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

One country has been validated by WHO for eliminating trachoma as a public health problem (Mexico).

Antibiotics: 1.39 million people received antibiotics to clear infection and reduce transmission between 2005 and 2022.

Surgery: 6,717 surgeries have been performed to treat trachomatous trichiasis between 2014 and 2022.

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

Expanded mapping is needed to determine trachoma endemicity and validate the elimination of trachoma as a public health problem in the region.

Health system strengthening is needed to identify and manage trachomatous trichiasis and integrate health services for NTDs and eye health.

Equity and health: Increased access to SAFE interventions is needed for populations living in hard-to-reach areas including indigenous populations.

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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