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# One lepra - Strategic Planning Workshop 2024-2030

One lepra Strategic Planning Workshop held in Hyderabad from April 25th to 29th, 2023. The workshop was attended by 38 staff members from Lepra UK, LEpra Society(India), and Lepra Bangladesh. The main objectives of the workshop were to develop a draft Theory of Change for One lepra's work for Leprosy and LF eradication efforts. The workshop was lead by Mr Jimmy, CEO of Lepra UK and Mr Prasant, CE, LEpra, along with Ms. Ann Halsig, consultant and facilitator. The workshop consisted of several sessions, including:

- Theory of Change session for One lepra strategy for 2024-2030, facilitated by Mr Jimmy. CEO, lepra UK
- Rapid Situational Analysis, Actor Mapping, Risk Assessment, Problem Identification, Articulation of Impact Statement, Outcome Mapping, Evidence Check, Indicator Drafting, Sessions facilitated by Ms Ann Halsig
- Session on Lessons Learnt from previous Joint Strategy Plan facilitated by Mr Prasant Naik, CE, LEpra
- Session on Defining the Consultation Process facilitated by Mr Jimmy, CEO, lepra UK
- Session on Lepra Programme Monitoring Experiences, facilitated by Mr Arun, Head - Programmes, LEpra
- A session on Innovations in Research, facilitated by Dr Aparna, Head-Research, LEpra

By the end of the workshop, the participants had developed first draft of One lepra Theory of Change, which will be further refined and validated through consultations with external and internal stakeholders in the next 9 months. Incorporating all the observations and consultations, the final One lepra Strategy (2024-2030) is expected to be ready by end of March 2024.



Initial remarks by Mr Prasant



Theory of Change Session by Mr Jimmy



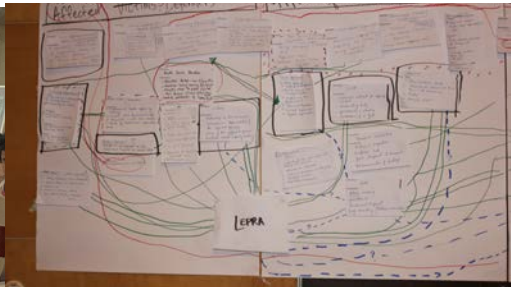
Expectations Session by Becks and Arun



Ms Ann Halsig, facilitating the sessions



Research Session by Dr Aparna





# KEY PROGRAMMES - STATE WISE

## ANDHRA PRADESH



Mega Eye Screening Camp, Musunuru village, Krishna district



World Malaria Day Rally at Nuzvid Area Hospital, Krishna district



PLHIV motivated for Cataract surgeries Krishna district

## BIHAR



Social entitlement to People Affected by Leprosy



World Malaria Day Dhanbad district, Jharkhand state



Self Support Groups meeting at Jhajha , Bihar state

## TELANGANA



Discussions to setup a Referral Centre @ Malla Reddy Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad



Contact survey and LF line list, Medipally village, Nirmal district



Leprosy Awareness Programme, Jainoor PHC , Kumrambheem district

## ODISHA



CE's visit to MAYURLEP project



DPMR Clinic Nangur CHC



In-Patient care at Koraput Care Centre

## MADHYA PRADESH



Peer Counsellor Intervention



Samarth Project - Mindfulness Activity



Training on Leprosy to ASHAs

**Please also find the link to access for Update (March 2023) on Leprosy and Lymphatic Filariasis Major Programme Achievements & Newspaper clippings**



Smt. Dr V Rukmini Rao has set up a fund in memory of her late friend and colleague Mette Jorstad. The fund aims to enhance access to education and employment for needy Girl Students who are infected or affected by Leprosy in Bihar and Odisha states. Since its inception two years ago, the fund has benefited 83 needy Girl students and with the support now they are continuing their education. Among them, 2 Girl Students have also found employment and are supporting their families.

The fund is a tribute to the legacy of Mette Jorstad and a testimony to the vision and dedication of Smt. Dr V Rukmini Rao.



Educational Support given by Nuapada District Authorities, Odisha

### Grant Award to LEPRA FHI360 EPIC Supported CSO

Spandana Sri is a Community Based Organisation (CBO) that works for Female sex workers in Karimnagar district. It started in 2010 with the support of Swasti project under Alliance India in Godavari Khani. It has renewed its registration after 10 years and also got the certificates of 12A, 80G. It was selected by Swasthi as their SSR to implement Community Mobilisation Programmes with two other CSOs and 13 staff members.

Lepra EPIC helped Spandana Sri get a grant of Rs. 27,85,000/- from April to December 2023 as a SSR for Covid-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) under Global Fund(GFATM).

The President of Spandana Sri thanked the LEPRA FHI360 team for their support and guidance in making the CSO self-sustainable and in getting a Global Fund project.



### Eye Screening at Leprosy Colonies , Odisha

With the support of SEVA Foundation and Vivekananda Mission Ashram- Netra Niramaya Niketan, an initiative undertaken by LEPRA MNC team with aim to understand the challenges and barriers that prevent people affected by leprosy and their families from accessing eye care services in designated colonies of Western Odisha.). The team comprising of clinical, counselors & support staffs had carried out Survey cum screening program in 24 Leprosy colonies spread over 9 western Odisha districts. A total of 1116 colony inmates were screened for eye care issues. Below are the key findings.

Colonies Surveyed	24
Inmates Screened	1116
Surgical intervention	222
Provision of corrective glass	178
Treated on site	156

Sl. No	Service Barriers	Nos
1	Unaware of the problem	79
2	Old age and need not felt	62
3	cannot afford consultation fees	47
4	waiting for cataract to mature	36
5	Social Stigma /Hesitancy	147
6	services not available or very far	59
7	no one to accompany	123
8	fear of losing eye Sight / operation	44

## CASE STUDY

Mrs. Manepalli Ammaji is a Lymphatic Filariasis patient who lives in Ramalingeswarapet, Tenali, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh State. She is 55 years old and has been suffering from this disease for 15 years. She used to attend LEPRO self care camps regularly, but she did not know that the government had a pension scheme for people like her. One day, LEPRO Outreach Worker (ORW) visited her and informed her about the scheme. He also helped her get a disability certificate from the Medical Officer of Vemuru Primary Health Care centre, which stated that she had 50% disability. With this certificate, she applied for the disability pension at the Ward Secretariat with the assistance of the Ward Volunteer. She was approved for the pension and started receiving Rs. 3,000/- per month. Ammaji was very happy and grateful to LEPRO for support, guidance in getting this benefit.



Mrs Ammaji Disability Pension Registration

## An Interview with Staff

Ms. Myla Vijaya Kumari working as Outreach worker, Jaggaipeta, Krishna district Andhra Pradesh State

### How many years have you been associated with LEPRO?

I have joined in LEPRO as Outreach worker at Jaggaiahpeta in October 2016.

### A memory at LEPRO which you would like to share?

Working with LEPRO gives me joy. I helped a man who was shunned for his leprosy disabilities. I restored his dignity and community by showing him grace.

### What do you like the most about working with LEPRO?

LEPRO values teamwork and solidarity among all staff, who treat each other like one family. We work with transparency and accountability, serving the most needy and vulnerable people, especially those who are reluctant to seek help from others. We offer comprehensive services and care to persons affected with Leprosy, aiming to improve their quality of life and dignity.



## Prasant's Message

A successful workshop on Lepra's strategy for 2024-2030 was held in Hyderabad, where representatives from UK, Bangladesh and India participated. Workshop aimed to identify key priorities and challenges for Lepra for 2024-2030, and to develop roadmap for achieving its vision of world free of Leprosy and LF. The strategy will be finalized after consulting with a wider range of stakeholders in coming 9 months. During visit to Odisha, I had opportunity to review activities and plans of Mayurlep, a project supported by Lepra that provides comprehensive care and rehabilitation for people affected by leprosy. I was impressed by timely completion of performance reviews of all staff members, and quality of their work. Lepra Society also participated in civil society consultation for the G20 draft final policy document, where it advocated for inclusion of leprosy, LF and other neglected diseases in global health agenda.



I would like to request all of you to take care of your health and avoid exposure to heat while travelling, as the summer season is approaching.

### Donations to LEPRO Society can be made @ ....

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