#EndTrachoma in the WHO African Region: The time is now.

Sources: GET2020 database as of June 2022; Global Health Observatory status as of August 2022.

**Malawi was validated for eliminating trachoma as a public health problem in September 2022.**

Four countries have been validated by WHO for eliminating trachoma as a public health problem (Ghana, The Gambia, Malawi, Togo).

Antibiotics: 643 million people have received antibiotics to clear infection and reduce transmission since 2011.

Surgery: 1.5 million surgeries have been performed to treat trachomatous trichiasis (the blinding stage of trachoma) since 2011.

Collaboration across sectors is being coordinated to accelerate and sustain progress towards trachoma elimination.

Key priorities:

**Mapping**
17 million people live in 130 districts where trachoma is suspected to be a public health problem.

**TT management**
1.3 million trachomatous trichiasis cases are unknown to the health system among 15 years or older and require management.

Challenges remain:

- Not enough resources
- Hard-to-reach populations
- Inequity
- Environmental threats
- Humanitarian crises

The elimination of trachoma will contribute to multiple Sustainable Development Goals:

- **Goal 1:** No poverty
- **Goal 4:** Quality education
- **Goal 5:** Gender equality
- **Goal 6:** Clean water and sanitation
- **Goal 17:** Partnerships for the goals

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