#EndTrachoma: The Time is Now

**Trachoma...**
- ... puts many of the world's poorest people at risk of blindness.
- ... is the world's leading infectious cause of blindness.
- ... has been targeted by the World Health Organization (WHO) for elimination by 2020.
- ... is being reduced through actions from a wide-ranging network of partnerships in the global health and development communities.

**Global progress:**
- 50% decrease in number of people at risk in the last six years. 325 million people required treatment in 2011 vs. 182 million people today.
- 380 million doses of antibiotics have been delivered since 2011 to clear infection.
- 296% increase in surgeries performed in the last six years. In 2011, 66,000 operations were performed vs. 260,759 in 2016.
- Collaboration and commitment have made interventions possible in 34 countries.

**Challenges remain:**
- not enough funding
- hard-to-reach populations
- political instability
- environmental threats
- humanitarian crises

**Where to from here?**
- Acceleration
  - in securing new donors
  - in expanded operational research
  - in exploring new partnerships
- 78% decrease in people at risk between 2011 and 2020 to approximately 71 million people.

Our goals support & rely on the success of the Sustainable Development Goals, including:
- children attend school
- parents are able to work
- families are healthy and productive
- world without trachoma

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