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Training programs

Our training programs reached over 135 people this month across our project locations. A brief overview of some trainings are given below.

- Training sessions were held for around 43 people on ANM (Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery) and GHCS (General Health Check-ups) at Laxmipur PHC (Primary Health Centre) under the ASPIRE project in Jamui.
- Trained around 37 CSOs (Community Social Organizations) on M&E (Monitoring & Evaluation) as part of the Epic project at Metropolis in Secunderabad.
- Organized training for two batches (around 31 people) of Laboratory Technicians on Leprosy from the state team of Odisha.
- A skill development training conducted for around 24 People on Mushroom Cultivation at Sonapur Care Centre.

New initiatives

- LEPRO CCC (Clinical Care Classifications) and DHH (Department of Health and Hospitals) admitted patients with reactions at Nabrangapur.
- Initiated services at the area hospital in Nuzividu for the treatment of Leprosy and LF-related services.
- A local donor donated ten chairs for the DPMR (Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation) camp in Nuzividu.



IEC

Through several awareness generation programs, in different project locations we reached around 12,292 people.

- Rapid Enquiry Surveys (RES) organized by volunteers and ASHAs in different areas of AP in the month of September, where around 11,776 people were examined.
- IPOD camp and a support group meeting was conducted for around 16 people at the mandal level in Gampalagudem, AP.
- Sensitization program was conducted for around 46 people on PMP (Private Medical Practitioner) / RMP (Registered Medical Practitioner) and Traditional Healers at CHC (Community Health Centre). Participants included the Sanamasigam Nodal Medical Officer, NMS (Non-Medical Supervisor) / PT (Physiotherapist), PHEO (Public Health Engineering Organization), and BNLW (Block Nodal Leprosy Worker).
- IPOD camps were organized for around 36 members on Leprosy and LF in Tenali and Mangollu villages of AP.
- Conducted a Leprosy and LF awareness program for around 142 members at Nirmal, LRC (Leprosy Referral Centre) which included the SHG (Self Help Group) and high school students of Velmal Bopparam village.
- A Leprosy-related school health education program was organized for around 276 students of ZPHS high school in Nacherla mandal, of Mahabubnagar district, Telangana.

Others

- The Municipal Chairman of Pedana, A.P., presented cheques for LF-affected individuals in Pedana, AP.



- A cluster-level forum formation meeting was held for around 17 people in the Nuapada district's Duajhar village which was attended by a Self Support Group along with ASHA and AWWs (Anganwadi Workers).
- MMDP self-care camp on Leprosy and LF was held for around 40 people at Bhairab Singpur, in the Borigumma block office.
- The LEPRO staff attended the NNN (NGO Network NTD) conference in Kathmandu, Nepal from 13th -15th Sept 2022, where they presented their work and moderated a few sessions.



State specific key updates

Odisha

- PMP (Private Medical Practitioner) / RMP (Registered Medical Practitioner) sensitization on Leprosy and LF (Lymphatic Filariasis) was organized in the areas of Swabhiman Project.
- A successful meeting held with the DLO, DMO, and other officials of the District NLEP and NVBDCP (National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme) office in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district.
- 3 Eye screening camps were organized by the UEH (Urban Eye Health) team for various beneficiaries in Bhubaneswar.
- The State Co-Ordinator and PO, Swabhiman, held a successful meeting with Rotary, Koraput. They are willing to provide the rotary bhawan to LEPROA for any programs throughout the year, and they also intend to support LEPROA with a mobile van.
- A proposal for supporting WASH initiatives in colonies of Bhubaneswar, Khurda and Cuttack was sent to Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Dept., Govt. of Odisha.

Research

- BIRAC (Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council) - BMGF (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) - LF (Lymphatic Filariasis) diagnostics-shortlisted for final level.

Team members at NNN Conference in Kathmandu.



Madhya Pradesh

- Successfully complete the audit of SAATHII and GFATM Phase-III projects for the period of 2021-22. No major or critical observations were received from the auditors.
- The State LCDC monitor attended the District LCDC (Leprosy Case Detection Campaign) training and coordination committee meetings in Panna and Damoh districts.
- Under SAMARTH project we helped facilitate the creation of 92 Self-Help Groups (SSGs) in three blocks of Chhatarpur District.



Bihar

- For the LCDC Campaign the State NLEP (National Leprosy Eradication Program) has allocated 10 districts to LEPROA and also designated LEPROA as the State Monitor in all 38 districts of Bihar.
- A workshop on Integrated Footwear Model was successfully held at the Kathmandu NNN (NGO Network NTD) conference.



[Click here to see some pictures related to the above activities](#)



Anilkumar is presently working as a Physio Technician in the Swabhiman Project. He is a trained Para Medical Worker (Leprosy). Below is a brief conversation with him.

How many years have you been associated with LEPRRA?

29 years !! I am with LEPRRA since 2nd January 1996 and worked as PMW (Para Medical Worker) for 20 years and since last seven years working as a Physio Technician.

Share your experience and learning's at LEPRRA?

It's a great experience to learn more and more about the subject and to know the different types of Leprosy cases and provide my services to them.

A memory at LEPRRA which you would like to share?

During 27 years' of my service at LEPRRA, I have witnessed so many happy moments & I feel very Proud to interact with the beneficiaries and see them satisfied with the services provided by LEPRRA, especially, in patients care at Koraput. We provide them with RCS, Reaction Management, Ulcer Management and self-care kits along with customized protective footwear for podiatry (Medical care and treatment for the feet).

What makes LEPRRA a unique organization?

LEPRRA is a unique organization because of our staff's dedications and our work pattern. We have a specific vision towards the people in need with a sense of secularism for all to lead a healthy future.



"I developed reddish skin patches on my hands and legs with a loss of sensation. I visited a nearby PHC and got tested and went for a skin smear examination and tested positive for Leprosy. After a year of medication, I was released from treatment and was provided with customized footwear to prevent ulcers and pressure sources. I convey my sincere thanks to LEPRRA for advising the exercises and for providing MCR footwear"; Says Mr. K. Lakshmi Narayana

[Click here to read how we helped him.](#)

Prasant's message

Let me start by expressing my personal condolences on the untimely demise of Ms. Radhika Rajamani which is not only a great loss to LEPRRA but also to me as a friend. On behalf of the entire team, I offer my sincere condolences to her family.

Received the award from Vision2020 for 'reaching the unreachable' in the field of Eye care at the annual event in Siliguri. I along with eleven of my colleagues from all our project areas attended the global NNN conference in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The presentations from LEPRRA on footwear and experience on WASH were impressive and well appreciated. Also attended the global finance meeting in Dhaka with our head of finance & a finance colleague from Odisha. The visit to the Bangladesh team's work in the tea gardens was interesting. I feel that we should also explore the possibilities of working in the tea gardens of India with the learning from the Bangladesh program where the situation of people affected by leprosy is quite difficult. I will end by sharing the information that LEPRRA has received yet another temporary FCRA extension of six months.



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