

ACHIEVING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR TRACHOMA CONTROL

A guide for district health work

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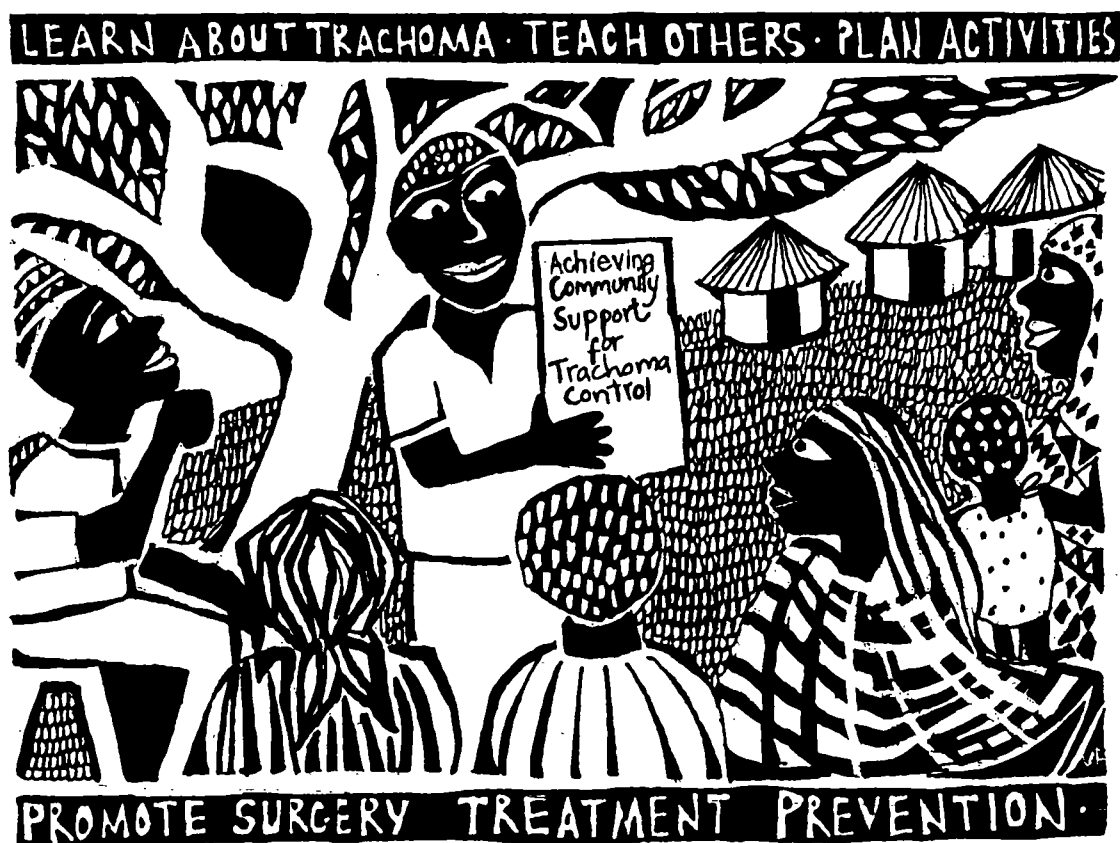


fig. 1 Using the manual for training and stimulating community interest

1.1 Introduction

Trachoma is often referred to as "a community disease". Scientists study the germ that causes the disease (*Chlamydia trachomatis*); epidemiologists monitor its prevalence. But, **the best place to control trachoma is in the community.** How can this be achieved? How can communities who are often burdened by other problems be encouraged to support activities to reduce blindness from trachoma? Those who live and work in the area are usually the best people to answer these questions and to promote trachoma control with the community.

1.2 The purpose of this manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide district health workers with guidelines for achieving community support for trachoma control activities. If you know or suspect trachoma to be a problem in your area, this manual will give you some ideas on how to detect, treat and prevent the disease. Material from it can be adapted for training and involving others in trachoma control.

In some countries, trained eye nurses or ophthalmic clinical officers may be in a position to act as leaders in the fight against trachoma. However, the activities described in this book can be done by all health workers experienced in community work.

1.3 How to use the manual

The manual can be used in a number of ways:

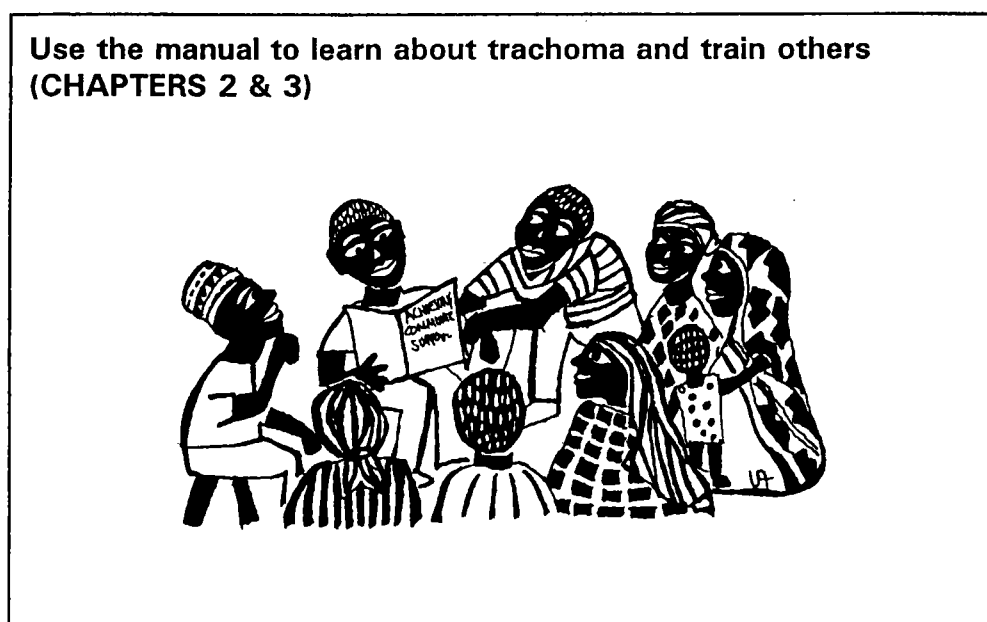


fig.2

Use the manual to find out about trachoma in your community:
follow the simple four step guide (CHAPTER 4)



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Use the manual to get practical ideas on how to achieve
community support for trachoma control (CHAPTER 5)

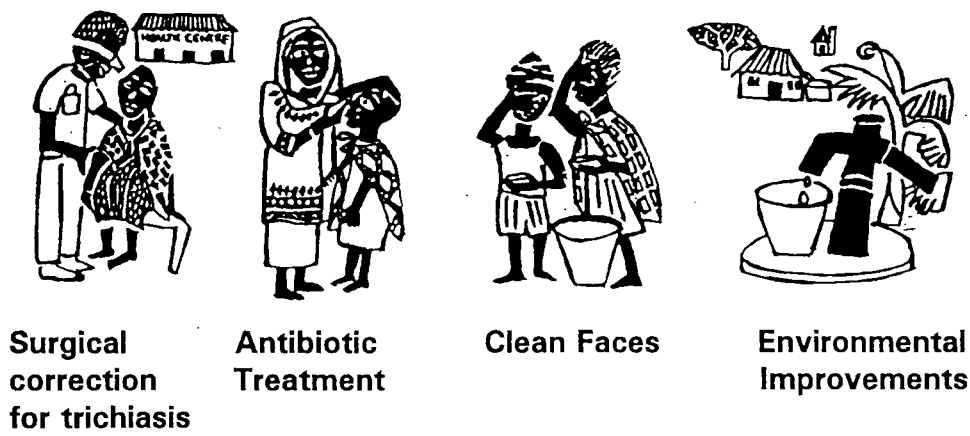


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1.4 How the manual fits with others in the series

There are three manuals in this series. Each concentrates on different levels of expertise needed to understand the problem and prevent blindness from trachoma.

THREE MANUALS ABOUT TRACHOMA

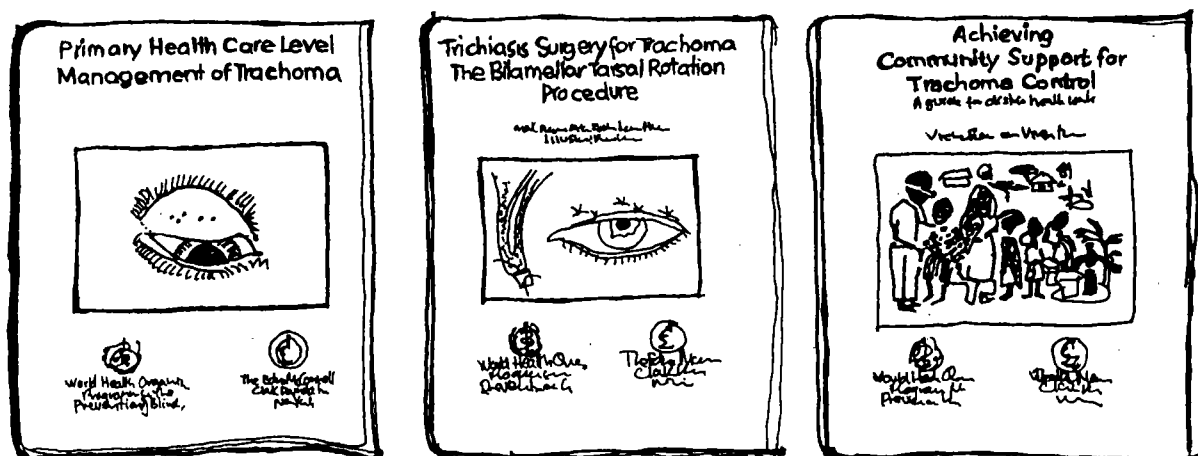


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THE BLUE MANUAL WHO/PBL/93.33

This manual is for those who want to conduct an epidemiological assessment in order to find out how big the problem is and what is

THE YELLOW MANUAL WHO/PBL/93.29

This manual is for teaching the surgical technique which can prevent blindness from the late stage of the disease. It is for those

THE GREEN MANUAL WHO/PBL/93.36

This manual is for district health workers to encourage community action to control trachoma. It can be used as a guide for

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