

GHANA TRACHOMA CONTROL PROGRAMME

LET'S BE TRACHOMA FREE



♣ **Trachoma is one of the eye diseases that leads to blindness**



♣ **Trachoma causes red itchy eyes with discharges**

♣ **Trachoma is caused by invisible germs**



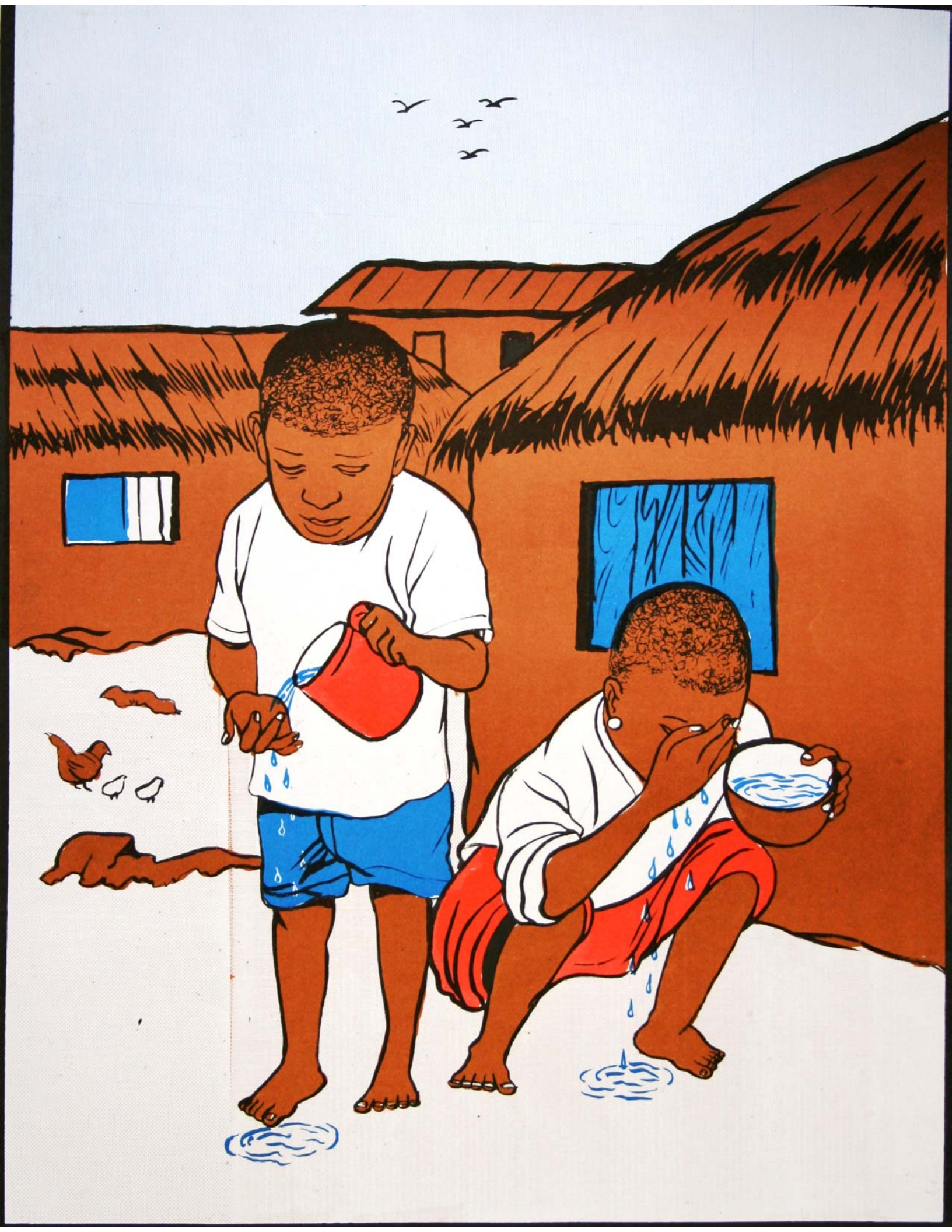
Trachoma is transmitted through

- ♣ Fingers with trachoma germ**
- ♣ Flies containing trachoma germ**
- ♣ Contaminated cloth with trachoma**



♣ To prevent trachoma germ, wash face when dirty or twice a day.

♣ Small amount of water is enough to wash the face



Main problems are

- ♣ **Child is defecating free range**
- ♣ **Unclean compound breed flies**
- ♣ **Unclean kraal**



To prevent flies from breeding and spreading trachoma germ, we need to

- ♣ Clean area around compound and community**
- ♣ Bury faeces or use latrine**
- ♣ Create a place to dispose and burn refuse**
- ♣ Keep kraal clean all the time**

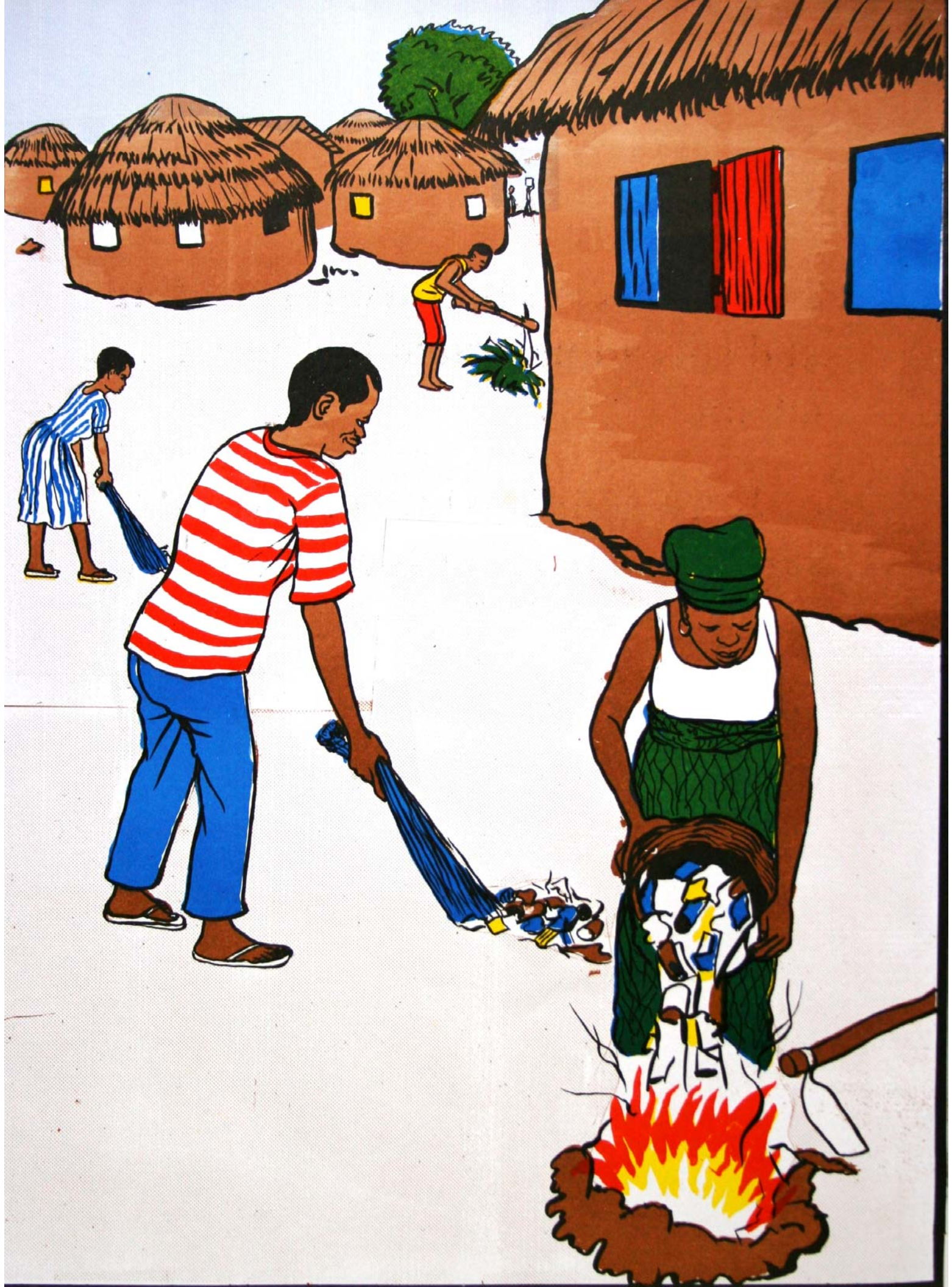


To prevent flies from breeding and spreading trachoma germ, we need to

♣ Sweep our compound and community

♣ Dig pit to burn refuse

♣ Create soak-away



*** To prevent flies from breeding and spreading trachoma, use a latrine**

*** Keep your latrines clean and covered to prevent flies from breeding**



♣ To prevent trachoma germ from Spreading from one person to the other, do not use contaminated cloth with trachoma germ to wipe eyes

♣ Wash cloth after use



♣ **Repeated infection by trachoma causes eyelashes to rub on the eyeballs.**

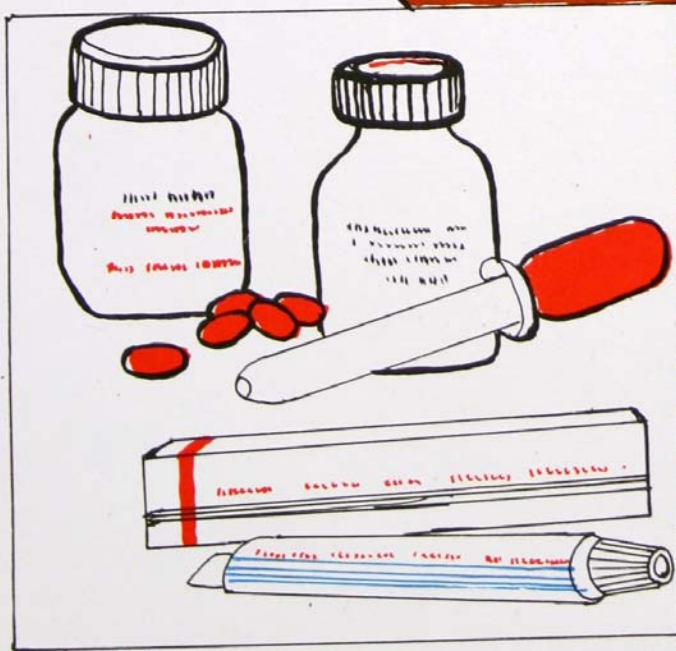
♣ **This is called trichiasis
Trichiasis causes pain and blurred
visions**

♣ **If trichiasis is not treated, it leads
to blindness**



♣ If you have red itchy eyes with discharge, ask a health worker for treatment or go to the nearest clinic.

♣ If trachoma is not treated, it leads to trichiasis.



♣ Trichiasis surgery will make you regain your sight.

♣ Trichiasis surgery is available at the health center; ask your community health worker about it.

♣ Untreated trichiasis leads to irreversible blindness

♣ Trichiasis surgery is free

