

#EndTrachoma: The time is now

Sources: Weekly Epidemiological Record (April 2024); *GET2020 database (October 2024), **Tropical Data (June 2024)

Trachoma:

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is the world's leading infectious cause of blindness.



is known to be a public health problem in 39 countries, affecting 103 million people.

SDGs

elimination contributes to Sustainable Development Goal target 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:



21 countries

have been validated by WHO for eliminating trachoma as a public health problem across all trachoma-endemic WHO regions.*



93% reduction

in the number of people at risk of trachoma since 2002.



80% reduction

in the number of people requiring surgery for trachomatous trichiasis, from 7.6 million in 2002 to 1.5 million in 2024.

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 3,750 surveys across 52 countries since 2016 examining more than 12.1 million people.**

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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