

# #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 42 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:



**56% decrease** in number of people at risk since 2011. 325 million people required treatment then vs. 142.2 million people today.



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



**1.46 million surgeries** to treat trachomatous 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.

## 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 1520 surveys across 38 countries since 2016, examining 4.7 million people - almost twice as many as the Global Trachoma Mapping Project in half the time.

## Challenges remain:



Not enough funding



Hard-to-reach populations



Political instability



Environmental threats



Humanitarian crises

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



Goal 17:  
Partnerships for  
the goals

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