

#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 43 countries.

SDGs

elimination contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 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:



51% decrease in number of people at risk since 2011. 325 million people required treatment then vs. 157.7 million people today.



464 million doses of antibiotics have been distributed since 2011 to clear infection and reduce transmission rates.



1.3 million surgeries to treat trichomatous trichiasis (the blinding stage of trachoma) have been performed since 2011.



Collaboration between endemic countries, implementing partners, WHO and donors is supporting interventions in 38 countries.

Challenges remain:



Not enough funding



Hard-to-reach populations



Political instability



Environmental threats



Humanitarian crises

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 800 surveys across 29 countries since 2016, providing the evidence to continue towards elimination.

The elimination of trachoma will also contribute to the 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