

# LEPRA

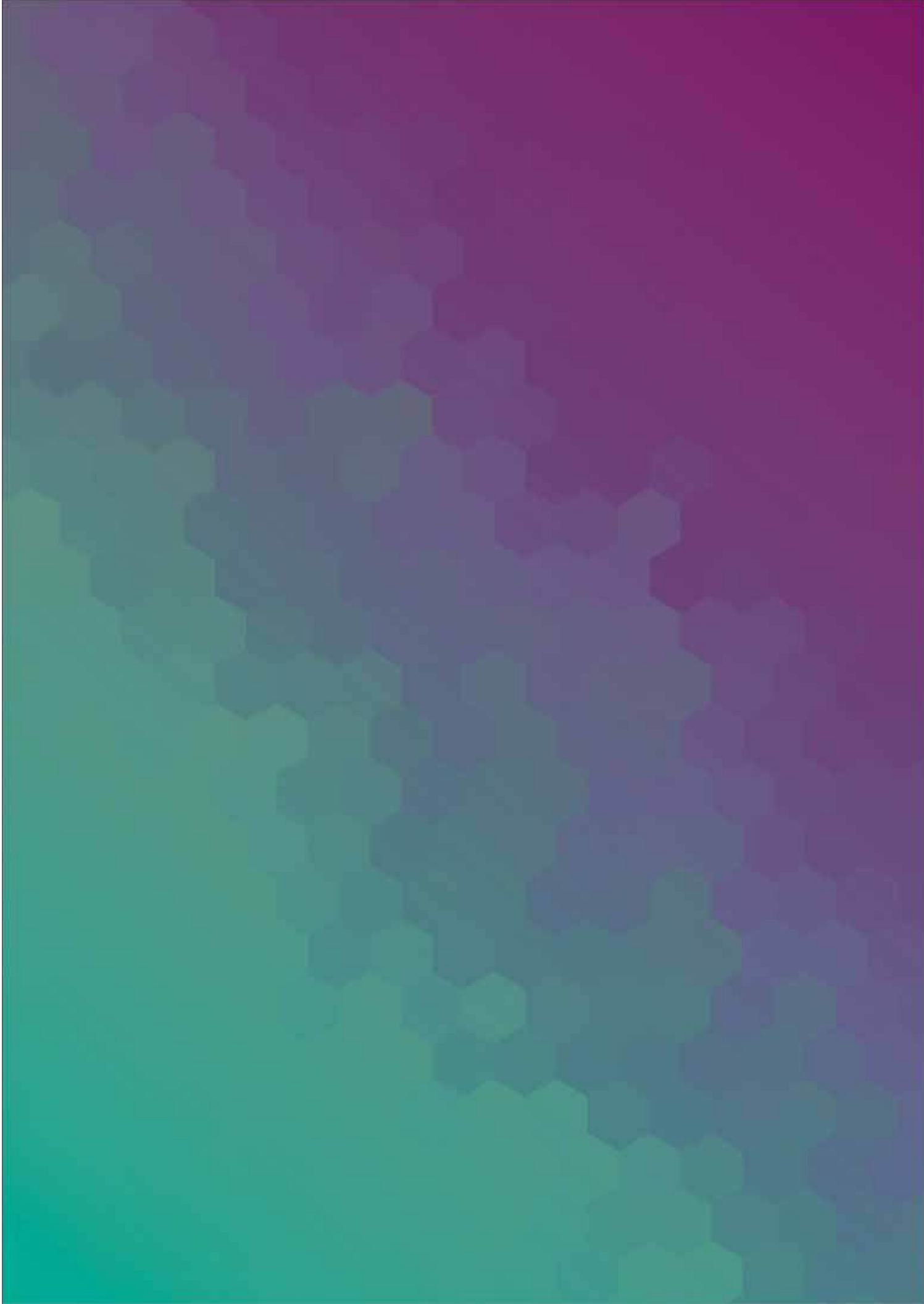
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## PATIENT CONTINUUM OF CARE



Health | Inclusion | Research | Innovation & Technology

Annual  
Report  
2024



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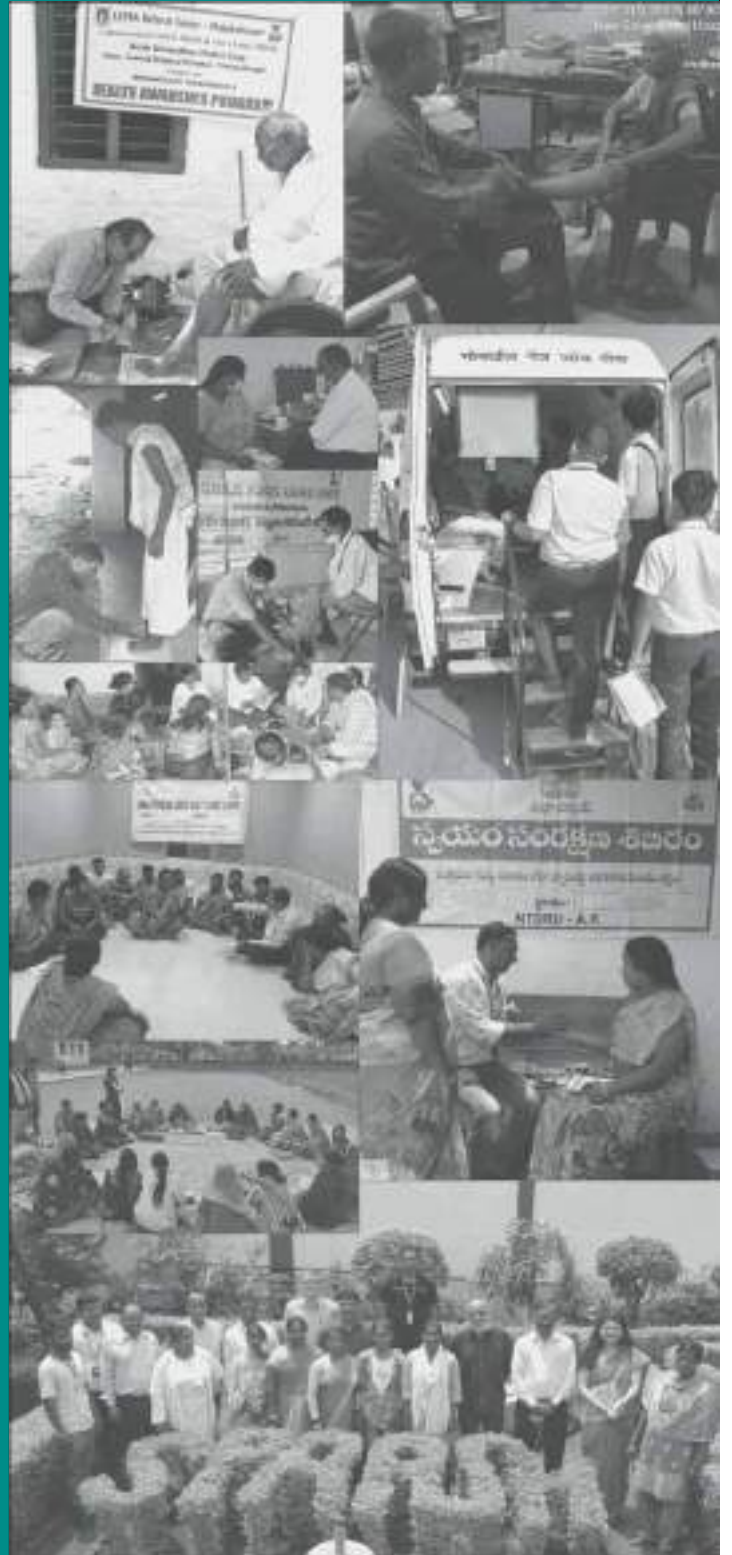
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## Dedicating 35 years of service to the needy

2020: COVID – 19: Covid Testing (First NGO accredited private lab to test Covid in Telangana) and Vaccination (overcoming vaccine hesitancy), Dry Ration Distribution, Rehabilitation.

2024 leaf – Lepra Society will launch an ambitious new strategy 2024 – 30.

2004: Eye Care - Secondary and Tertiary Hospitals providing Comprehensive Inpatient Eye Care Services including Cataract Surgeries, Glaucoma Surgeries , Diabetic Retinopathy.

2006: Lymphatic Filariasis - Prevention, Training, Awareness, Case Detection, Diagnosis, Treatment Facilitation, Counselling, Prevention of Impairments Disability Services, Surgery (Hydrocele), Rehabilitation, Gender Equality, Rights and Advocacy, Private Sector Engagement.

2015: WASH - Software- Water and Sanitation -Trainings & Awareness Programmes. Hardware - Construction of Toilets, Safe water, Rain / water harvesting facilities.

1999: Inaugurated the Blue Peter Public Health and Research Centre (BPHRC) in Hyderabad, India, on December 14th, dedicated to leprosy, TB, and HIV research, with a focus on finding more effective treatments and preventing disabilities.

2002: HIV - Prevention, Training, Awareness, Case Detection, Diagnosis, Counselling, Prophylaxis Treatment, ,Private Sector Engagement.

1997: Leprosy & Lymphatic Filariasis - Diagnostics, better treatment modalities (reaction management and ulcer care & socio-behavioural aspects of leprosy and its consequences . TB - first private lab in the country to get for culture and drug susceptibility testing for MTB and for Covid testing. - 100+ Journal Publications to date.

1996: Tuberculosis (TB) - Prevention, Training, Awareness, Case Detection, Diagnosis incl. culture and drug susceptibility testing for MTB , Treatment Facilitation, Counselling, Private Sector Engagement.

1989: Leprosy - Prevention, Training, Awareness, Case Detection, Diagnosis, Treatment Facilitation, Counselling, Prevention of Impairments Disability Services, Ulcer Care, Rehabilitation, Gender Equality, Rights and Advocacy, Private Sector Engagement.

# Lepra Society Strategy 2024-2030



## Lepra will Deliver

Health, Inclusion and Innovation (Research & Technology) for people affected by Leprosy and Lymphatic Filariasis.



## We are working for a World where

Transmission of leprosy and Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) is controlled  
 ...and people affected by leprosy and LF are able to access treatment, able to manage the consequences of disease, including disability...  
 ...and are acknowledged, empowered, have dignity and are equals in society.



## And we will do this by

- Building on our long history of ensuring people affected by leprosy and LF can access quality healthcare services.
- Ensuring that people affected by leprosy and LF are in the lead so they can realise their full inclusion and empowerment as equal members of society, and enjoy improved quality of life, and physical and mental well-being.
- Complementing our work with innovations in research, technology and practice, so we can contribute to a more effective and evidence-based response to leprosy and LF.

## LEPRA SOCIETY STRATEGY

### RESPECTFUL

of each other in our daily interactions of a diversity of different viewpoints and perspectives.

### INCLUSIVE

of people affected by leprosy and LF in all our work of a diverse group of people in our organisation.

### CARING

by demonstrating kindness for each other in the workplace for the people affected by leprosy & LF, who we exist to serve.

### EFFECTIVE

by learning about what works best and building on that by making best use of our resources to maximise impact.

### ACCOUNTABLE

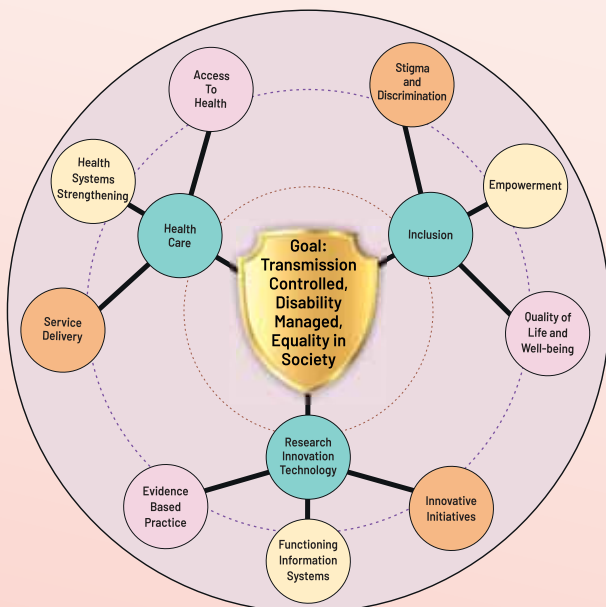
by being open and honest in all our activities and interactions by taking responsibility for our own actions.

### INNOVATIVE

by giving people the space & freedom to explore new ideas by seeking new ways to increase our impact in the world.

PEOPLE - CENTRED

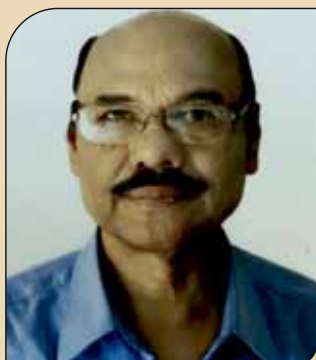
EVIDENCE - LED



# Theory of Change (ToC)



## Board of Governors



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## Country Management Team



**Mr. Prasant Kumar Naik**  
Chief Executive



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Head of Finance & Operations



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State Coordinator



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State Coordinator



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State Coordinator



**Dr. Debendra Kumar Sahu**  
Medical Superintendent, Eye Care

## From the CE's Desk

### Dear Colleagues, Partners and Supporters,

As we look back on the year 2023-24, I am filled with deep gratitude for the remarkable progress we have achieved in our mission to combat leprosy and other neglected diseases. This journey has been marked by both challenges and victories, and our collective dedication has brought hope and healing to countless lives.

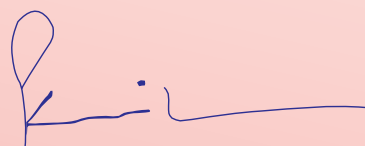
Leprosy, in particular, remains a central focus of our efforts, and I am proud of the strides we have made together in addressing this enduring disease. Beyond its physical impact, leprosy often brings a heavy burden of stigma and exclusion.

At LEPRAs, we are committed to tackling these issues with empathy and resolve. This year, we extended our outreach to 156 districts, ensuring that more individuals received timely diagnosis, effective treatment, and the support needed to restore their dignity and sense of belonging.

Our approach to leprosy is comprehensive, understanding that curing the disease is only part of the journey. Equally important is reintegrating individuals into their communities. This year, we have witnessed the transformation of lives—not just through the number of people treated but through the renewed confidence and hope seen in those who were once isolated. Their stories inspire us and reaffirm the importance of our mission.

Our success would not be possible without the dedication of our exceptional staff, the support of our partners, and the generosity of our donors. Your belief in our mission and unwavering commitment have been the driving force behind our achievements. As we move forward, I am confident that together we will continue to bring hope, healing, and dignity to those in need. Thank you for standing by us.

Warm regards,



# Patient Continuum of Care

LEPRA's Patient Continuum of Care is a holistic framework designed to address the comprehensive needs of individuals affected by leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, and other related conditions. This continuum ensures that patients receive seamless care from the initial stages of prevention and diagnosis through to treatment, rehabilitation, and social reintegration.

By focussing on both medical and socio-economic aspects, LEPRA's approach not only aims to cure the disease but also to empower patients with the knowledge and resources to manage their conditions and reclaim their dignity and place in society.

Through advocacy and ongoing support, LEPRA strives to eliminate stigma and promote inclusivity, ultimately leading to healthier communities and improved quality of life for those affected.



## Patient Continuum of Care for Leprosy

Leprosy Patient Continuum Care (PCC) ensures holistic management, starting with early case detection through Active case detection or passive case detection. Once suspects are identified in the community, we refer the cases to the nearest public health facility for diagnosis, confirmation and treatment (MDT). As a part of prevention of disability / impairments and morbidity management patients receive Ulcer care, physiotherapy and self-care training, protective footwear and information on complication management. For those with deformities, rehabilitation includes reconstructive surgeries and vocational training for reintegration. Needs assessment for eligible patients for rehabilitation and link for social and economic support schemes. Advocacy with the support of International Leaders in Education Programme (ILEP) India advocacy efforts to repeal discriminatory laws against leprosy patients.

## Patient Continuum of Care for Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)

As a part of Prevention we organise various awareness campaigns and facilitate Mass Drug Administration (MDA). We also facilitate in line listing of existing LF cases. As a part of Morbidity management we facilitate treating acute attacks, entry lesions and reduction of swelling. Patients receive ongoing training on self care practices, Physiotherapy to manage lymphedema and prevent infections. Provision of customised footwear to LF patients. We also facilitate hydrocelectomies. Need Assessment for rehabilitation and linking to social and economical schemes to help maintain patients' quality of life and reintegration into society.



# Project Highlights

## Empowering Women For Leprosy Care

### Interventions and Impact to date...

LEPRA's commitment to empowering communities affected by leprosy is evident in its focus on addressing the critical skill gap in leprosy care. Leprosy, a deeply personal disease, requires a specialized approach for diagnosis and care, particularly as most cases are diagnosed clinically. As many of LEPRA's experienced Physio Technicians approach retirement, the need to train a new generation of caregivers has become increasingly urgent<sup>1</sup>. Recognizing that over 40% of leprosy patients are female and often prefer care from female providers, LEPRA has strategically focused on training Female Physio Care Assistants (PCAs) from leprosy-affected families. These individuals bring a unique empathy to their roles, having witnessed the challenges of the disease first-hand.

Since April 2022, LEPRA has successfully trained 48 Female Physio Care Assistants(PCAs) across 21 LEPRA Referral Centres in 9 Indian states supported by the Rotary Global Grant and lepra UK, in collaboration with the Schieffelin Institute of Health Research and Leprosy Centre(SIHRLC), these training programs are designed to equip participants with the skills needed to deliver high-quality physiotherapy, ulcer care, and rehabilitation services.



Since last two years and to date, 31 of the trained PCAs (60%) have been placed in various LEPRA Referral Centres, actively contributing to the care of leprosy patients. Looking ahead, LEPRA plans to train an additional 6 Female PCAs in 2024-25, continuing its commitment to closing the skill gap and sustaining high-quality care. Through these efforts, LEPRA is not only meeting the immediate needs of leprosy patients but also investing in the long-term empowerment of affected communities, ensuring a sustainable, compassionate approach to healthcare that fosters both healing and community involvement.

## Girl Children Education

The project's goal is to empower girl children from families affected by leprosy in the states of Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh by providing them with access to formal education and remedial classes. In addition, the initiative focuses on developing essential skills and competencies that will enhance their employability after completing their studies. Over the past year, the project has successfully supported 41 deserving girl students with transformative educational resources, significantly improving their academic performance and overall confidence. This reflects LEPRAs unwavering commitment to creating better opportunities for these young minds. Notably, three girl children graduated this year, receiving comprehensive counseling and securing job placements.



These empowered young women are now diligently working towards self-sufficiency and contributing to their families' livelihoods. The girl children education initiative is generously supported by Mette Jorstad and the Gramya Resource Centre, which was founded by Smt. Dr. V. Rukmini Rao in honor of her late colleague Ms. Mette Jorstad. This initiative is dedicated to providing educational support and resources to girl children who aspire to build a brighter future for themselves and their communities. By fostering an environment that values education and personal growth, the project is paving the way for lasting change and empowerment.

# ASPIRE Project

(Alleviating the burden from Skin diseases of affected People to improve Inclusion, Restoration and Empowerment)



Community Empowerment



Integrated SKIN-NTD Active Case Finding



Aspire Activities



Health System Strengthening Co-ordination and Advocacy

Funded by Effect Hope Canada and LEPRO UK, the ASPIRE project is a comprehensive five-year initiative aimed at addressing skin-related Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Jamui District, Bihar. The project specifically targets leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, leishmaniasis, and scabies, focusing on assessing their prevalence and providing integrated services to affected individuals. With over 1,000 patients already identified, ASPIRE is dedicated to promoting inclusion, restoration, and empowerment for those impacted by these diseases.

## Main Objectives

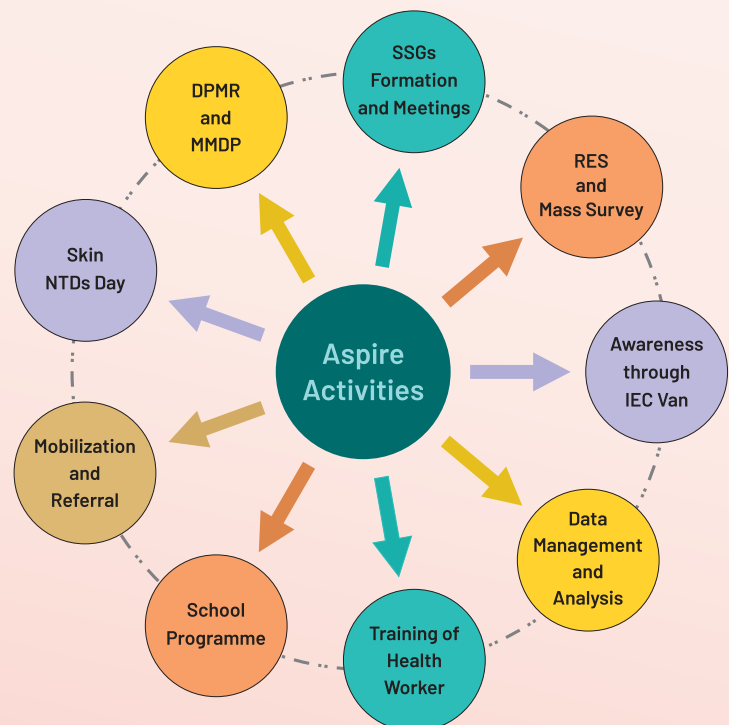
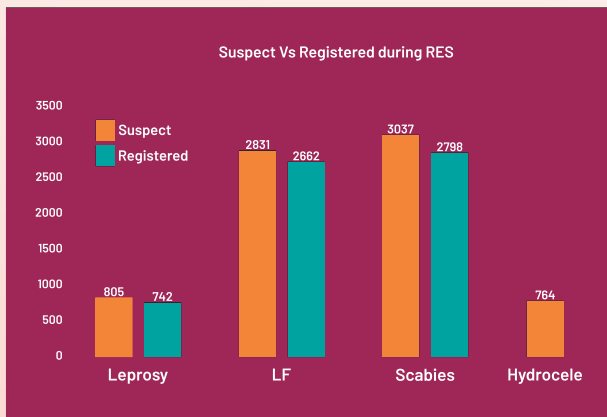
1. Assess the Burden: Evaluate the prevalence and impact of skin NTDs over five years.
2. Integrated Care: Implement a comprehensive approach for managing skin NTDs throughout the continuum of care.
3. Effective Models: Develop scalable models to control leprosy and reduce its associated disability burden.
4. Strengthen Health Systems: Enhance local health services for managing skin NTDs and related complications.
5. Generate Evidence: Produce data to inform national NTD control strategies and guide potential intervention scale-ups.

# ASPIRE Project

(Alleviating the burden from Skin diseases of affected People to improve Inclusion, Restoration and Empowerment)

## Key Activities

- Rapid Enquiry Survey (RES): Completed across all 10 blocks, this survey reached a population of 1.2 million, identifying the distribution and prevalence of skin diseases to inform targeted interventions for leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, and scabies.
- Mass Survey: Ongoing until December 2025, this initiative aims to collect detailed data on skin diseases throughout the district.
- Training Programs: Conducted for search teams, field staff, and health providers to enhance skills in diagnosis, management, and the use of digital tools.
- IEC Campaigns: Implemented to raise community awareness about skin diseases, including prevention and treatment options.
- Self-Support Groups (SSGs): Established 40 groups this year to provide support for individuals affected by skin diseases.
- Skin NTD Days: Held bi-monthly in each block to ensure continuous care and follow-up for identified cases.





# Data Strengthening Project

## Data to Decision Making – Data Strengthening Project, Telangana

The Data Strengthening project aims to enhance the Health Information Systems of Telangana State's National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP), supported by the American Leprosy Mission (ALM). In Year 1(2022-23), a Situational Analysis led to recommendations for capacity-building initiatives and training for key data personnel in districts and nodal persons at PHCs. Ongoing activities include training identified nodal persons on the basics of leprosy, Nikust 2.0, and Monthly Progress Reports (MPR). Out of the planned 800, 514 district/PHC-level nodal persons have already been trained. An online training tool is being developed for continuous learning, alongside efforts to improve data flow and monitoring visits, culminating in a Telangana State NLEP will have patients digital data on Nikust 2.0 Dashboard for effective data analysis.



## The Epic Project

The EpiC project, implemented by LEPRO and supported by FHI 360 in five districts of Telangana, strengthens the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) engaged in HIV service delivery, supporting India's National AIDS Control Program (NACP). By enhancing organizational development, EpiC promotes self-reliance and sustainability among key population-led community-based organizations (CBOs). The partner selection process identifies 18 CBOs through consultations and assessments across nine capacity areas. A tailored Capacity Development Plan (CDP) addresses identified gaps, with monthly mentoring by Cluster Coordinators (CCs) ensuring continuous support. The project tracks progress through regular meetings, reports, and documentation, achieving significant outcomes such as increased statutory compliance and improved resource mobilization. Additionally, the project has gained recognition in USAID's newsletters, showcasing initiatives like the Aditi Kitchen Spice Packaging Unit and Cheyutha Eco-Crafts, further promoting financial sustainability for marginalized communities. Overall, EpiC's structured approach fosters enhanced organizational capacity and community engagement in the HIV response.



## SAMARTH Project

### SAMARTH PROJECT – MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

LEPRA, in collaboration with Effect Hope and LEPRA UK, is implementing a project in three blocks of Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh, aimed at improving health and psychosocial outcomes for individuals affected by leprosy and lymphatic filariasis (LF). The project has reached 1,200 patients, with 60% diagnosed with LF and 40% with leprosy, and established 109 Self Support Groups (SSGs). These SSGs have received training on recognizing signs, symptoms, and complications of both conditions, as well as mental health support. Regular activities include peer counselling, mindfulness sessions, and integrated prevention camps, with positive outcomes anticipated. Project evaluation is carried out in early quarter of 2024.



Project Evaluation results highlight the significant impact of Self-Support Groups (SSGs) on the lives of individuals living with leprosy and lymphatic filariasis (LF), enhancing their physical, social, and mental well-being. Improved relationships with friends, family, and neighbors have led to reduced stigma and greater recognition of their contributions. While responses to mindfulness interventions varied, peer counseling sessions effectively fostered solution-focused perspectives and reduced stress. Encouraged by these results, there is a desire to replicate this successful model in other locations to further address mental health needs.



## JAGRUTI Project

**JAGRUTI PROJECT**, Samasthipur, Bihar State

The Jagruti Project aims to address neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) in Samastipur, Bihar, through women-led WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) initiatives in 130 villages. Key objectives include achieving over 80% adoption of recommended WASH behaviours, empowering self-help groups (SHGs) to create local advocacy plans, and providing 100% treatment support for leprosy and lymphatic filariasis patients. Supported by American Leprosy Missions (ALM), the project has reported significant achievements, including high access to social entitlements and the provision of CAD CAM footwear to 51 patients, enhancing ulcer prevention. The team also developed a Quality of Life (QoL) measurement tool for leprosy and LF patients, with findings published in the Leprosy Review. A comprehensive 360-degree evaluation highlights the project's success and staff commitment, recommending a three-year extension to enhance community engagement and expand advocacy efforts to sustain and amplify the positive impacts achieved.

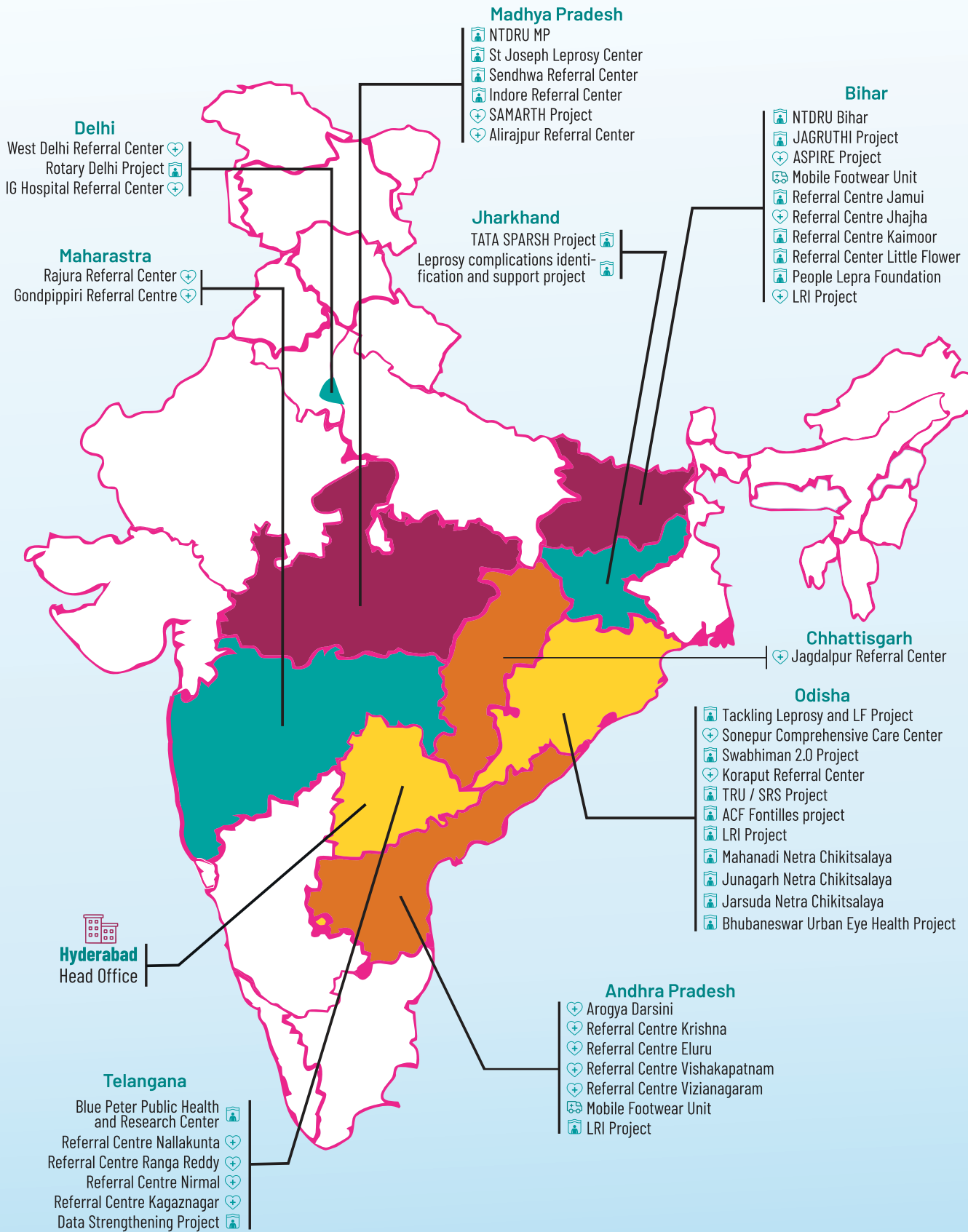


Jagruti Women Group Meeting to address the issues of Leprosy, Lymphatic Filariasis , WASH etc



Inaguration of Leprosy and Lymphatic Filariasis Morbidity Management Camp

# Project Office and Location





# State-wise Interventions



# Andhra Pradesh



## Projects



### NTDRU Project

- 2 Comprehensive Disability Clinic – Co-located at Government Hospitals – Vijayawada, Eluru
- 8 Satellite Centres



### DISPEL Project

- 2 Comprehensive Disability Clinics– Vizianagaram, Vishakhapatnam



### Female Physio Care Assistant and Shoe Technician Training Project



### Arogya Darshini Project



### Sreyassu Project



### Mobile Footwear Unit



## Key Activities / Services

- Training
- Awareness
- Active & Passive Case Detection/ Camps
- Facilitate Diagnosis/ Treatment
- Morbidity Management
- Prevention of Disability
- Ulcer Care/ Physio Care/ Reaction Management/Entry Lesion/ Acute Attack/ Swelling Reduction
- Footwear Provision
- Aids and Appliances provision
- Medical and Social Rehabilitation
- Facilitate Reconstructive Surgery/Hydrocelectomy/ Cataract Surgery etc
- Livelihood Support
- Self-Support Groups
- Community based Rehabilitation



## Partners / Supporters



## Interventions

### Leprosy



3,620 Outpatients

6,171 Awareness/ Trainings

2,199 Nerve Func. Assessment

63 Linked for SER

1,445 Ulcer Management

7 Facilitated For RCS

79,894 Active and Passive Screening

459 New Leprosy Cases Diagnosed and Initiated MDT

130 Reactions Management

2,018 MCR Protective Footwear Provided

### LF



477 Outpatients

8,261 Awareness/ Training

182 Training Health Staff

216 LF Cases Listed

60 Acute Attacks Treated

746 Entry Lesions Treated

414 Customised Footwear Provided

57 Linked for SER

### HIV



19 PLHIVs Registered

74 PLHIVs To TB

6 NEW TB HIV Cases

713 Follow Up of PLHIVs

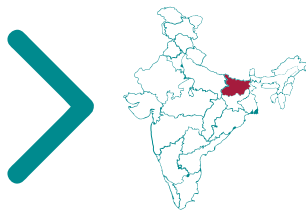
292 Clinic Support For PLHIV

1,240 Nutrition Support

26 TB/HIV Follow-up

440 ART Drug Management





# Bihar



## Projects

## Key Activities / Services

## Partners / Supporters

### ASPIRE

- 2 Comprehensive Disability Clinic – Co-located at Government Hospitals – Jamui and Jha Jha

### JAGRUTI

- Comprehensive Disability Clinic- Co-located at Government Hospital- Samasthipur
- Health systems strengthening for integrated NTD- leprosy Disability prevention
- Integrated footcare for NTD- leprosy
- Livelihood support for people with NTD disability (New)
- People - led Advocacy for NTD disability
- Kaimur Referral Centre (Ongoing)

### NTDRU Project

- Comprehensive Disability Clinic-Little Flower Raxaul Referral Centre
- Sparsh Referral Centre (Ongoing)
- West Delhi Referral Centre

### Mobile Footwear Unit Project

### Female Physio Care Assistant and Shoe Technician Training Project

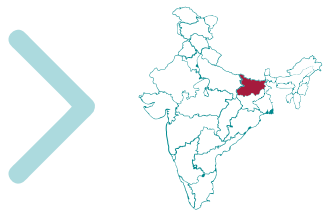
### People LEPRO Foundation (PLF) Project

### UPLIFT Project

### AMRITA Drishti

- Training
- Awareness/Camps
- Active & Passive Case Detection/ Camps
- Facilitate Diagnosis/ Treatment
- Morbidity Management
- Prevention of Disability
- Ulcer Care/ Physio Care/ Reaction Management/Entry Lesion/ Acute Attack/ Swelling Reduction
- Footwear Provision
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# Bihar

## Interventions

### Leprosy

9,043 Outpatients	229 Reactions Management	103,843 Awareness/ Training	107,014 Active Screening	17 Facilitated for RCS
3,698 Nerve Funct. Assessment	492 Ulcer Management	4,393 MCR Protective Footwear Provided	790 Leprosy Cases Diagnosed and Initiated MDT	199 Linked For SER

### LF

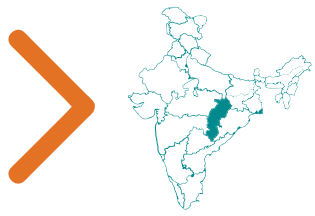
21,976 Outpatients	126,696 Awareness/ Training	111 Linked for SER	360,645 MDA Coverage	4,756 Customised Footwear Provided
2,730 LF Cases Listed	678 Hydrocele Done	1,059 Acute Attacks Treated	1,843 Entry Lesions Treated	

### Eye Care

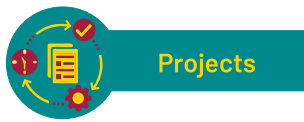
8,476 OPD Registered	7,508 Refraction Tested	4,532 Spectacles Prescribed	118 Screened For Retinopathy	1,215 Referred For Cataract
1,804 Cataract Surgeries	2,223 Tested For Diabetes			







# Chattisgarh



## Projects

- NTDRU Project**  
-Comprehensive Disability Clinic - District Govt. Hospital - Jagdalpur
- Female Physio Care Assistant and Shoe Technician Training Project**



## Key Activities / Services

- Training
- Awareness/Camps
- Active & Passive Case Detection/ Camps
- Facilitate Diagnosis/ Treatment
- Morbidity Management
- Prevention of Disability
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- Livelihood Support
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## Partners / Supporters



## Leprosy



## Interventions



**625**  
Outpatients



**48**  
Reaction Management  
MCR Footwear Provided



**317**  
Awareness/  
Training



**10,241**  
Active & Passive  
Screening



**298**  
Nerve Function  
Assessment



**34**  
Ulcers Managed



**146**  
New Leprosy Cases -  
Diagnosed and  
Initiated MDT





# Delhi



## Projects



### NTDRU Project

-Comprehensive Disability Clinic -  
Govt. Guru Gobind Hospital



### Female Physio Care Assistant and Shoe Technician Training Project



### Rotary Club of South Delhi Project



## Key Activities / Services

- Training
- Awareness/Camps
- Active & Passive Case Detection/ Camps
- Facilitate Diagnosis/ Treatment
- Morbidity Management
- Prevention of Disability
- Ulcer Care/ Physio Care/ Reaction Management/Entry Lesion/ Acute Attack/ Swelling Reduction
- Footwear Provision
- Aids and Appliances provision
- Medical and Social Rehabilitation
- Facilitate Reconstructive Surgery
- Livelihood Support
- Community based Rehabilitation



## Partners / Supporters



## Leprosy Control Project

The Leprosy Control Project is a collaborative effort between the Rotary Club of South Delhi and LEpra, initiated in October 2019, covering Delhi/NCR. Its primary objectives are:

1. Leprosy Awareness: Promote awareness to combat prejudice and stigma by emphasizing that "Leprosy is curable".
2. Active Case Finding: Conduct thorough door-to-door surveys, targeting vulnerable urban groups such as slum dwellers, migrants, women, and children.
3. Disability Reduction: Early detection, surgical and physiotherapy support, and specialized aids to minimize disability in affected individuals.
4. Healthcare Professional Training: Train both public and private healthcare staff to improve case detection and disability reduction efforts.



## Interventions

### Leprosy



2,072  
Outpatients



5,739  
Active & Passive  
Screening



8,005  
Awareness/  
Training



289  
Leprosy Suspects  
Identified



259  
Ulcer  
Management



55  
Skin Smear  
Tests Done



589  
Nerve Function  
Assessment



43  
New Leprosy Cases  
Diagnosed and  
Initiated MDT



620  
MCR Protective  
Footwear Provided



29  
Reactions  
Management

# Jharkhand

## Projects

- NTDRU Project & TATA**
  - Comprehensive Disability Clinic -
  - Sparsh Reconstructive Surgery Unit
- Mobile Footwear Unit Project**
- Female Physio Care Assistant and Shoe Technician Training Project**
- Robert Luff Research Project**

## Key Activities / Services

- Training
- Awareness/Camps
- Active & Passive Case Detection/ Camps
- Facilitate Diagnosis/ Treatment
- Morbidity Management
- Prevention of Disability
- Ulcer Care/ Physio Care/ Reaction Management/Entry Lesion/ Acute Attack/ Swelling Reduction
- Footwear Provision
- Aids and Appliances provision
- Medical and Social Rehabilitation
- Carryout Reconstructive Surgery
- Livelihood Support
- Community based Rehabilitation

## Partners / Supporters



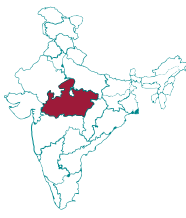
## Interventions

**Leprosy**

1,105 Outpatients	79,144 Awareness/ Training	127 Ulcer Management	526 Nerve Function Assessment	26 Facilitated for RCS
36 Linked For SER	10,687 Active Screening	44 Reactions Management	103 New Leprosy Cases Diagnosed and Initiated MDT	472 MCR Protective Footwear Provided

**LF**

1,054 Outpatients	2,57,064 Awareness/ Training	11 Customised Footwear Provided	30 Acute Attacks Treated
105 LF Cases Listed	51,000 MDA Coverage	45 Entry Lesions Treated	



# Madhya Pradesh



## Projects



## Key Activities / Services



## Partners / Supporters

### NTDRU

- 3 Comprehensive Disability Clinics – Co-located at Government Hospitals Sendhwa, Indore (Medical College) and Alirajpur
- SJLC Reconstructive Surgery Unit

### SAMARTH Project – Mental Health

### Svethana, Subhiksha and Blended Training

### Female Physio Care Assistant and Shoe Technician Training Project

### Social Inclusion & Inclusive Education Projects

- Training
- Awareness/Camps
- Active & Passive Case Detection/ Camps
- Facilitate Diagnosis/ Treatment
- Morbidity Management
- Prevention of Disability
- Ulcer Care/ Physio Care/ Reaction Management/Entry Lesion/ Acute Attack/ Swelling Reduction
- Footwear Provision
- Aids and Appliances provision
- Medical and Social Rehabilitation
- Carryout Reconstructive Surgery
- Livelihood Support
- Community based Rehabilitation



## Interventions

### Leprosy



2,095 Awareness/ Training



141 Ulcer Management



1,321 Nerve Function Assessment



91 Linked for SER



83 Facilitated for RCS



96 Reactions Management



1,791 Active Screening



519 New Leprosy Cases Diagnosed and Initiated MDT



429 MCR Protective Footwear Provided



180 Active Self-Support

### HIV



1,950,020 Pregnant Women Tested For HIV



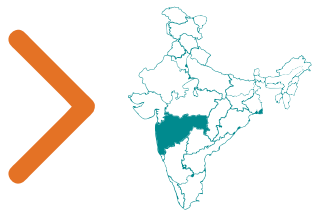
742 Eligible Infant Diagnosis For HIV



798 HIV Positive Women Initiated on ART



258,620 Prisoners Tested For HIV



# Maharashtra



## Projects

### NTDRU Project

- 2 Comprehensive Disability Clinic – Govt. Hospitals at Gondpippi and Rajura

### Female Physio Care Assistant and Shoe Technician Training Project



## Key Activities / Services

- Training
- Awareness/Camps
- Active & Passive Case Detection/ Camps
- Facilitate Diagnosis/ Treatment
- Morbidity Management
- Prevention of Disability
- Ulcer Care/ Physio Care/ Reaction Management/Entry Lesion/ Acute Attack/ Swelling Reduction
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## Partners / Supporters



## Interventions

Leprosy



2,593 Outpatients



51 Reactions Management



270 New Leprosy Cases Diagnosed and Initiated MDT



282 Nerve Function Assessment



# Odisha



## Projects



## Key Activities / Services



## Partners / Supporters



### NTDRU Project

- Koraput Community Care Centre & Comprehensive Disability Clinic
- 18 Satellite Comprehensive Disability Clinics



### Koraput ACF&POD Project

- Swabhiman .2.0
- Sonepur Community Care Centre & Comprehensive Disability Clinics



### Mayurbhanj Project



### Tackling LF Project



### Female Physio Care Assistant and Shoe Technician Training Project



### IDU Project



### FSW Project



### Mahanadi Netra Chikistalaya



### Junagarh Netra Chikistalaya



### Jharsuguda Netra Chikistalaya



### Bhubaneswar Urban Eye Health Project

- Active & Passive Case Detection/ Camps
- Facilitate Diagnosis/ Treatment
- Morbidity Management
- Prevention of Disability
- Ulcer Care/ Physio Care/ Reaction Management/Entry Lesion/ Acute Attack/ Swelling Reduction
- Footwear Provision
- Aids and Appliances provision
- Mental Health
- Medical and Social Rehabilitation
- Facilitate Reconstructive Surgery/Hydrocelectomy/ Cataract Surgery etc
- Livelihood Support
- Self-Support Groups
- Community based Rehabilitation

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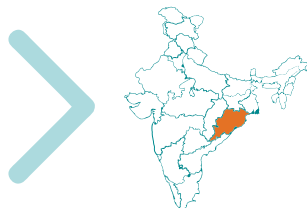
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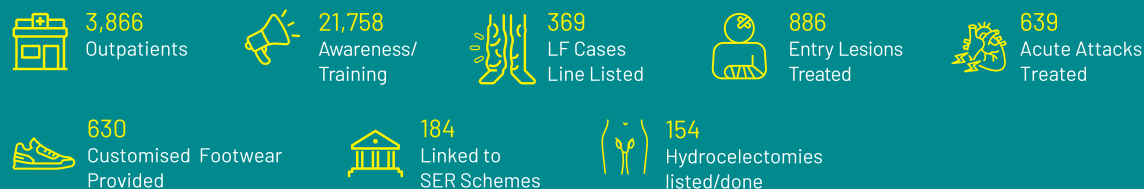
## Interventions

### Leprosy

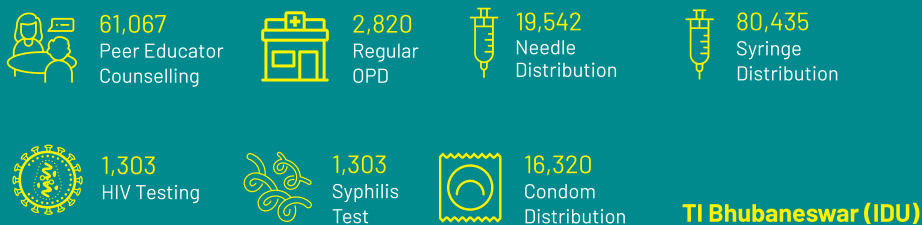


-New Leprosy cases diagnosed and initiated - MDT- 1233

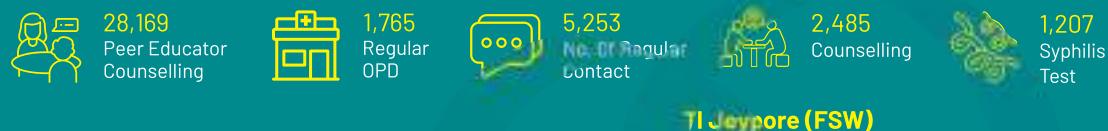
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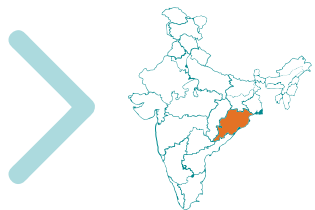


### HIV



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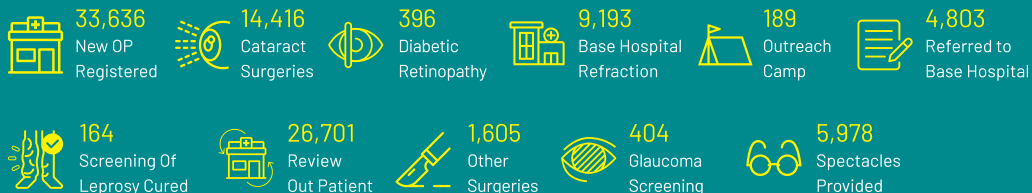




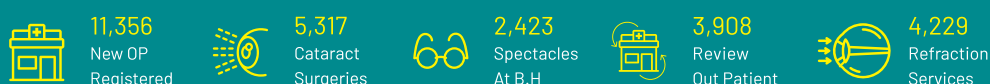
# Odisha

## Interventions

### Eye Care MNC



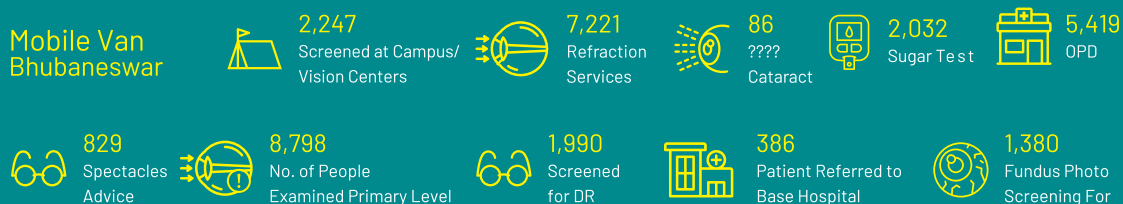
### Eye Care JNC



### Vision Centres



### Eye Care



### Eye Care

#### MNC Jharsuguda





# Telangana

## Projects

- NTDRU Project**
  - 4 Comprehensive Disability Clinics Co-located at Government Hospitals – Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Nirmal & Kumarambheem
- EPIC Project**
- 2 TB Microscopy Centres** (Gaddiannaram & King Koti)
- Female Physio Care Assistant and Shoe Technician Training Project**

## Key Activities / Services

- Training
- Mentoring Support
- Awareness/Camps
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- Livelihood Support
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- Community based Rehabilitation

## Partners / Supporters



## Interventions

### Leprosy

6577 Outpatients	18842 Awareness/ Training	225 Reactions Management	576 Ulcer Management	183 Linked for SER
1824 Nerve Function Assessment	1001 MCR Protective Footwear Provided	79093 Active & Passive Screening	332 New Leprosy Cases Diagnosed and Initiated MDT	46 Active Self-Support Groups

### LF

10961 Awareness/ Training	163 Customised Footwear Provided	20 Entry Lesions Treated	299 LF Cases Listed
223 Outpatients	105 Acute Attacks Treated	22 Linked to SER Schemes	

### Tuberculosis

164 PLHIV TO TB Diagnosis	4,919 Referred to Base Hospital	395 Treatment of TB Cases
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Between April 2023 and March 2024, a total of three projects were completed, six ongoing projects were continued from the previous year, and six projects were submitted to external funding agencies. Important outcomes and scientific findings of the Projects were presented in the 32nd biennial conference of Indian Association of Leprologists conference, Bengaluru, India. Additional routine tasks have been completed such as sensitizing the public to early detection, leprosy case detection, adherence to the MDT, and other awareness campaigns for Leprosy, TB, LF, and antimicrobial resistance. In addition, care provided for leprosy reactions, foot ulcers, neuritis and providing MCR foot wear to those affected by leprosy

### Completed Projects:

1. Pro-active screening of leprosy patients treated in high endemic districts of India, for detection of leprosy reactions and nerve inflammation and outcomes in terms of nerve damage (Funded by Robert Luff Foundation).
2. Occurrence of plantar ulcer among people affected by leprosy in the context of implementation of NLEP guidelines (In-house study).
3. Clofazimine-induced hyperpigmentation: A clinicopathological and thermoscopic correlation. (Funded by RSTMH).

### New proposals submitted

1. Evaluation of B and T cell immunophenotyping in Erythema Nodosum Leprosum (ENL) and its association with the host immune transcriptome in leprosy.
2. Search for possible salivary miRNA signatures (biomarkers) in leprosy.
3. Diet related perceptions and diversity among people affected by leprosy: A mixed method case-control study.
4. Effect of oral Yashadha Basma and topical Swetha Marham in treating foot ulcers in leprosy and diabetes - A randomized control trial.
5. Investigating for Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in leprosy in the context of programmatic implementation of the SDR PEP (post exposure prophylaxis with single dose rifampicin).
6. Centre of Excellence for public health research and training in antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and diagnostics in neglected tropical diseases for the India.





### Ongoing Projects:

1. Early detection and management of peripheral neuropathy in diabetes and leprosy - A coordinated public-private partnership model (Funded by Indian Council of Medical Research, 2024-2028).
2. Molecular characterization of microbial ecology and local metabolites in relevance to clinical outcome of chronic foot ulcers (Funded by Indian Council of Medical Research, 2021-24).
3. Comparative assessment of quantitative nasal swab PCR and blood transcriptomics in early prediction of progression to clinical leprosy in healthy household contacts of leprosy patients (Funded by Indian Council of Medical Research, 2023-27).
4. Epidemiological and clinical risk factors associated with disability progression among leprosy patients Released from Treatment (Funded by Indian Council of Medical Research, 2022-24).
5. Utility of LED fluorescent microscopy for detection of Mycobacterium leprae in Slit Skin and Nasal Swab Smears of Leprosy (Funded by Indian Council of Medical Research, 2021-24).
6. Personalised footwear for foot ulcers in leprosy by baropodometri through an innovative community engagement model (Funded by Leprosy Research Initiative, 2023-25).

# Lives Changed



## Leprosy

 **33531**  
Out Patients


 **1233092**  
Active Screening

 **4122**  
Ulcer Management

 **221**  
Facilitated for ReConstructive Surgery

 **10249**  
MCR Protective Footwear Provided

 **962**  
Linked for Socio Economic Rehabilitation

 **3895**  
New Leprosy Cases Diagnosed and Initiated MDT

 **1093**  
Reactions Management

 **12,808**  
Nerve Function Assessment

## Lymphatic Filariasis

 **27596**  
MDA Coverage

 **657157**  
Customised Footwear Provided

 **1242**  
Linked to SER

 **1870**  
Acute Attacks Treated

 **3111**  
Entry Leisions Treated

 **4513**  
LF Cases Linelisted

 **420548**  
Population Reached By Awareness/Training





**Memoirs  
of our  
Beneficiaries**

## Memoir of Pilli Rama Krishna



Pilli Rama Krishna, a 33-year-old painter from Wambay Colony, Vijayawada, is a devoted father to two children—a son in 7th grade and a daughter in 5th grade. His wife contributes to the family's income by working as a daily wage laborer. Life took an unexpected turn for Rama Krishna when he noticed pale patches on his right hand in 2019. Concerned, he visited a private hospital, where the doctor recommended he seek further care at the Government Hospital's Dermatology Department. There, he was diagnosed with leprosy and began multi-bacillary (MB) treatment.

Unfortunately, by the end of his treatment, Rama Krishna developed a claw in his left hand. This prompted him to return to the dermatology department, where he was referred to a Referral Centre for specialized care. On December 31, 2020, during a nerve function assessment, it was confirmed that he had right-hand ulnar neuritis and a claw hand on his left.

The Medical Officer at the Dermatology Department promptly initiated clinical treatment with Prednisolone. The dedicated Physiotherapist (PT) at the Referral Centre provided Rama Krishna with a cotton slab and sling and advised him to take rest. After three months of consistent care, his neuritis improved significantly. He was then prepared for reconstructive surgery for his left-hand claw, receiving finger loops and dynamic splints to strengthen his hand.

On June 21, 2021, Rama Krishna was referred to a surgical center in Kathipudi, where he underwent surgery on June 27, 2021. Three weeks later, his sutures were removed, and he began post-operative care. With continued physiotherapy and the use of a dorsal slab, Rama Krishna's hand gradually regained full function.

Today, Rama Krishna is back to work, painting with the same skill and dedication as before. The impact of his condition had left him unable to work, causing financial strain on his family. Now, with his hand fully recovered, he can support his family once again. Rama Krishna expressed his deep gratitude to LEpra for the crucial support he received, from the surgery to the ongoing physiotherapy that helped him reclaim his livelihood and sense of normalcy.



## Memoir of Biram Tudu

### **Biram Tudu's Journey to Recovery and Resilience**

Biram Tudu, a 40-year-old daily laborer from Dhatkidihi village, Rairangpur Block, lived with the burden of lymphatic filariasis (LF) and hydrocele for 25 years. His condition caused both physical pain and emotional distress, leaving him unable to provide for his family. As the sole breadwinner, Biram's inability to work pushed his household into poverty, forcing his illiterate wife to take on the responsibility of supporting their family.

In Dhatkidihi, where most residents depend on daily labor, healthcare is limited. Despite knowing about his condition, Biram avoided treatment due to self-stigma, fear, and lack of awareness, spending money on ineffective remedies.

When LEPRA learned of Biram's situation, they intervened swiftly, collaborating with local ASHA workers to offer guidance. They informed him about free hydrocele surgery available at a government facility but met with resistance due to years of ingrained fear. LEPRA responded with patience, organizing awareness meetings to educate the community on LF, the benefits of surgery, and the importance of self-care. Through consistent follow-ups, Biram gradually realized the possibility of a healthier future.

Alongside counseling, LEPRA linked Biram to the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) scheme, providing financial support. After two months of guidance, Biram decided to undergo surgery. On June 26, 2024, he had a successful hydrocele surgery at the Sub-Divisional Hospital (SDH) in Rairangpur.

Two months later, Biram's health had vastly improved. He returned to work, restoring his family's financial stability, and his marital relationship also thrived. Biram's recovery inspired two other hydrocele patients in his community to seek surgery.

Today, Biram is a symbol of resilience and hope, showing how compassionate intervention can restore health, dignity, and a sense of purpose. His gratitude for LEPRA's support is boundless, and his story continues to inspire others to seek the help they need.



## Memoir of Bimla Malik

Ms. Bimla Malik, a 75-year-old resident of Rampur village, has faced numerous challenges throughout her life. While some difficulties were fleeting, others required immense strength to overcome. One of the most daunting battles she encountered was the gradual loss of her vision.

For years, Bimla struggled with poor eyesight, which made daily activities increasingly difficult. Despite the growing challenge, she continued to push through, as her condition was painless and didn't seem urgent. However, as her vision worsened, Bimla realized that her independence was at risk. Tasks she once performed with ease became nearly impossible, prompting her to seek help.

With the support of SEVA, LEPRA Society's Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC) established a Vision Centre in Patnagarh, Bolangir district. The Vision Centre not only offers primary eye care services but also actively engages in community outreach, organizing screening camps and home visits to identify and support those in need of surgical interventions. During one such visit to Rampur village, a community health worker discovered Bimla and conducted a vision assessment. She was diagnosed with bilateral cataracts, leaving her nearly blind.

Understanding the urgency of the situation, the team ensured Bimla's safe transportation to the base hospital, where her right eye underwent a successful cataract surgery on 07.08.2023. She was given detailed post-operative care instructions, provided with medication, and advised to visit the Vision Centre for follow-up care.

Once again, Bimla demonstrated her resilience, emerging victorious from yet another battle. With her vision restored, she expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported her during this challenging time. Through their collective efforts, Bimla regained not just her sight, but her independence and confidence to continue her journey with strength and dignity.





## Memoir of Epuri Anjali

Epuri Anjali, a 36-year-old from Donge Nagar, Jaggaiahpetta Urban, faced unimaginable challenges when both she and her husband were diagnosed with HIV in 2007. Her husband, devastated by the diagnosis, refused treatment and passed away in 2020, leaving Anjali to care for their HIV-negative son. Enduring emotional and physical abuse from her mother-in-law, Anjali remained strong. Following her husband's death, Sreyassu stepped in, offering Anjali counseling and ensuring she received regular ART medication. They provided clinical and nutritional support, helping her regain control of her health. In 2009, Anjali learned tailoring—a skill that became her lifeline. She eventually started her own tailoring business and now trains other women in her community. With Sreyassu's continued support, Anjali's son is pursuing higher education, securing his future. Today, Anjali aspires to expand her business by acquiring a zigzag machine, symbolizing her determination to move forward. Anjali's journey from despair to empowerment is a powerful testament to resilience, community support, and her unwavering determination. She inspires others to overcome adversity and embrace hope for a brighter future.



## Memoir of Aparna

Aparna, a 25-year-old woman, faced a life-altering challenge when she was diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB) just before her wedding. The diagnosis left her devastated, leading to severe weight loss and deep emotional turmoil. Overwhelmed by stigma and fearing the impact on her marriage, she contemplated ending her life. During this dark time, her mother's unwavering care and comfort became her pillar of strength.

With support from local community members, including a former TB patient, Aparna sought help at the Designated Microscopy Centre (DMC) in Gaddiannaram. Initially in critical condition, she and her mother were overcome with emotion, breaking down during counseling sessions. The DMC team provided Aparna with treatment, nutrition support, and family counseling, helping her regain both her physical and emotional strength.

Through perseverance and continuous support, Aparna successfully completed her TB treatment and restored her health. Today, she leads a happy, healthy life and has since married, embracing a hopeful future.

Aparna's journey highlights the importance of timely medical care, family support, and resilience, showing that even in the face of adversity, recovery and happiness are possible.



# Financials

**LEPRA Society**  
Plot No 17, Krishnapuri Colony, West Marredpally, Secunderabad, Telangana, India  
(REGISTRATION NO. 474 of 1989)  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

Particulars	Schedule	Amount in ₹	
		2023-24	2022-23
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
I. Fund Balance	1	29,67,40,289	26,13,00,902
II. Social and Economic Rehabilitation (SER) Revolving Fund	2	17,23,104	17,23,104
III. Current Liabilities	3	1,13,12,238	35,33,872
<b>Total [I+II+III]</b>		<b>30,97,81,631</b>	<b>26,66,43,878</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>IV. Fixed Assets</b>			
Gross Block	4	30,12,90,561	25,12,30,827
Less: Depreciation		15,20,66,622	13,36,39,649
<b>Net Block</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>14,92,23,939</b>	<b>11,75,77,187</b>
<b>V. Other Assets</b>			
a) Inventory at Cost	5 (A)	32,58,586	25,38,948
b) Other Current Assets (Unsecured)	5 (B)	3,65,72,028	2,51,72,580
c) Investments	6	6,91,09,423	6,62,17,443
d) Cash and Bank Balances	7	5,10,19,453	5,31,37,721
<b>Total [IV+V]</b>		<b>30,97,81,631</b>	<b>26,66,43,878</b>

As per our report of even date attached, Form 10B Attached

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Jagdish Pradhan Chairman  
Prasanta Kumar Naik Chief Executive cum Treasurer

Place: Hyderabad  
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(REGISTRATION NO. 474 of 1989)  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

Particulars	Schedule	Amount in ₹	
		2023-24	2022-23
<b>INCOME</b>			
Grants Received	8A	22,90,92,616	21,09,16,454
Interest	9	66,34,132	66,52,890
<b>Donations Received</b>			
- Foreign			28,839
- Local		72,75,830	73,63,714
<b>Other Contributions</b>			
- Local		10,20,264	4,35,370
Collectans from Eye Care Services	14 B	11,78,01,474	10,70,44,118
Other Income	14 C	70,00,840	12,73,009
<b>Total</b>		<b>36,94,94,156</b>	<b>33,58,64,814</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Salaries, Staff Welfare and Training Expenses	10	15,43,49,423	12,65,42,920
Grants given to Projects Aided	11	1,60,000	
Medical and Programme Expenses	12	13,82,01,501	12,40,33,208
Maintenance and Administrative Expenses	13	2,18,05,213	2,44,81,414
Depreciation	4	1,97,98,609	1,63,22,482
<b>Total</b>		<b>33,63,14,760</b>	<b>29,11,79,124</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) carried over to the balance sheet</b>		<b>3,31,79,387</b>	<b>4,44,85,490</b>

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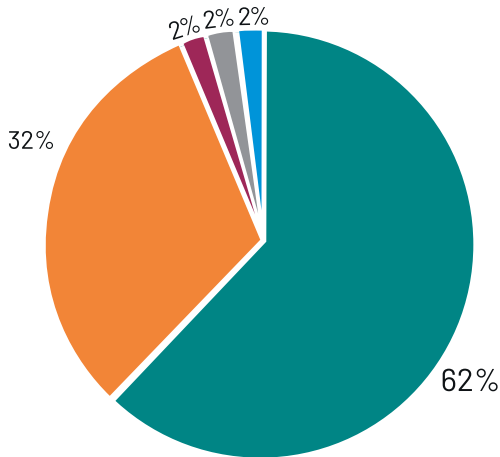
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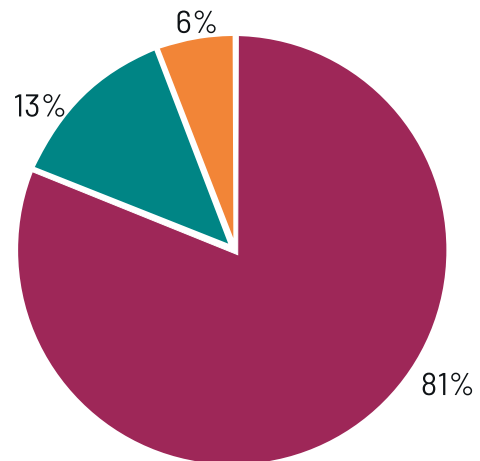
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**Income FY 2023 24**



- Grants
- Collections from Patient Care
- Bank Interest (SB & FDs)
- Donations
- Other Income

**Expenses FY 2023 24**



- Medical and Programme Expenses (Inc HR)
- Maintenance and Administrative Expenses (Inc HR)
- Depreciation

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