

President Jimmy Carter shakes hands with a woman in the Gara Rikta District of Ethiopia. In Ethiopia, one in seven persons is afflicted with trachoma.

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has changed the world  
and changed the way  
that the world sees  
Lions Clubs International.”

-Jimmy Carter

On April 7, 2006, *The New York Times* published a letter to the editor from President Jimmy Carter.

To the Editor:

Your On the Brink series (front page, March 20, 26 and 31) calls attention to neglected diseases of forgotten people. For more than 20 years, the Carter Center has worked to control, eliminate and eradicate neglected diseases, including Guinea worm, river blindness, trachoma, schistosomiasis and lymphatic filariasis, that affect the poorest of the poor. Your coverage of these diseases will mean the alleviation of suffering for thousands more people like those you profiled.

The Carter Center is honored to be mentioned in some of these articles and is appreciative of the many partners who support our work. In fact, none of our efforts in Ethiopia, as illustrated in your trachoma article, would be possible without the active partnership and financial support of Lions Clubs International, an organization of more than one million members in 197 countries who address blindness diseases.

Jimmy Carter  
Plains, Ga., April 5, 2006



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