

# #EndTrachoma in the WHO Region of the Americas: The time is now.

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## Trachoma:

# #1

is the world's leading infectious cause of blindness.



is known to be a public health problem in four countries affecting 463,962 people (Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Peru).

# SDGs

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

## Progress to date:



### One country

has been validated by WHO as having eliminated trachoma as a public health problem (Mexico).



### Innovative policies

PAHO is promoting the Elimination Initiative which targets 30 communicable diseases, including trachoma, through integrated approaches in prioritized areas.



### Collaboration

across sectors is being coordinated to accelerate and sustain progress towards trachoma elimination.

## Key priorities:



### Increased mapping

has pinpointed where interventions are needed across much of the region. However, further investigation is required to align trachoma prevalence data with updated census data in several countries.



### Health system strengthening

is needed to identify and manage trachomatous trichiasis and integrate health services for other eye health problems and other NTDs.

## 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 sanitation**



**Goal 17:  
Partnerships for the goals**

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