EUR to the Madagascar project, 16% of the total project budget for 2022.

More info: [cbm.lu/en/project/madagascar](http://cbm.lu/en/project/madagascar)

# Conference World Sight Day

Fondation CBM Luxembourg hosted their 2022 Conference on World Sight Day.



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## 2022 Conference CBM Luxembourg Foundation

### In association with "World Sight Day"

The CBM Luxembourg Foundation will present their projects to increase the treatment and prevention blindness in Angola, Laos and Madagascar.

Fabienne Pietruk, Archaeologist, will join as our keynote speaker.

### 13th October 2022

Welcome from 6pm | Conference begins 6:30pm

**Diane Wolter** | Welcome and Introduction

**Dr. Nico Diederich** | Project in Angola: An Update

**Frank Groben** | Installation of auxiliary aids for visually impaired children: Meeting the needs in Madagascar

**Mark Schmid** | Projects in Laos & Madagascar: Interview

**Fabienne Pietruk - Guest Speaker** | The representation and symbolism of the eye in archaeology

**Cocktail** | Drinks and Networking with speakers

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L-2449, Luxembourg  
and via Livestream



"We were delighted to host the event to highlight preventable blindness" said Diane Wolter, President of CBM Luxembourg.

"World Sight Day is a chance to remind ourselves how lucky we are to have access to a high standard of eye healthcare in Luxembourg.

At the same time, it is a chance to raise awareness of the plight of others around the world without the excellent healthcare we have."

The event was held at the Auditorium of Banque de Luxembourg, who kindly donated the venue. Attendees could also choose to join the event via Livestream.

Around 80 attendees joined to hear about the work CBM is doing to promote eye health in developing countries.

As well as important updates on all CBM Luxembourg current projects in Angola, Laos and Madagascar, the agenda also included a guest speaker, Mrs Fabienne Pietruk, archaeologist.

More info: [cbm.lu/en/2022-conference](http://cbm.lu/en/2022-conference)

The Luxembourg magazine, Delano, interviewed Diane Wolter regarding the CBM Conference and preparations for World Sight Day.

More info: [cbm.lu/en/delano-interview](http://cbm.lu/en/delano-interview)

# Governance and Key financials 2022

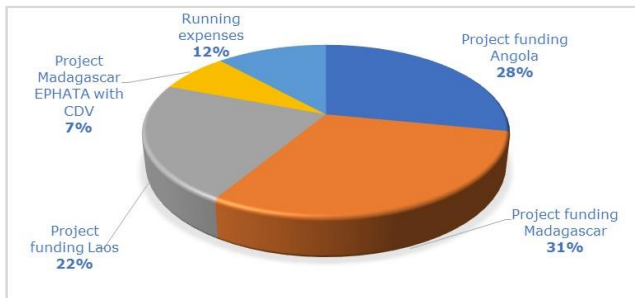
## Board of Directors (volunteers)



## Summary of CBM Financial reports 2022

Thanks to our donors generous support, donations received increased 94% year-on-year, while project spending increased 36% compared to 2021. CBM ended the year with a net benefit, allowing us to plan more significant, long term investments in more projects in 2023.

<b>Receivables</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Total Donations (individuals, institutional, occasions)	€ 261,591	€ 134,630
<b>Expenses</b>		
Training in ophthalmology - Angola	€ 50,718	€ 52,050
Mahita - Madagascar	€ 55,006	€ 50,000
Inclusive Eye Care - Laos	€ 40,000	€ 15,000
Centre ECAR Madagascar - technical aids	€ 13,417	€ -
Other external charges	€ 21,163	€ 12,717
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>€ 180,304</b>	<b>€ 129,767</b>
<b>Surplus for future projects</b>	<b>€ 81,287</b>	<b>€ 4,863</b>



Your generous donations are wisely and efficiently spent. We work hard to keep non-project costs to a minimum; only 12% of your donations go on CBM running costs.

# Thank you for your continued support

In the name of all of our beneficiaries, our sincere thanks to

- Our generous private and institutional donors
- Dr Michael Ketema, Head of DESSO project, Guinea
- Anna and Eric, volunteers from CDV
- The Lions Club Luxembourg Amitié, Europe and Viaduc
- Donations in special memory of the late Mr. André Diederich and the late Mrs Irène Tanson-Reuter.



Please continue to support us on our mission to prevent avoidable blindness and visual impairments. Any donation is appreciated, is wisely spent and can make a difference:



€30: covers the cost of 1 medical kit for a cataract operation



€50: provides 1 year of laboratory training for an Angolan doctor in ophthalmological surgery



€150: covers the cost of a child's cataract surgery

## Tax deductible donations

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