

Ethiopia is making significant gains in scaling up the SAFE strategy. However, as the global trachoma map shrinks, Ethiopia will carry a larger proportion of the global burden.



**Surgery:** In 2017, almost 75% of surgeries undertaken globally to reduce the burden of blinding trachomatous trichiasis (TT) were performed in Ethiopia.

**Antibiotics:** 60% of treatment doses distributed worldwide were in Ethiopia.

**Facial cleanliness & environmental improvements:** Scaling up access to WASH is critical to sustain the impact of treatment and reduce transmission of multiple NTDs, including trachoma.

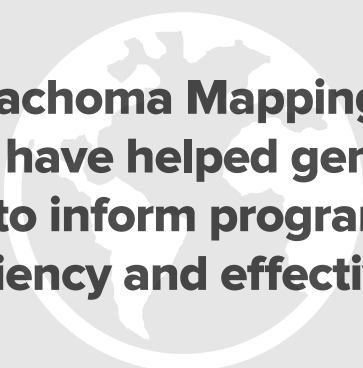
In 2017,  
**49**

surveys (baseline, impact and TT prevalence) were conducted by the Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia, with support from Tropical Data.

Source: Tropical Data, 2018



The Global Trachoma Mapping Project and Tropical Data have helped generate the evidence base needed to inform program planning and increase efficiency and effectiveness.



In 2017,

**70 million**

people lived in trachoma endemic areas in Ethiopia; that's 44% of the global burden of active trachoma.

Source: WER, 29 June 2018, vol. 93, 26

Over

**355,000 surgeries**

have been supported by the Ethiopia Initiative to Clear the TT Backlog since 2014, to end excruciating pain and halt further sight loss from trichiasis.

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