Keeping Ethiopia SAFE from trachoma

Ethiopia is making significant gains in scaling up the SAFE strategy. However, as the global trachoma map shrinks, Ethiopia will carry a larger proportion of the global burden.

Surgery: In 2017, almost 75% of surgeries undertaken globally to reduce the burden of blinding trachomatous trichiasis (TT) were performed in Ethiopia.

Antibiotics: 60% of treatment doses distributed worldwide were in Ethiopia.

Facial cleanliness & environmental improvements: Scaling up access to WASH is critical to sustain the impact of treatment and reduce transmission of multiple NTDs, including trachoma.

In 2017, 70 million people lived in trachoma endemic areas in Ethiopia; that’s 44% of the global burden of active trachoma.

In 2017, 49 surveys (baseline, impact and TT prevalence) were conducted by the Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia, with support from Tropical Data.

The Global Trachoma Mapping Project and Tropical Data have helped generate the evidence base needed to inform program planning and increase efficiency and effectiveness.

Over 355,000 surgeries have been supported by the Ethiopia Initiative to Clear the TT Backlog since 2014, to end excruciating pain and halt further sight loss from trichiasis.