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DISEASE CONTROL/TRACHOMA

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ICEF 3978/HOLTON/61 - Delta village volunteers near Qalyub, trained at rural center to administer ointment, treat a young trachoma patient.

Trachoma (an eye disease which can lead to blindness) may today be cured with antibiotics. Nevertheless four out of five Egyptians (1960) are suffering from trachoma and related eye infections. The Egyptian government, with international assistance, is conducting a pilot project to develop a practical plan to control this disease at Qalyub, in the Nile Delta just north of Cairo, an area comprising sixteen villages where treatment is being carried out in schools and in homes. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) supplies antibiotics, vehicles and some basic equipment for health centers where training is given to administer the treatment. The World Health Organization (WHO) gives technical guidance.

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