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Key priorities:

**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.

**Health equity** Increased access to SAFE interventions is needed for populations living in hard-to-reach areas including indigenous populations.

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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