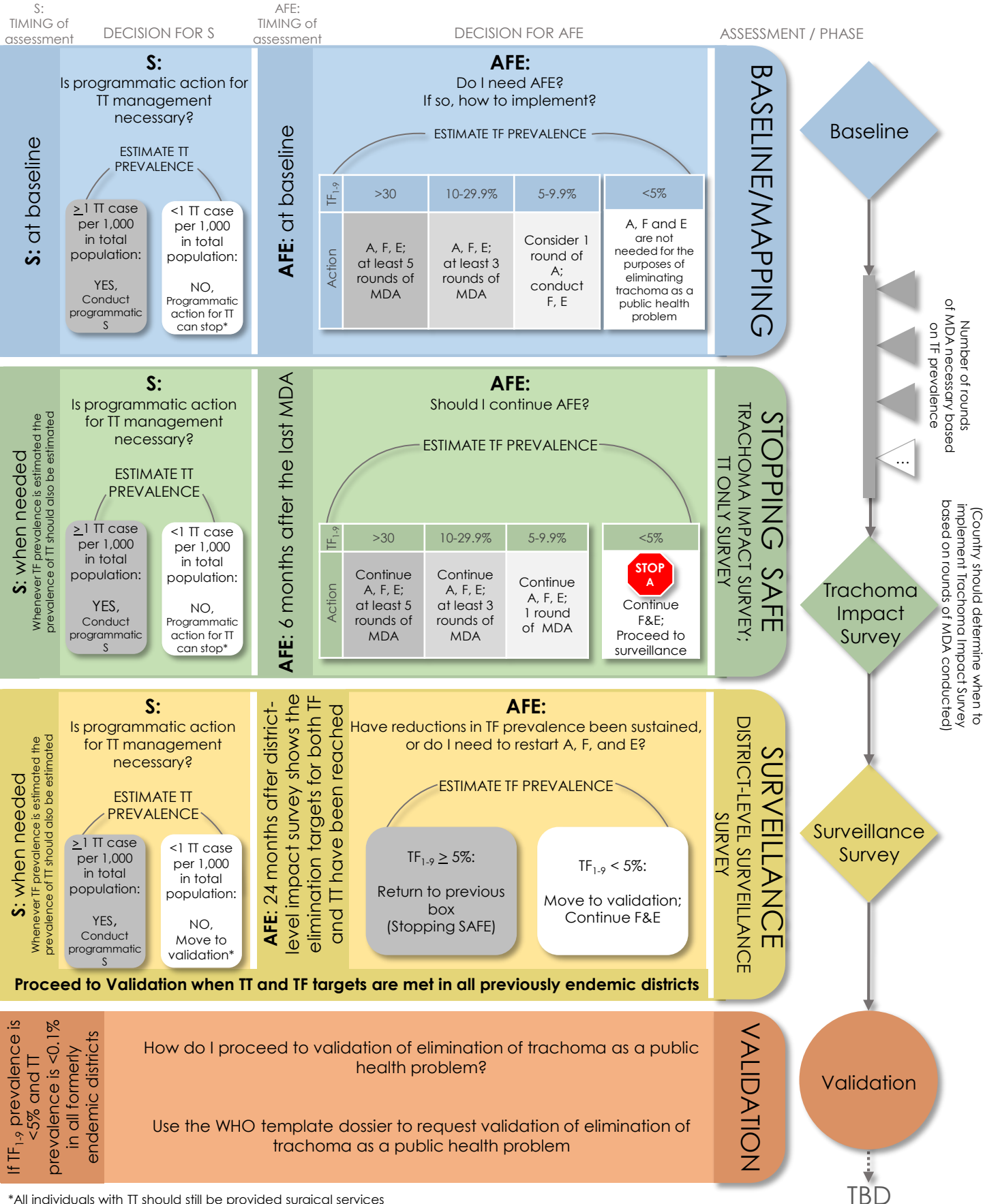


DISEASE-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS for TRACHOMA

Goal: elimination of trachoma as a public health problem

Note that this job aid only includes information on mandatory assessments and does not include optional assessments. The SAFE strategy is designed to prevent blindness from trachoma.

The components of SAFE are **S**urgery, **A**ntibiotics, **F**acial cleanliness and **E**nvironmental improvement.



*All individuals with TT should still be provided surgical services

Abbreviations

A: antibiotics | F: facial cleanliness | S: surgery | TT: trachomatous trichiasis
E: environmental improvement | MDA: mass drug administration | TF: trachomatous inflammation – follicular

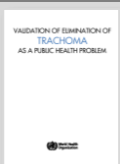
The same methodology is used for baseline, stopping MDA and surveillance. The methodology includes

- trachoma grading with the WHO Simplified Clinical Grading System
- sampling using population-based cluster sampling methods. All individuals aged 12 months and above in selected households should be examined. Methodological support is available through Tropical Data.

(The TT Only Survey methodology is under development and may utilize different approaches.)

Tropical Data (www.tropicaldata.org) is available for technical, training and logistical support for trachoma disease-specific assessments.

Key resources



Validation of elimination of trachoma as a public health problem. World Health Organization, 2016