

# The Download Jan 2020

Looking back on 2019!



Refresher training evening event in Tanzania, July 2019

As many of you are aware, 2019 saw the development and roll out of a series of **updates** to the Tropical Data service. Thank you to everyone for your continued collaboration during this process.

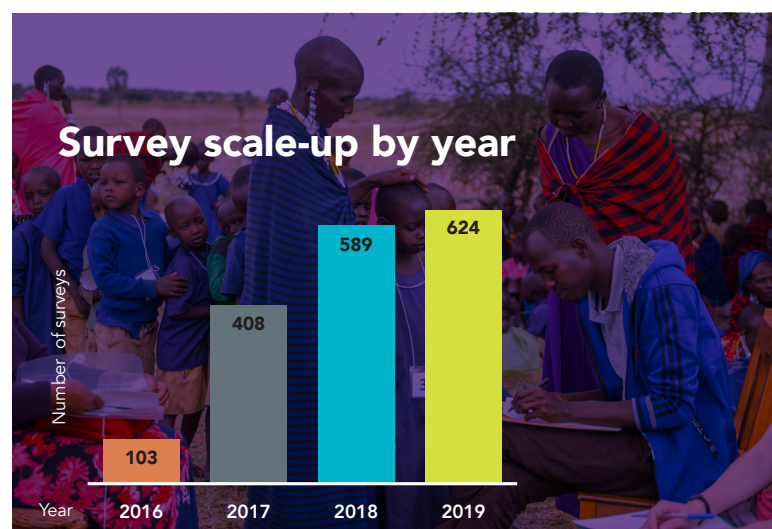
A huge thank you also to all our **trainers** who joined us in July 2019 for a **refresher workshop** in Tanzania. Over 60 of us from 6 continents came together to review the changes, enabling us to roll out further trainings in the countries we support.

2019 also saw an impressive **scale-up** in surveys conducted, with us supporting the same number of surveys in one year than we had in the previous 2.5 years! This represents a massive acceleration in the global journey towards trachoma elimination and is testament to the hard work of the whole trachoma community.

We supported work in some **new countries**, including Mali and Myanmar, as well as continuing to work with many existing countries. Looking back at our combined history with GTMP, we will soon be working with our **50<sup>th</sup> country**. We look forward to celebrating this in early 2020.

We have lots planned for 2020, including some new online tutorials to support **capacity building**. If you have suggestions or ideas, please do **get in touch**!

We look forward to working with you in the coming year!





## Nigeria in the spotlight...



To refresh trainers on the updated Tropical Data methodology, Nigeria ran a Training of Trainers in November 2019 with all its national trainers. This involved a review of all the new training slides and the field IGA test. This was followed by a week-long training of 42 graders and 33 recorders for ongoing surveys.

The Nigerian Grader trainers ready to take their field IGA.

## 2019 saw us have more social media engagement!

Don't forget to share your survey stories with us, including photos! **#TropicalData** (and please make sure you first have consent from those in the photos for them to be used)

You can also share stories or reports from your surveys via **email**. Sharing these helps us to learn from each other and benefit from others' experiences.



## Publications

Publishing your surveys helps share your methods, results and progress towards trachoma elimination. It also means the data are already in the public domain when you submit your dossier to WHO!

Preparing a publication can however be a challenging task. Robert Butcher has joined the Tropical Data team this year to support health ministries publish their data, much like was done for GTMP. If you would like support and have not yet heard from Robert, please get in touch:

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