#EndTrachoma: The time is now

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Trachoma:

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is the world’s leading infectious cause of blindness.

**is known to be a public health problem in 40 countries affecting 115.7 million people.**

**SDGs**

elimination contributes to Sustainable Development Goal target 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:

18 countries have been validated by WHO for eliminating trachoma as a public health problem across all trachoma endemic WHO regions.

**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.

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.

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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