This update reports on the current progress in implementation of The Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision. It reflects sector-wide activity from multiple organisations and governments.

**Indigenous Leadership of Indigenous Eye Health**

Australia’s Long-Term National Health Plan has committed to ‘End avoidable blindness in Indigenous communities by 2025’.

Indigenous leadership and ownership, and regional and sector collaboration are key to achieving this goal.

**Roadmap Regional Progress**

Roadmap regional implementation continues in all jurisdictions. Eye health collaborative progress have been initiated in all jurisdictions.

Activity is underway in all self-defined regions covering the entire land mass of Australia and all of the Indigenous population.

**Recommendations Completed**

Roadmap Recommendation Progress

The Roadmap has been endorsed by these organisations:

- AMS Aboriginal Medical Service
- ATSR Australian Trachoma Surveillance Report
- BADAC Ballarat and District Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Social Services
- BHVI Brien Holden Vision Institute
- CQI Continuous Quality Improvement
- DoH Commonwealth Department of Health
- EESSS Ear and Eye Surgical Support Service
- IEH Indigenous Eye Health
- LHN Local Hospital Network
- MBS Medicare Benefits Schedule
- MOICDP Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Program
- MSAC Medical Cooperative
- TFHF The Fred Hollows Foundation
- VCAL Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning
- VOS supported eye examinations

**Diabetic Eye Care**

Indigenous patients who had a diabetes test who also had an eye exam: percentage

Target: 100%

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**A Decade of Progress**

The 2021 Annual Update is the tenth annual report of the progress on implementation of the Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision.

The Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision: Indigenous Eye Health published the Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision in 2012 through a rigorous national consultation process that provided a roadmap of recommendations through 138 activities and a regional stakeholder engagement process. The Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander eye health. The Roadmap could be delivered in five years with appropriate support and funding.

Strong Eyes, Strong Communities: Vision 2020 Australia in 2016 developed a sector endorsed five year plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health and vision 2017-2022.

Australia’s Long-Term National Health Plan: The Australian Government in 2018 committed to ‘End avoidable blindness in Indigenous communities by 2025’.

Evaluating the Roadmap: In 2021, IEH commissioned and evaluation of the Roadmap that provides evidence on current progress and degree to which the recommendations are being taken up. This will continue to support evidence of progress on the Roadmap and its recommendations through an evaluation of the Roadmap.

**The Leaky Pipe**

We described the first year journey as a ‘leaky pipe’.

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**Progress Indicators**

- 100% of recommendations completed (2012-2020)
- 90% of activities completed (2011-2020)

**Indigenous Participation**

- 90% of communities with or at risk of trachoma
- 80% of communities with community-led programs
- 70% of communities with community-led programs
- 60% of communities with community-led programs

**COVID-19**

COVID-19 continues to impact access to services and the mental health system. Many recommendations take time to implement, need to be geographically distributed and must be sustained to leak.

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