#EndTrachoma: The time is now


**Trachoma:**

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is the world’s leading infectious cause of blindness.

**SDGs**

is known to be a public health problem in 42 countries.

elimination contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 3.3 calling for an end to neglected tropical diseases.

is being reduced through coordinated actions from partners in the global health and development communities.

**Progress to date:**

- **56% decrease** in number of people at risk since 2011. 325 million people required treatment then vs. 142.2 million people today.
- **566 million doses** of antibiotics have been distributed since 2011 to clear infection and reduce transmission rates.
- **1.46 million surgeries** to treat trachomatous trichiasis (the blinding stage of trachoma) have been performed since 2011.
- **Collaboration** between endemic countries, implementing partners, WHO and donors is supporting interventions in 38 countries.

**Generating evidence:**

- **Global Trachoma Mapping Project** mapped trachoma in 29 countries, examining 2.6 million people from 2012-2016, informing all partners where interventions were required.
- **Tropical Data** has supported national programs to conduct more than 1520 surveys across 38 countries since 2016, examining 4.7 million people - almost twice as many as the Global Trachoma Mapping Project in half the time.

**Challenges remain:**

- Not enough funding
- Hard-to-reach populations
- Political instability
- Environmental threats
- Humanitarian crises

**The elimination of trachoma will also contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals:**

- Goal 1: No poverty
- Goal 2: Zero hunger
- Goal 3: Good health and well-being
- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 5: Gender equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation
- Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth
- Goal 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- Goal 10: Reduced inequalities
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production
- Goal 13: Climate action
- Goal 14: Life below water
- Goal 15: Life on land
- Goal 16: Peaceful and inclusive societies
- Goal 17: Partnerships for the goals

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