#EndTrachoma: The time is now

Sources: GET2020 database as of April 2023; Tropical Data as of June 2023.

**Trachoma:**

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   - is the world’s leading infectious cause of blindness.

2. **SDGs**
   - elimination contributes to Sustainable Development Goal target 3.3 calling for an end to neglected tropical diseases.

3. **WHO regions**
   - 17 countries have been validated by WHO for eliminating trachoma as a public health problem across all trachoma endemic regions.

4. **Progress to date:**
   - **92% reduction** in the number of people at risk of trachoma since 2002.
   - **80% reduction** in the number of people requiring surgery for trachomatous trichiasis, from 7.6 million in 2002 to 1.5 million in 2023.
   - **Collaboration** across sectors is being coordinated to accelerate and sustain progress towards trachoma elimination.

5. **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 3,400 surveys across 50 countries since 2016, examining more than 10.9 million people.

6. **Challenges remain:**
   - Not enough resources
   - Hard-to-reach populations
   - Inequity
   - Environmental threats
   - Humanitarian crises

7. **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 & sanitation
   - **Goal 17:** Partnerships for the goals

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