#EndTrachoma: The time is now

Sources: GET2020 database as of 1 May 2020; Tropical Data as of 18 June.

**Trachoma:**

- **#1** is the world’s leading infectious cause of blindness.
- **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 1940 surveys across 43 countries since 2016, examining more than 6.1 million people.

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**Progress to date:**

- **57% decrease** in the number of people at risk since 2011. 325 million people required treatment then vs. 136.9 million people today.
- **662 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 41 countries.

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**Generating evidence:**

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

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**Challenges remain:**

- 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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