#EndTrachoma in the WHO South-East Asia Region: The time is now.

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Trachoma:

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is the world’s leading infectious cause of blindness.

**SDGs**

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

Progress to date:

**Two countries** have been validated by WHO as having eliminated trachoma as a public health problem (Nepal 2018, Myanmar 2020).

**Antibiotics**

3.3 million people received antibiotics to clear infection and reduce transmission since 2011.

**Surgery**

17,500 surgeries have been performed to treat trachomatous trichiasis since 2011.

**Collaboration**

is being reduced through coordinated actions from partners in the global health and development communities.

Key priorities:

**Validation**

Pre-validation surveys are needed to verify whether trachoma remains a public health problem.

**Trachomatous trichiasis**

53,500 cases of trachomatous trichiasis are estimated to be unknown to the health system in the region.

Challenges remain:

**Hard-to-reach populations**

**Inequity**

**Environmental threats**

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**

**Goal 17: Partnerships for the goals**

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