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The perspective of one funder

- Why did we choose to support avoidable blindness?
- Contributions from across the Commonwealth
- Five year programmes on avoidable blindness and youth leadership, clear evidence of impact, a lasting legacy for Her Majesty The Queen
- £40m for the elimination of blinding trachoma in Kenya and Malawi, with significant progress in Uganda, Nigeria (Katsina) and Mozambique
- What have we learnt so far?





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Advocacy

- Mandate from the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – a decisive contribution to the elimination of avoidable blindness
- Use our influence and connections to secure wider support, momentum and engagement
- Develop avoidable blindness into a Commonwealth agenda, for example through a presentation to the Commonwealth Health Ministers' meeting
- Bring in new partners and influence existing stakeholders to form a global movement



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Working together to achieve a bigger impact

- Our focus is on avoidable blindness (trachoma, diabetic retinopathy, retinopathy of prematurity and a pan-Commonwealth focus on fellowships, research and technology). We hope that success on trachoma will help to galvanise efforts on other NTDs
- Coalition working is effective and transformational. Uniting to scale and speed up progress on NTDs – agreed target, strong coalition, flexible ways of working

Prime Minister Mbabazi of Uganda:

‘We take pride in belonging to the Commonwealth not just because of our colonial history but because of the formidable force we are by acting in unison and in concert’.