What working together can achieve

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Trachoma in context

• Leading cause of infectious blindness
• Prevalent in 53 countries
• 14 countries bear more than 80% of the burden
• Approx 229 million people at risk globally
• The ICTC road map *2020 INSight* estimated the total cost of implementing the SAFE strategy in all known endemic countries by 2020 at US $748 million
Progress so far

• 22,000 surgeries in 2004 to almost 170,000 in 2012
• Antibiotic distribution expanded from about 4 million in 2004 to over 47 million doses in 2012
• Progress on both F & E components
• More than 30 countries now have active elimination programs
International Coalition for Trachoma Control

- Exists to **support national programs**
- An **innovative forum** for shared learning and joint programming
- **Multi-stakeholder** membership of NGDOs, donors, academic institutions and the private sector
- Over **30 members and observers** working in more than 30 countries
- Activities undertaken on largely **voluntary basis**

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What we do in partnership

- Collaborate closely with WHO and support the Alliance for Global Elimination of Trachoma by the year 2020 (GET 2020)
- Provide guidance and support to national programs and regional trachoma networks
- Joint advocacy on grant proposals and funding opportunities
- Tracking progress
- Planning for scale up and exit strategies
Recipe for success

Key strengths:

1. Clear WHO strategy for treatment and intervention
2. Targeted ICTC roadmap to achieve elimination by 2020
3. Strong collaborative ICTC
Contributions to SAFE interventions - 2012

Surgery: 134,310
Antibiotics: 45,317,911
Facial cleanliness & health education: 285 districts
Environmental improvement: 307,646 latrines
2020 INSight – a roadmap for change

The end of sight.

A global strategy to eliminate blinding trachoma
Ways of working

**Working groups**

- Strategy
- Advocacy and communications
- Monitoring, impact and evaluation
- Trichiasis management practices and capacity strengthening (S)
- MDA practices and capacity strengthening (A)
- WASH practices (F&E)

**Program Advisory Committee (PAC)** for funded programs
10 years of impact

- Developed planning and coordination mechanisms to optimize donor resources
- Produced evidence-based preferred practice toolkits
- Created a roadmap to 2020 – 2020 INSight
- Provided a conduit for funding and attracted key grants
- Served as a forum for tracking global progress and developed common indicators and data collection tools
- Developed a strong member based organisation to achieve our goals
Priorities for action

• Cross sector sharing and learning
• Completion of mapping
• WASH integration
• Morbidity management
• Post-endemic surveillance planning
• Improved costing
• Planning for scale and scaling up interventions

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