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As we start 2019, we would like to say a huge thank you to all those involved in surveys over the last year and for your hard work in generating globally standardised, high quality data to support the journey to elimination of trachoma as a public health problem.

In this issue, we're taking the opportunity to thank some of our dedicated team members and putting the spotlight on them. We also feature some recent highlights, and things to look forward to in the coming year.

If you ever have any questions about planning and carrying out surveys, or data management, please do not hesitate to [get in touch](#) and we will be happy to help or advise.

Happy New Year from the Tropical Data Team!

Please share your field stories and photos with us on Social Media - #TropicalData



Tropical Data has supported surveys in over 1000 EUs!

The 1000th EU was in Nangarhar, Afghanistan.

A huge well done to the teams for carrying out the first ever standardised trachoma surveys in the country, despite facing a myriad of challenges.

Celebrating the Global Tropical Data team – a big thank you to our Master Trainers

Whether training nationally or internationally, our dedicated Master Grader and Recorder trainers work hard to ensure standardisation globally, taking time out of their regular schedules to support different projects.

Since we began in 2016, they have supported 8 international training workshops and over 50 national level workshops. This work wouldn't happen without them.



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

We have put together a short survey to gather your feedback on the service that Tropical Data provides – it should take no more than 10 minutes and we would be most grateful for your time and support to help us improve the service. [Please click here to complete the survey](#). Please can we ask you to complete it by 24/02/2019.

Recent updates:

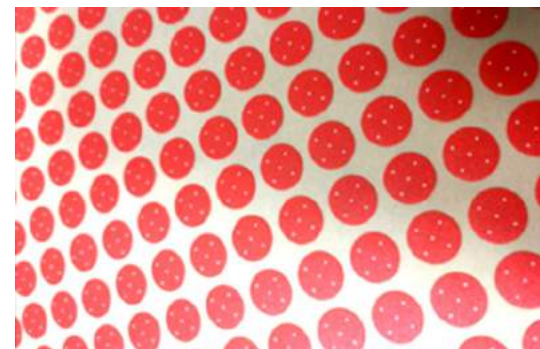
- **Website resources:** resources include a new planning check list and an updated protocol writing guide – check these out [here](#).
- **Data resources:** Check out our new **Data Download module** and our new **expanded reports** for managing your data! For more information on understanding and using the new reports, visit our [resources page](#) or [email us](#).
- **Data approvals:** For enhanced data privacy protection, those who wish to approve data via email will now be prompted to enter their password. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).
- **Follicle Size Guides:** Follicle Size Guide stickers are now a standard provision by Tropical Data and are provided with all shipments of loupes. They help graders in the grading of TF.
- **Supporting other diseases:** We are currently piloting using Tropical Data systems for lymphatic filariasis surveys in Guyana; we will share the learnings from these surveys in the future for those interested in using Tropical Data for other NTDs.

Coming in 2019:

- **Updated training manuals:** We are currently working on updates to all our training materials. Look out for these in the next few months.
- **Partner engagement:** We are hoping to offer more opportunities to engage with the Tropical Data team in 2019; letting you know how the service runs, how we work to support countries and giving you the chance to make your voice heard. These will be in the form of webinars and face-to-face meetings.
- **Publications:** As with GTMP ([see special issue released in December 2018](#)), we would like to support countries who wish to publish their results. [Get in touch if you are interested](#).



A grader examines a child using the Follicle Size Guides



Follicle Size Guide stickers



Trainees from Afghanistan at our training in Tanzania



Teams in the field in Afghanistan
Credit: Ministry of Health, Afghanistan

