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Mankind Pharma's CSR Initiative

Mankind Pharma, a leading pharmaceutical company in India, is deeply committed to societal welfare through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. Guided by its philosophy of "Serving Life, Mankind Pharma's CSR efforts focus on promoting preventive healthcare, education, skill development, and employment-enhancing programs for underprivileged sections to foster sustainable and inclusive growth. Through its partnership with LEPRA Society, Mankind Pharma has contributed significantly to strengthening Comprehensive Disability Care Centres (CDCCs) and implementing the DISPELL project. This collaboration exemplifies the company's commitment to addressing health inequities with a steadfast focus on bringing measurable change to underserved populations in communities across India.

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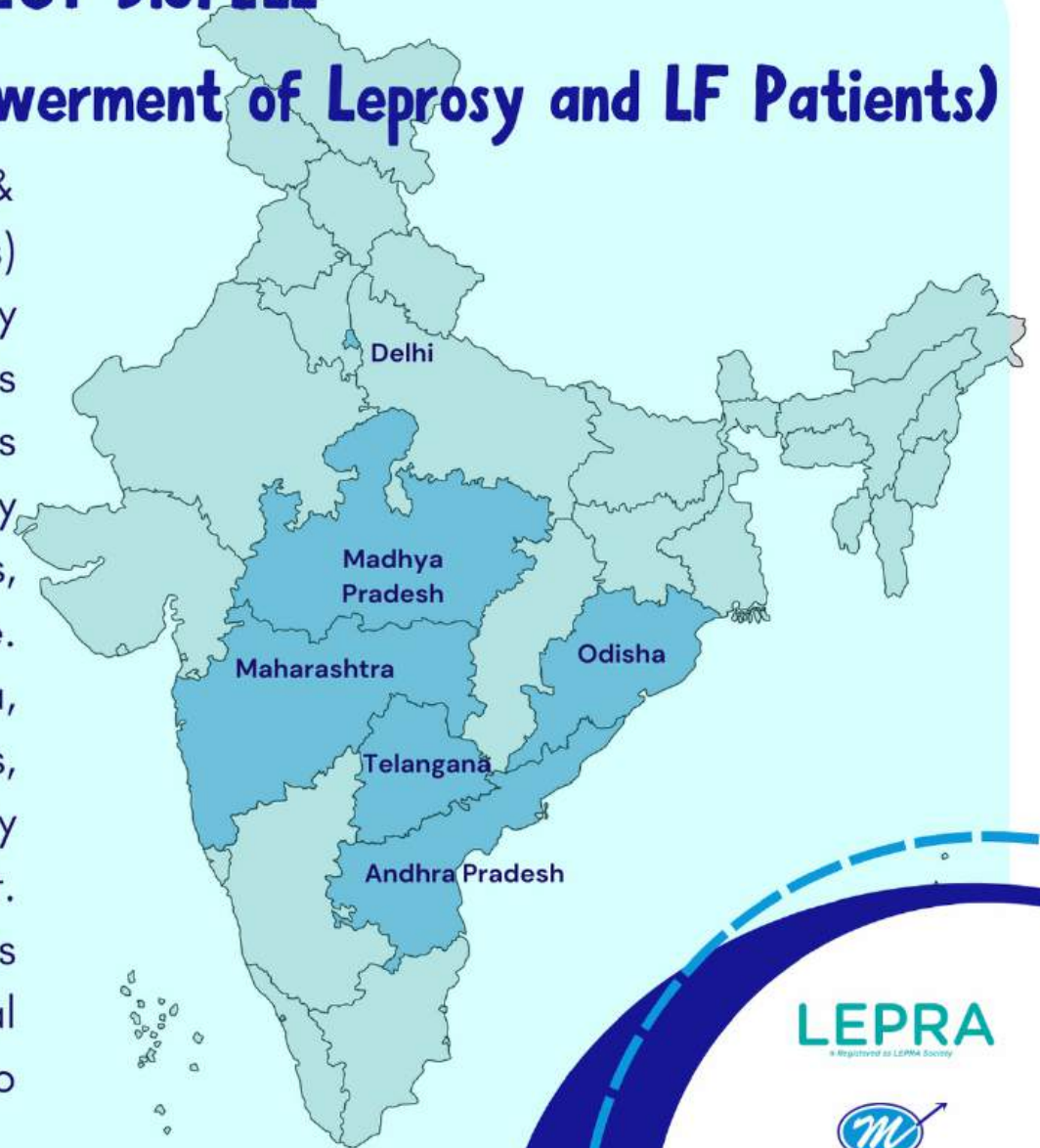
LEPRA Society is a non-governmental organization committed to improving the quality of life for individuals affected by neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) such as leprosy and lymphatic filariasis (LF). Established in India in 1989, LEPRA focuses on empowering vulnerable communities through healthcare services, disability prevention, rehabilitation, and advocacy. The organization's vision is to create an inclusive society where no one is marginalized due to health conditions



PROJECT DISPELL

(Disability Prevention & Empowerment of Leprosy and LF Patients)

The DISPELL (Disability Prevention & Empowerment of Leprosy and LF Patients) project is a flagship program supported by Mankind Pharma's CSR initiative. This project aims to address the challenges faced by individuals affected by leprosy and LF, including physical disabilities, stigma, and limited access to care. Operating in seven locations across India, DISPELL focuses on early diagnosis, specialized treatment, disability prevention, and community empowerment. The project's core strength lies in its holistic approach, combining medical services, advocacy, and rehabilitation to create lasting impacts.



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PROJECT DISPELL

(Disability Prevention & Empowerment of Leprosy and LF Patients)

Objectives

- Enhance Leprosy and Lymphatic Filariasis Case Detection.
- Provide specialized treatment for complications.
- Strengthen Comprehensive Disability Care Centre services for Leprosy and Elephantiasis/Lymphatic Filariasis.
- Support health authorities in training General Health Staff and Private Health Providers on Leprosy and Elephantiasis/Lymphatic Filariasis to strengthen case detection/services.
- Facilitate Hydrocele and Reconstructive services.
- Provide and promote protective/appropriate footwear and prostheses to persons in need.
- Provide continuing medical education/counseling to the affected persons and families.
 - Skill transfer through partnering.
 - Enhance capacities of government.
 - Staff to manage reactions/neuritis, management of ulcers/wounds, and teaching self-care practices in Gr-II disability.
 - Promote Community Based Rehabilitation through Patient Support Groups.

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Comprehensive Disability Care Centres (CDCCs)

CDCCs are pivotal in delivering specialized care under the DISPELL project. These centres are designed to address the medical and rehabilitative needs of patients affected by leprosy and LF. Key services offered at CDCCs include:

- Awareness and training programs for patients, caregivers, and healthcare workers.
- Diagnosis and treatment of complications such as ulcers and deformities.
- Surgical interventions for patients requiring reconstructive procedures.
- Physiotherapy and provision of assistive devices to enhance mobility.
- Follow-up care to monitor patient recovery and prevent further disabilities.
- CDCCs serve as a comprehensive hub for medical care, rehabilitation, and community engagement, ensuring that individuals receive holistic support.



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Active Case Detection/
Awareness Prevention



Referral/
Diagnosis



Treatment/
surgery/ Follow up



Disability Prevention /
Self care practices



Release from
Treatment



Community based
Rehabilitation



Advocacy

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Patient Continuum of Care for LEPROSY

IMPACT CREATED in LEPROSY : JANUARY 2024 -DECEMBER 2024



53227

Population Covered for awareness



6421

Outpatients



760

Suspects Identified by ACD



1662

Health Staff Trained



2179

Nerve Function Assessment done



2089

Suspects Identified by PCD



197107

Population Covered in Surveys-



574

New Leprosy Cases



191

Impairments Identified



1757

Footwear Provided



545

Eligible for CBR



146

Reactions/Neuritis



1511

Self Care Kits Provided



990

Ulcer cases Managed



1929

Self Care Trainings



1043

Patients Right's Informed

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Active Case Detection/
Awareness Prevention



Referral/
Diagnosis



Treatment/
surgery/ Follow up



Morbidity Management/
Self care practices



Under Treatment



Community Based
Rehabilitation



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Patient Continuum of Care for Lymphatic Filariasis

IMPACT CREATED in LYMPHATIC FILARISIS

JANUARY 2024 -DECEMBER 2024



1118

Health Staff trained



1708

Out Patients



435

LF Cases Linelisted



357

Acute Attacks



1064

Entry Lesions



1890

Self care practices



32781

Population Reached
through Awareness



796

Footwear provided



149

Eligible for CBR



962

Patient Rights Informed

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Lives Transformed by
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#DeboJani

Mr. Debo Jani, a 40-year-old resident of Jayanagar, Jeypore, was diagnosed with leprosy at UGPHC, Jagadhatripur, and referred to LEPRO for further evaluation. Struggling with a Type-1 reaction, ulnar weakness in his left hand, and a right foot ulcer, he faced immense challenges, including the loss of his livelihood as a laborer. With continuous support, he received MDT treatment, physiotherapy, a lumbrical slab, and G2 footwear, along with regular follow-ups and motivation for reconstructive surgery. Mankind Pharma played a crucial role in providing medical supplies, rehabilitation support, and awareness, helping him navigate his journey toward recovery. Through coordinated efforts, he also secured a disability certificate and now receives a pension, easing some of his financial burdens.



"I have faced many struggles, from losing my ability to work to feeling hopeless about my future. But now, with the right treatment, support, and the upcoming reconstructive surgery, I see hope again. I am eager to regain the strength in my hand and rebuild my life."

#SaibaMali



"For a long time, my ulcers made it impossible to work, and I struggled to provide for my family. With the treatment and care I received, I can now work again and support my daughter's education. My family and I are truly grateful to Mankind Pharma for their support during my most difficult times."

Mr. Saiba Mali, a 40-year-old resident of Semlaguda village, Boriguma block, first noticed patches on his feet and legs many years ago but ignored them, continuing his daily work as a goat milk seller. Over time, ulcers developed on his legs, making it difficult for him to work. During a village survey, Lepra FC and BNLW identified him as a leprosy patient, and he immediately started treatment. As his condition progressed, he developed a Type-1 reaction and clawing of fingers, for which he was referred to CDCC for advanced care. There, he received physiotherapy and underwent reconstructive surgery, which helped improve his hand function. In recent years, recurrent foot ulcers made it challenging for him to continue his work, pushing his family into financial difficulties. He struggled to support his daughter's education and provide for his family. Mankind Pharma played a crucial role in his recovery by providing essential medical supplies, ulcer care treatment, and physiotherapy support. With their assistance, his ulcers have healed, and he is now able to resume his livelihood. His financial condition has improved, and his family is relieved and grateful.

#SankarNayakani

Born into a struggling family in Thariat village, 16-year-old Sankar Nayak lost his father at a young age, leaving his elder sister as the sole breadwinner. When his mother noticed patches on his body, an ASHA worker referred him to CHC Parla, where he was diagnosed with leprosy and started on MDT treatment. Despite completing treatment, a complicated ulcer led to the loss of his left big toe due to delayed identification and care. During a focal leprosy campaign, a field coordinator identified his case and ensured his admission to the IP ward at Koraput for advanced treatment, including injections, dressings, foot elevation, and physiotherapy. With Mankind Pharma's support, he received essential medicines, specialized footwear, and guidance on long-term care. Additionally, assistance was provided for his disability certification and pension application. Now, with renewed confidence and family support, he is preparing for reconstructive surgery.



"After years of suffering and helplessness, I finally see hope. With treatment and support, I am ready for my surgery and a better future for my family."

#KameswarBhatra



"For a long time, I couldn't work, and my family struggled. Now, with treatment and upcoming surgery, I look forward to regaining my strength and supporting my family again."

Kameswar Bhatra, a 36-year-old from Betal village in the Swabhiman project area, had to abandon his education after his father's death to support his family through daily labor. He noticed lesions on his right leg and hand, which later led to foot drop. Seeking help from a traditional healer, he spent his savings without improvement, forcing his wife to become the family's sole earner. In 2024, a friend noticed his worsening condition and connected him to the DPMR clinic, where he was diagnosed with leprosy and started MDT treatment. With Mankind Pharma's support, he received physiotherapy, medical care, and assistance in obtaining his disability certificate and pension. Now, he can resume labor work, improving his financial stability. With plans for reconstructive surgery in the upcoming camp, he and his family are optimistic about the future.

#JumaJani

Juma Jani, a 30-year-old housewife from Dumaput village in Koraput, lives with her husband, two daughters, and her unmarried sister, Asmati, who works as a laborer. When Juma developed skin patches, her sister, having prior knowledge of leprosy, suspected the disease and took her to the local ASHA worker. She was referred to DHH Jeypore, where a specialist suspected Hansen's disease and sent her for a skin smear test at Koraput. The diagnosis was confirmed, and she was started on MDT and prednisolone therapy. Initially hesitant to stay at the hospital, Juma later sought admission when her condition worsened with a high fever and a Dapsone reaction. Further tests revealed malaria alongside her leprosy reaction, requiring immediate treatment. With Mankind Pharma's support, she received medical care, counselling, and continuous follow-ups, ensuring her full recovery. Now, she is stable and continuing MDT, hopeful for a healthier future.



"I was afraid when I first learned about my condition, but with treatment and care, I am getting better. I now look forward to a life where I can take care of my family without worry."

#TikkiMahapatra



"After suffering for so many years, I now feel a sense of relief. My condition is better, and I am grateful for the support that has helped me improve my life and livelihood."

Mrs. Tiki Mahapatra, a 55-year-old woman from Sauraguda village in Koraput, has been living with Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) for over 20 years. After suffering from high fever and swelling in her right foot, she sought local treatment but found no relief. She then went to the Government Medical College in Cuttack, where her fever subsided after a week of treatment. However, the symptoms returned after three years, and for the next 17 years, she faced recurring episodes of fever and edema, spending over Rs. 30,000 on treatment across multiple hospitals in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. Through the support of Mankind Pharma's DISPELL project, she received livelihood assistance and better treatment management, leading to a significant reduction in her edema from stage 4 to stage 3. She now receives a disability pension, thanks to a disability certificate facilitated by LEpra.

#JagannathNag

Mr. Jagannath Nag, a 32-year-old sweeper from Anta village, Koraput, began experiencing symptoms of leprosy, including anaesthesia in both legs and patches on his body. While cutting his nails, he accidentally injured his second toe and applied some medicine, but it didn't help. He sought treatment from local healers, but his condition didn't improve. In 2018, a doctor confirmed he had MB leprosy and started him on MDT. X-rays showed that his first and second toes were severely damaged, leading to surgery. However, his condition worsened due to depression following his father's death and financial struggles. After receiving continuous counseling from LEPRA staff and the Field Coordinator, he agreed to be admitted to the hospital and later referred to LEPRA Koraput. There, he received proper care, including daily dressing, medicines, and physiotherapy. After consistent treatment and support, his ulcers healed, and his condition improved.



"I feel much better now, thanks to the care and support I received. I am grateful for the help that has made a big difference in my life."

#JagannathHarijan



“I was really scared about how my disease and disabilities would be cured. I faced many sleepless nights, but now, thanks to the organization’s constant support and care, I can work like before, with some precautions, and I am very happy.”

Mr. Jagannath Harijan, a 25-year-old from Dahana village in Nandahandi, Nabrangapur, was diagnosed with leprosy, experiencing ulnar and median paralysis in both hands along with anaesthetic patches on his body. Initially seeking help at Christian Hospital and later referred to DHH, Nabrangapur, he began MDT treatment and followed guidance on physiotherapy and self-care practices, completing his course. The LEpra project staff regularly visited and encouraged him to undergo reconstructive surgeries. He underwent three surgeries—first for right hand ulnar palsy, then for left hand ulnar palsy, and finally for right-hand median paralysis, all of which were followed by care at the Koraput Care Center. He received financial assistance for each surgery with the generous support of Mankind Pharma. After nine months of post-operative follow-up, the results were positive, and he regained functionality in his hands.

#NaduPanka

Mr. Nadu Panka, a 48-year-old from Sana Keilari village, Nabarangpur, was diagnosed with leprosy after noticing patches on his right leg. He received MDT treatment and completed his course, being declared free from treatment (RFT). However, after completing his RFT, he developed a plantar heel ulcer on his left foot, which was treated by the Field Coordinator (FC) at his doorstep. The ulcers on both feet required around a month to heal, he was admitted to the Koraput Referral Centre (KCC) for further treatment. At KCC, he received ulcer dressing, self-care guidance, and MCR footwear. Following successful healing, he was discharged and now benefits from the Madhu Babu Pension Scheme.



“After completing RFT, I developed a plantar heel ulcer on my left foot. The staff treated it at my doorstep, and after about a month, I healed with the help of Lepra’s care. Now, my family’s life has improved, and I feel very grateful.”

#RaghunathThakri



"I thought it was just a skin issue at first, but over time my hand and foot became disabled. With the treatment I received at LEPRA, my condition improved, and now I can work again and support my family."

Raghunath Thakri, a 40-year-old from Jeypore, first noticed hypo-pigmented patches on his right hand and legs. He initially thought it was a simple skin condition and neglected it. Over time, the patches worsened, and his hand developed clawing, and his foot became anaesthetic, leading to significant disabilities. During a surveillance follow-up, project staff identified his condition and motivated him to seek treatment. He visited the LEPRA clinic at Jeypore, where he was diagnosed with leprosy and started on MDT. Despite completing the treatment, he continued to suffer from complications like neuropathic foot and recurrent ulcers, which led to multiple surgeries, including a right-hand claw correction and thumb operation. Later, he faced another challenge with a complicated ulcer on his right foot, prompting his visit to the Koraput CDCC, where he received comprehensive care, including physiotherapy, ulcer dressing, medications, and MCR footwear. With ongoing support from Lepira, he also received a disability certificate and pension, which helped improve his livelihood. With Mankind Pharma's assistance, Raghunath began a fruit-selling business, which provided a steady income.

#TrinathBagh

Mr. Trinath Bagh, a 46-year-old from Chotaguda village, first noticed swelling and discomfort in his left foot and was diagnosed as Elephantiasis (Lymphoedema) Filariasis. Despite receiving treatment at a government hospital in Jeypore, his condition remained the same and worsened over the years. He was the sole breadwinner for his family, earning a daily wage as a cleaner and supplier at a hotel. Along with his wife, who worked as a maid, they supported their four children and a sister who was also working as a housemaid. His family was large, and with his illness affecting his ability to work, the pressure mounted, especially after his son-in-law was arrested and his family faced additional financial strain. When LEPRA staff discovered his condition at the Jeypore bus stand, they advised him to visit the DPMR clinic and Koraput Care Centre for counselling and self-care practices. He was provided with a self-care kit, proper footwear, and detailed guidance on how to manage his condition. With LEPRA's support, he secured a 40% disability certificate, qualified for a pension, and found renewed hope for a better future.



"I faced so many challenges, from swelling and fever to being the only one supporting my large family. When everything seemed hopeless, LEPRA showed me the way. Today, thanks to their support, my family has hope for a better tomorrow."

#SuraviSandhyaRani



"With Mankind Pharma's support, I received not only the treatment I desperately needed but also the hope and care that helped me regain my health and dignity," says Suravi, expressing her heartfelt gratitude for the aid that turned her life around.

Suravi Sandhya Rani Ketriya, a 51-year-old housewife from Jeypore, endured years of pain and frustration after her leg began swelling in 1998. Despite numerous visits to private clinics and hospitals, including an unsuccessful surgery, her condition only worsened. Feeling hopeless, she gave up on seeking further treatment. Years of suffering followed, until a village ASHA worker suggested she visit Jagdalpur hospital. That was when LEpra staff intervened, referring her to the Koraput CDCC where she was diagnosed with leprosy.

At Koraput CDCC, Suravi was not only given the correct diagnosis, but also started on the appropriate MDT treatment. She was educated on self-care practices and provided with the tools to manage her condition. With LEpra's support, Suravi began receiving a monthly pension, alleviating the financial strain and improving her quality of life. Her health is now significantly better, and she is deeply grateful for the care and support that transformed her life.

#KuniHarijan

Kuni Harijan, an 18-year-old girl from Kupia Mundi Guda in the Koraput district, comes from a family that struggles with economic hardships and health challenges. Her father, a former leprosy patient, is now retired and receives a disability pension, while the family has a small crop field. Despite this, Kuni noticed two patches on her face and neck, which were later found to be signs of leprosy during a focal survey. Though initially hesitant to seek treatment due to the lack of transportation and fear of going alone, she eventually registered for treatment at the Boriguma CHC, where she was diagnosed as a PB leprosy case and started MDT treatment. Following her registration, the whole family was screened, and her mother was diagnosed at an early stage, benefiting from early treatment. Kuni and her family are grateful to the Mankind Pharma for their support.



"I feel relieved now that my family is receiving care and we have hope for the future, knowing that we are on the path to recovery."

#Pabitra Harijan

Pabitra Harijan, a 12-year-old girl from Bhusanguda in the Koraput district, lives with her family, including her mother, father, and siblings. In August 2024, the village ASHA worker suspected Pabitra's condition and took her to the Kundra CHC, where the doctor confirmed she had leprosy and started her on MDT along with Prednisolone Therapy. She was referred to LEPRA Society, where she was found to have right-hand ulnar weakness and palsy, along with Type 1 reaction. A skin smear test confirmed a positive diagnosis. The LEPRA staff worked closely with her, preparing an ulnar slab for her hand and providing custom footwear, all supported by Mankind Pharma, while offering continuous support and counseling to her family. The friendly and reassuring approach helped ease the family's fears. Though Pabitra is still undergoing treatment, she and her family are now more hopeful.



"I was very scared because of the weakness and paralysis in my right hand, but the support and care I received from the staff gave me strength and confidence."

#NimaiCharanMajhi



“I had patches on my face and numbness in my foot, but now, with the support I’ve received, I feel strong and am looking forward to a healthier future.”

Nimai Charan Majhi, a 12-year-old boy from Bargarh district, lives with his parents and two younger sisters, working hard on their ancestral farmland to grow crops like paddy and groundnuts. Despite their efforts, the family's yield was insufficient to meet their needs, and Nimai's father often worked as a daily laborer to support them. In early 2024, during a health screening at his school, Nimai was found with a patch on his face and partial anesthesia. Motivated by his father's concern, they sought treatment at the DPMR clinic, where Nimai was diagnosed with leprosy at an early stage and began MDT treatment. With continuous support from the LEPRO Swabhiman Field Coordinator and ASHA, as well as care from Mankind Pharma, Nimai is now receiving proper treatment. Although he faced deformities, his health is improving steadily.

#ChandavathPunnavaNaik

Chandavath Punnaya Naik, a 33-year-old man, faced multiple challenges, including hypopigmented patches across his body, a non-healing ulcer on his left foot, bilateral plantar anesthesia affecting his mobility, and psychological distress due to the stigma of leprosy. LEPRO Society quickly intervened by starting multi-drug therapy (MDT) and providing regular ulcer dressing and care. He also received a self-care kit with training on how to manage his condition, along with customized MCR (Micro Cellular Rubber) footwear to reduce pressure on the ulcers. Throughout his treatment, Mankind Pharma played a crucial role by providing continuous support, ensuring that the necessary medicines and supplies were available for his care. This combination of medical intervention, footwear, self-care training, and psychological support helped Chandavath make significant progress, with his ulcer healing rapidly, mobility improving, and mental outlook becoming more hopeful. He now feels empowered and motivated for the future. Chandavath says,



“I was terrified when I saw the patches all over my body. But at Lepra’s centre, the staff explained my condition and reassured me about the treatment. I now feel mentally strong and optimistic, knowing I have their support.”

#RudrapatiChennakesavaRao



“Lepra’s timely support in starting MDT, alongside Mankind Pharma’s assistance with self-care resources, helped me recover quickly and avoid further complications. I’m deeply thankful for the care, guidance, and hope they’ve given me.”

Rudrapati Chennakesava Rao, a 49-year-old man, struggled with the debilitating effects of leprosy. Hypopigmented patches spread across his body, and severe reactions caused intense pain in his upper extremities. His condition worsened, leaving him in constant distress. When Lepra’s team discovered his case, they immediately initiated multidrug therapy (MDT) and provided necessary reaction treatment. In addition, Mankind Pharma, through its support in the Mankind CSR Project, helped ensure that Rudrapati received a self-care kit, complete with essential supplies and training on how to manage his condition effectively.

With the combined efforts of Lepra and Mankind Pharma, Rudrapati saw remarkable improvement. The discoloration of his patches decreased, the pain in his upper extremities subsided, and the severity of his reactions significantly reduced. Through consistent self-care practices, he successfully prevented further deformities and regained a sense of normalcy.

#KuppiliVarunSai

Kuppili Varun Sai, a 10-year-old boy, was initially devastated by the visible hypopigmented patches on his body, a sign of leprosy. His family was engulfed in fear and psychological distress, unsure of what the future held for their child. The emotional toll was immense, as they feared the worst for him. When Lepra's team discovered Varun's case, they acted swiftly. They initiated MDT immediately to begin the treatment, and crucially, they provided the family with the emotional support they so desperately needed. Through counselling sessions, they addressed the family's fears and offered much-needed reassurance, helping them understand the disease and its treatment. With the support of Lepra and the vital assistance of Mankind Pharma through their Mankind CSR Project, which facilitated the provision of medicines and treatment resources, Varun's condition started to improve. The patches on his body subsided significantly, and the family's psychological distress eased. They gained confidence as they saw their child getting better, and hope returned to their lives.



"Lepra's team gave my family hope through their counselling. We feel so much better now." With Mankind Pharma's support, both in treatment and emotional care, Varun's journey towards recovery is a testament to the power of timely medical intervention and compassionate care.

#ShaikChaandBee



"As I am the mother of two kids aged below 10 years, I was psychologically disturbed thinking about my children.

But with the support of Mankind & Lepra, I got motivated, and now I am working as a tailor, taking care of my home, and performing daily household activities well."

Shaik Chaand Bee, a 26-year-old mother of two young children, faced a daunting battle when she was diagnosed with leprosy. Initially, she sought help from various doctors, but there was no improvement in her condition. Her body bore the signs of the disease with hypopigmented patches, severe reactions, and noticeable discoloration, leaving her in psychological distress. As a mother, her fears for her children's well-being weighed heavily on her. When Lepra's team took charge of her case, they immediately initiated MDT and provided her with reaction treatment. Along with the medical support, they offered psychological motivation, helping her regain her strength and sense of hope. Through continuous encouragement and self-care guidance, she was empowered to prevent further deformities and manage her condition effectively. With Mankind Pharma's support through its CSR initiative, Shaik Chaand Bee's condition improved significantly, with 80% of her patches subsiding. Now healthier and stronger, she embraces life with renewed hope and confidence, caring for her family.

#AbdulShareefunnessa

Abdul Shareefunnessa, a 39-year-old woman, had been living with the debilitating effects of leprosy for years. As a multibacillary (MB) case, she suffered from a severe right-hand ulnar claw hand deformity that greatly affected her daily life. Despite consulting numerous doctors, she could not find relief, and the deformity hindered her ability to perform basic tasks. When the team from Lepra intervened, they facilitated reconstructive surgery with the support of Mankind Pharma, offering a new lease on life for Abdul Shareefunnessa. Alongside the surgery, she received essential pre- and post-operative physiotherapy, including the use of splints and hydrotherapy, to ensure proper recovery and restore hand functionality. The surgery corrected Abdul Shareefunnessa's deformity, restoring strength and mobility in her hand, allowing her to perform daily tasks with ease. Mankind Pharma's CSR initiative played a vital role by providing essential medications, materials, and medical support for her recovery. Thanks to the collaboration between Lepra and Mankind Pharma, she has regained her independence, confidence, and a renewed sense of hope for the future.



"I had been living with this deformity for years and consulting many doctors without success. Lepra's intervention and Mankind Pharma's Support changed my life."

#MandaSuresh



“Lepra’s timely care helped me recover from foot drop and get back to my work as a driver. Now, I can support my family again. Thanks to Lepra and Mankind Pharma, I am back on his feet, both physically and professionally.”

Manda Suresh, a 37-year-old man, faced immense challenges due to leprosy-related foot drop, which made walking extremely difficult and prevented him from continuing his job as a driver. His high-stepping gait and inability to perform his daily tasks left him feeling hopeless. However, with the intervention from Lepra, Suresh received comprehensive care, including the application of a posterior slab, physiotherapy, exercises for foot drop recovery, and steroid treatment. This timely intervention helped him significantly improve his foot function, restore his normal gait, and regain his ability to drive. Now, he can return to work and support his family. Mankind Pharma's generous support through their CSR initiative ensured that Suresh received the necessary medical care, medications, and materials, facilitating his recovery and giving him a renewed sense of purpose.

#KotaVenkataRamakrishna

Kota Venkata Ramakrishna, a 27-year-old man living with leprosy, faced severe challenges due to bilateral claw hands—his right hand was mobile, but his left hand was fixed. His condition left him feeling depressed and unsure about his future. However, thanks to the intervention provided by Lepra, which included active, active-assisted, and passive physiotherapy exercises for both hands, he began to see remarkable progress. Self-care training was also provided, along with cylindrical splints to prevent further contractures in his right hand. With consistent care and physiotherapy, Ramakrishna experienced a significant improvement in the range of motion in both hands, and the prevention of further deformities, particularly in his right hand, restored hope for his recovery. Mankind Pharma's support through their CSR initiatives ensured that Ramakrishna received the necessary treatment, physiotherapy, and splints to help him on his road to recovery.



"I was completely depressed with my both claw hands. LEPRA's services helped prevent the occurrence of contractures and deformities. I now have hope that I can see recovery in my mobile claw hand with physiotherapy."

#BallemKanakaDurga



"Splinting and exercises are helping in the recovery. Hoping to complete recovery. With Mankind Pharma's assistance, I am now on the path to regaining full hand functionality and leading a more independent life."

Ballem Kanaka Durga, a 34-year-old woman diagnosed with Multi-Bacillary (MB) leprosy, faced significant challenges due to the complete claw hand deformity in her left hand and a mobile claw in her right little finger. She also suffered from silent neuritis, making everyday tasks difficult and painful. After being released from treatment, she received comprehensive care from Lepra, which included passive exercises for her left hand, active-assisted exercises for her right hand, and a dynamic splint for her right little finger. In addition, she was provided with precautionary guidance to prevent the worsening of deformities and treatment for neuritis. Thanks to the combination of exercises, splints, and ongoing care, her pain has subsided, and the risk of further deformities has been minimized. With the support of Mankind Pharma's CSR initiative, Ballem received the necessary care to manage her condition, ensuring her recovery and improving her quality of life.

#ShaikBaaji

Shaik Baaji, a 46-year-old man, struggled for five years with leprosy, which led to the development of an ulnar claw in his right hand. Once a dedicated night watchman, he was forced to quit his job, not just due to physical limitations but also because of the deep stigma associated with his condition. The fear of judgment and embarrassment kept him away from his livelihood. With the intervention of Lepira and the support of Mankind Pharma, he was facilitated for reconstructive surgery at the New Government Hospital in Vijayawada. The surgery was successful, restoring the functionality of his hand and, more importantly, his confidence. Today, he has resumed his duties as a night watchman, no longer hiding his hand in shame.



“I quit my job because I was too embarrassed to show my hand to others, and now I am very happy that I can perform the duties in my previous profession.” Through Mankind Pharma’s commitment to supporting leprosy patients, Shaik Baaji has reclaimed his dignity, livelihood, and hope for the future.

#RayalaBramham



"With the customized MCR footwear and livelihood support, I can now walk and work again. I am truly grateful to Mankind Pharma for giving me a second chance at life."

Rayala Bramham, a 65-year-old man, had been struggling with foot drop and plantar ulcers for over 20 years, making even the simplest daily activities a challenge. The physical pain was compounded by the emotional toll of stigma and discrimination, leaving him feeling isolated and depressed. With the intervention of Lepira and the support of Mankind Pharma, he received customized MCR footwear with a spring adjustment, expertly crafted by a shoe technician to support his mobility. Along with ulcer care and regular dressing, he was also given counseling to regain his confidence and independence. Additionally, Mankind Pharma extended its support by helping him restart his livelihood, enabling him to earn a living and sustain himself with dignity. Over time, his ulcers healed, and he was able to walk again, reclaiming his ability to perform daily tasks with ease. No longer burdened by shame or dependency, he now moves forward with renewed dignity and self-assurance.

#KaasimallaSaila

Kaasimalla Saila, a 28-year-old woman, had been battling leprosy for the past five years. Despite undergoing treatment, she developed an ulcer on her right foot due to loss of sensation, making daily life painful and difficult. The fear of deformities and worsening health left her deeply worried about her future. Through Lepra's intervention and Mankind Pharma's support, she received Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT), customized MCR footwear to reduce pressure on her foot, self-care kits, and essential ulcer dressing materials. With consistent care and guidance, her ulcer began healing, and she was able to prevent further complications. Now, after being released from treatment, she is optimistic about her recovery and future.



"Although I was taking the treatment, an ulcer had developed on my right foot. Lepra's timely support, along with Mankind Pharma's assistance, helped in my healing. I am truly hopeful that I will recover completely soon."

#KamarajuGaddaSyamala



"With the support, awareness, and training on self-care practices, I have seen a decrease in the occurrence of acute attacks and faster recovery from fever. I am truly grateful to Mankind Pharma for helping me regain my health and stability."

Kamaraju Gadda Syamala, a 65-year-old woman, had been struggling with Lymphatic Filariasis for the past 25 years. Recurrent acute attacks with fever left her physically weak and unable to carry out daily activities. The repeated episodes drained her energy and impacted her quality of life. With the intervention of Lepira and the support of Mankind Pharma, she received self-care kits and was trained on essential self-care practices to manage her condition at home. Regular practice of these techniques significantly reduced the frequency of acute attacks, helping her recover faster from fever and preventing further complications. Now, she feels stronger and more in control of her health.

#PitchukalaBalaNagamma

Pitchukala Bala Nagamma, a 71-year-old woman, had been living with Lymphatic Filariasis for the past 40 years. Over time, the condition worsened, leading to severe swelling in her legs (Grade-III LF), making even the simplest daily activities a struggle. She faced immense difficulty in moving around and performing household chores, leaving her dependent on her family. The persistent discomfort and limitations affected not only her physical well-being but also her confidence and independence. With the intervention of Lepira and the generous support of Mankind Pharma, she received health education and was trained in essential self-care practices, including exercises specifically designed to reduce oedema and improve mobility. Through regular practice, she gradually regained control over her movements, experiencing a noticeable reduction in swelling and discomfort. Today, she can once again manage her daily routine with greater ease, feeling more empowered and independent.



"Lepira staff supported me with demonstration classes on exercises through camps, and now I practice self-care regularly at home. I am grateful to Mankind Pharma, as I can now perform my household activities with ease and live with dignity."

#KonkipudiVenkata



"Due to the effect of the disease, I was unable to perform my professional work as a rickshaw mechanic and struggled financially. The support from Lepra and the SER loan by Mankind Pharma helped me overcome our financial challenges, giving my family a new hope for the future."

Konkipudi Venkata Rathaiah, a 56-year-old man, had been battling leprosy for the past 25 years. Although he had completed his treatment and seen partial relief from symptoms, the disease had left a lasting impact on both his hands and legs, making it impossible for him to continue his work as a rickshaw mechanic. His deteriorating physical condition led to a severe financial crisis, pushing his family into hardship. The burden of lost income and daily struggles made survival increasingly difficult.

With the socio-economic rehabilitation support provided by Lepra and Mankind Pharma, he was given a loan to start a tiffin center on a four-wheeler rickshaw. This opportunity not only provided him with a stable source of income but also restored his confidence and dignity. Now, he can meet his family's financial needs and lead a self-sufficient life.

#PatanMysoreKhan

Patan Mysore Khan, a 46-year-old daily wage worker, had been struggling with leprosy for the past two years. As the sole breadwinner of his family, supporting his wife, married daughter, and a son still in school, his condition made it increasingly difficult to work regularly. The physical limitations caused by leprosy not only affected his ability to earn but also pushed his family into financial distress, leaving them uncertain about their future. The weight of his illness and the inability to provide for his loved ones took a severe emotional toll on him and his family. With the socio-economic rehabilitation support provided by Lepra and Mankind Pharma, he received a loan that allowed him to start a small shop at home. With the unwavering support of his wife, he began running the shop successfully, gradually stabilizing his income and ensuring his family's financial security. This opportunity restored his confidence and gave his family renewed hope.



"I and my family were so depressed about my health as well as our financial situation. But with Lepra's support and the SER loan from Mankind Pharma, we could really reach our family's financial needs, and now we are hoping for the best."

#PatteelaLakshmi



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Patteela Lakshmi, a 57-year-old woman, had been suffering from Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) for 12 years. Over time, her condition worsened, and she developed severe swelling in her right foot, along with swelling in both hands and feet. This left her struggling with mobility and daily activities, unable to move freely and with great difficulty in finding footwear that could accommodate her condition. The physical challenges were compounded by emotional distress, as she felt increasingly isolated and dependent.

However, with the intervention from Lepra, supported by Mankind Pharma, her situation improved significantly. The staff provided her with proper self-care guidance and custom footwear designed to relieve the swelling and provide better mobility. With these simple yet life-changing interventions, she regained the ability to walk comfortably again, allowing her to move from one place to another with ease.

#BiramTudu

Biram Tudu, a 40-year-old daily laborer, had suffered from hydrocele for years, a debilitating condition caused by lymphatic filariasis. For 25 years, he struggled with the physical discomfort of the condition, which prevented him from working and put immense financial strain on his family. The couple, both illiterate, had no idea where to turn for proper medical care, relying on ineffective treatments from local quacks. This lack of understanding of lymphatic filariasis and the stigma Biram felt about his condition prevented him from seeking the surgery he desperately needed, further impacting his health and his relationship with his wife. The situation changed when Biram was introduced to Lepra Society's intervention, supported by Mankind Pharma. Through counseling and education, Biram was able to overcome his self-stigma and accept the necessary hydrocele surgery. His wife, despite the challenges, continued to support the family with her labor, and with Biram's health improving post-surgery, their financial situation also started to stabilize. Additionally, the increased awareness of lymphatic filariasis in their village led to better health-seeking behavior, with the community becoming more knowledgeable about the condition and its management.



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#GumdasPurty



"Thanks to the support of Mankind Pharma and Lepra's counseling, I feel like a new person, and our lives have improved in every way. I can work again, support my family, and live without the shame I once felt."

Gumdas Purty, a 24-year-old daily laborer, was grappling with the debilitating effects of hydrocele caused by lymphatic filariasis. For months, the condition kept him from working, plunging his family into financial difficulty. Both Gumdas and his wife were illiterate, leaving them vulnerable to misinformation about their condition. Self-stigma prevented him from seeking the surgery he needed, further straining their marital life and finances. With limited access to healthcare and relying on ineffective treatments from quacks, their situation worsened, and the couple found themselves spending substantial money with little to no result. The turning point came when Gumdas connected with Lepra Society, who provided the much-needed intervention. Through counseling, Gumdas was able to overcome his self-stigma and accept the free hydrocele surgery he so desperately needed. His health began to stabilize, allowing him to restore his income-generating activities. His wife continued to support the family through her work, but with Gumdas's health improving, their marital relationship strengthened, and intimacy was no longer disrupted. The village gained greater awareness of lymphatic filariasis, promoting better health-seeking behavior and self-care practices. Improved access to government schemes and health facilities created a more supportive environment for those affected.

#ChaitanHembram

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#GangadharPradhan



“With the support of Mankind Pharma, my health improved, and I was able to create a better future for my family. We can now live with dignity and hope for what’s ahead.”

Gangadhar Pradhan, a 50-year-old man from Karada village, faced immense challenges due to his Grade 3 Lymphatic Filariasis (LF), which caused severe swelling and limited mobility. This condition hindered his ability to engage in physical labour, his primary source of income, leaving his family in financial distress. Living in a village where most families rely on small-scale farming and daily wage labour, Gangadhar’s health issues affected not only his livelihood but also his family’s access to nutritious food, education, and essential medical care. However, after receiving support from Mankind Pharma and Lepira, Gangadhar’s life took a dramatic turn. With the assistance provided, he started goat rearing as a sustainable livelihood option. Within six months, his goats began to reproduce, generating a steady income from milk and young goats. This new income stream greatly improved his family’s financial stability, allowing them to afford nutritious food, provide education for their children, and access the medical care Gangadhar needed to manage his lymphatic filariasis. Gangadhar’s success story also had a ripple effect on the community, inspiring others in Karada village to consider similar livelihood options. His story highlights the crucial connection between healthcare support and economic empowerment in fostering resilience and improving quality of life.

#RenubatiPatabandha

Renubati Patabandha, a 65-year-old widow from BadaDalima, struggled with Grade-3 lymphatic filariasis for 12 years. Following the death of her husband, she became the sole breadwinner for her family, while her two children worked as daily labourers. Despite their efforts, the family faced severe financial hardship and fell below the poverty line. With limited healthcare access in the village, she had to rely on local healers, which only worsened her condition. The stigma surrounding her illness led to social isolation, adding emotional distress to her already challenging life. However, after receiving support from LEPRA, with assistance from Mankind Pharma, Renubati's life began to change. Through regular self-care practices provided by LEPRA, the swelling in her limbs gradually reduced, and she was free from acute attacks for the past two months. Additionally, the application for a disability pension and support from government schemes improved her financial stability, offering her much-needed relief. Renubati became a beacon of hope in her community, inspiring other L.F. patients to prioritize self-care and seek proper healthcare. Renubati's improved health and finances restored her hope, inspiring her community to pursue better health and resilience.



"Thanks to the support of Mankind Pharma, I have regained my health and hope. I am now able to care for my family and inspire others in my community to take charge of their health."

#SalaiBalay



"I am now able to manage my condition and heal with the help of the support I received. Thanks to Mankind Pharma, I am no longer in pain and am able to share my experience with others, helping them live better lives too."

Salai Balay, a 64-year-old illiterate woman from Dhatkidini village, faced immense challenges after being affected by leprosy. The amputation of her left leg and an infected ulcer on her right foot left her unable to earn daily wages, forcing her to depend on her son for support. Living in a Below Poverty Line (BPL) category, Salai struggled to access proper healthcare and often relied on quacks and traditional healers due to limited government facilities in her area. Her condition worsened with irregular self-care, and she desperately needed education and support to manage her health effectively. After receiving intervention from LEPRO Society, with support from Mankind Pharma, Salai's health improved significantly. With regular home-based self-care practices and proper ulcer dressing, the infected ulcer on her right foot began to heal. Her family played a key role in supporting her efforts, and within a month, follow-up visits showed that the ulcer had notably reduced in severity. Salai became a model in Dhatkidini village, educating fellow leprosy patients about the importance of self-care and hygiene. Her transformation not only improved her quality of life but also inspired others in her community to adopt self-care practices for better health outcomes.

#NiranjanaAmong

Niranjana Among, a 42-year-old daily labourer from Sankumura village, faced significant challenges due to a long-standing condition of foot drop. This impairment prevented him from working, leaving his family reliant on his wife's earnings, as both he and his wife were illiterate. For 25 years, Niranjana had also struggled with hydrocele, which further compounded his difficulties. Living in a community where 80% of the population depended on labour work, Niranjana was burdened by self-stigma and fear regarding treatment options. Despite being informed about the availability of free reconstructive surgery (RCS) through government facilities, he initially resisted seeking help, leading to ongoing financial and emotional strain for his family. With Mankind Pharma intervention, Niranjana Among underwent successful (RCS) at Baripada DHH. With newfound mobility, he was able to resume his daily labour work just two months later. This transformation not only improved his ability to support his family but also restored his confidence and independence. Niranjana became a role model in his Gram Panchayat, actively reaching out to two other leprosy-affected patients, motivating them to pursue RCS as well. His journey from a state of dependency to becoming an advocate for treatment showcased the profound impact of LEPRA's intervention on his life and community.



"With the support I received, I am now able to work again and support my family. I am grateful for the opportunity to get the surgery, and I'm proud to help others who are going through similar challenges. Thanks to LEPRA and Mankind Pharma, my life has changed."

#DhansingSardar



"With the support from Mankind Pharma, I have regained my health and dignity. I am now back to work and living a better life with my wife. I encourage others who are facing similar struggles to seek treatment as well."

Dhansing Sardar, a 62-year-old daily labourer affected by hydrocele due to lymphatic filariasis, faced severe challenges, including financial strain and a disrupted marital life. As the sole breadwinner for his family, Dhansing's inability to work forced his wife to take on labour jobs. Despite the pressing need for surgery, Dhansing initially resisted seeking help due to self-stigma. However, after receiving counselling from Lepra staff and participating in awareness meetings, he and his family began to recognize the importance of treatment. With growing support from his family, Dhansing was motivated to undergo the free hydrocele surgery. After undergoing hydrocele surgery with Mankind Pharma support, Dhansing Sardar experienced a profound transformation in his life. Previously unable to work due to his condition, he returned to daily labour, contributing to his family's income and improving their financial stability. The surgery not only alleviated his physical suffering but also restored his marital relationship, as he and his wife could now live together without the burden of stigma. Dhansing's positive experience motivated him to become an advocate for others in similar situations, encouraging two other patients to seek treatment. His journey from despair to empowerment turned him into a role model in his village, inspiring hope and raising awareness about health and available resources.

#ArjunMahakud

Arjun Mahakud, a 56-year-old daily labourer from Bhatgoda, faced significant challenges after being affected by leprosy, which left him unable to work. Classified as Below Poverty Line (BPL), his family struggled financially. Illiterate and with limited access to healthcare, his family relied on local quacks for medical needs. After discussions with an ASHA worker, Arjun learned about the importance of self-care and the available treatments for leprosy. Despite the stigma and his disability, he began to receive health education from Lepra staff, who emphasized the need for proper care and awareness about the condition, setting the stage for his eventual treatment and support. After receiving support and intervention from Mankind Pharma, Arjun Mahakud's life significantly improved. He learned to manage his condition better, including understanding the importance of regular follow-ups and hygiene practices. As a result, he became more empowered and motivated to take charge of his health. The application for a disability pension is currently in process, providing hope for more stable support. With his wife and daughter continuing to work, Arjun's situation has begun to stabilize, fostering a renewed sense of purpose in his life.



“With the support of Mankind Pharma, I have gained the knowledge and tools to manage my condition. My family and I have more hope for the future, and I encourage others to take care of themselves and seek help.”

#SumitraMohanta



"With the support of Mankind Pharma, I learned how to care for myself properly, and now I can live with free from pain. I want to help others in my village understand the importance of self-care, just as I did."

Sumitra Mohanta, a 54 year old woman from Kumudasole village, faced immense challenges after being diagnosed with L.F, leading to the loss of her ability to earn a living. As part of a Below Poverty Line family, Sumitra relied on her son, who worked outside Odisha and sent money to support her elderly parents. Her condition worsened with persistent foot swelling and frequent acute attacks, making it difficult for her to maintain regular self-care. With limited access to healthcare, Sumitra often turned to local quacks for treatment. However, after engaging with ASHA and Lepra staff, she received much-needed health education, learning the importance of self-care and how to manage her condition at home. After receiving the intervention, Sumitra's situation improved significantly. With the support of ASHA and Lepra staff, she embraced regular self-care practices for her lymphatic filariasis. Despite initially struggling with foot swelling and recurrent acute attacks, Sumitra learned vital home-care techniques, including how to dress ulcers properly. Her family played a crucial role, supporting her recovery efforts and creating a positive environment at home. A follow-up visit confirmed a noticeable reduction in swelling, underscoring her commitment to managing her health. Now, Sumitra has become an inspiration within her community, educating other L.F. patients in Kumudasole about the critical role of self-care. Her transformation not only enhanced her own well-being but also empowered her to positively impact the lives of others.

Parao Soren, a 60-year-old man from Tuighutu village, faced significant challenges after being affected by leprosy, which led to the loss of his ability to work and forced him to rely on his son for financial support. As a member of a Below Poverty Line household, their income became unstable, with her son managing labour work to sustain the family. Despite his condition, Parao struggled with irregular intake of MDT, which increased the risk of further nerve involvement. Due to limited access to healthcare, Parao's situation emphasized the urgent need for better health education. However, after receiving support from ASHA and Lepra staff, he began receiving counselling and guidance, which paved the way for his recovery and empowerment within his community. After receiving the intervention, Parao Soren's condition showed remarkable improvement. With consistent support from ASHA and Lepra staff, he began adhering to his MDT) regimen, fully understanding the importance of regular intake to prevent nerve damage. Through home visits, Parao also learned essential self-care practices, and her family provided the necessary support for her recovery. A follow-up visit after one month showed significant improvement, with his skin patches visibly subsiding, demonstrating his commitment to health. Empowered by his progress, Parao became a model in his village, actively counseling other leprosy patients on the importance of consistent MDT and self-care.

#ParaoSoren



"Thanks to the support of Mankind Pharma, I now understand how to take care of myself, and my health has improved. I want others in my village to know that taking the medicine regularly and caring for themselves can make a big difference."

#Patarki Sumurai



"With the support of Mankind Pharma and the guidance of Lepra staff, I have regained my health and confidence. Now, I want to help others in my village learn the importance of self-care and treatment."

Patarki Sumurai, a 55-year-old woman from Uparbeda Kusumi, faced severe hardships after being affected by leprosy. As an illiterate daily wage laborer from a Below Poverty Line (BPL) household, losing her ability to work left her entirely dependent on her married daughter. With no proper healthcare access, she relied on local quacks, worsening her condition. Irregular self-care led to a painful plantar ulcer on her right foot, making movement difficult and leaving her feeling helpless for months.

With the support of Mankind Pharma, Patarki received essential care through Lepra Society's intervention. Regular home visits ensured proper ulcer dressing, health education, and guidance on self-care practices. With her family's encouragement and the support she received, she diligently followed a care routine, leading to significant healing of her ulcer within a month. Now, Patarki has become a role model in Uparbeda village, spreading awareness about leprosy care and encouraging others to seek proper treatment.

#Barisa Hembram

Barisa Hembram, a 27-year-old from Ichadihi village, struggled for five years after leprosy led to a right foot drop, leaving him unable to work. As a member of a Below Poverty Line (BPL) household, losing his daily wages severely impacted his financial stability. Though he had studied up to the 9th grade, the stigma surrounding his condition pushed him into isolation, preventing him from participating in village activities. Despite receiving initial self-care education from ASHA workers, Barisa found it difficult to maintain a consistent care routine.

With the support of Mankind Pharma, Lepra Society staff provided regular home visits, motivation, and guidance, ultimately referring him for reconstructive surgery. On May 3, 2024, Barisa successfully underwent surgery, regaining mobility and confidence. With government assistance, he also received a ration card, ensuring access to essential monthly supplies. Today, Barisa is an active member of his community, attending village functions and advocating for leprosy treatment and self-care.



"Thanks to Mankind Pharma's support and the guidance from Lepra staff, I have regained my mobility and dignity. Now, I want to help others like me seek treatment and live without fear."

#Jaleswori Giri



"With the right care and encouragement, I have regained my health and confidence. Thanks to Mankind Pharma's support, I now help others in my village understand that leprosy is curable, and no one should suffer in silence."

Jaleswori Giri, a 60-year-old woman from Dova village, faced immense hardships after leprosy robbed her of her ability to work. As a member of a Below Poverty Line (BPL) household, she relied on her son's small cloth business for survival. Illiterate and unaware of the risks of nerve involvement, she struggled with irregular intake of multi-drug therapy (MDT), further worsening her condition. With limited access to healthcare, she turned to local quacks, unaware of the critical need for proper treatment. The lack of guidance impacted not only her health but also her self-esteem and participation in social activities. With the support of Mankind Pharma, Lepira Society and ASHA workers provided Jaleswori with regular follow-ups, health education, and self-care training. She gradually adopted proper MDT adherence and hygiene practices, leading to visible improvements in her condition. Encouraged by her family, she regained confidence and actively participated in awareness sessions, spreading knowledge about leprosy and its treatment. Today, she serves as an inspiration in her community, proving that timely intervention and support can break the cycle of stigma and suffering.

#Paremeswor Mohanta

Paremeswor Mohanta, a 45-year-old man from a BPL family, struggled with an infected ulcer on his right foot due to leprosy. Illiterate and unable to engage in any work, he depended entirely on his son, who ran a small Pani Puri business. Limited access to government health services forced him to rely on local quacks, worsening his condition. Irregular MDT intake and a lack of self-care knowledge left him isolated and stigmatized, further deepening his hardships. With the intervention of the Lepra Society and local health workers, Paremeswor received critical support and guidance. Counselling sessions helped him understand the importance of regular MDT intake and proper self-care. With access to ulcer care kits and essential health education, he began managing his condition effectively. After a month of follow-up, his foot swelling reduced, and his fever subsided. The provision of specialized footwear not only improved his mobility but also restored his confidence. Today, Paremeswor is not just on the path to recovery but is also an inspiration to others in his village. He actively shares his knowledge of self-care practices with fellow leprosy-affected individuals, ensuring that no one else suffers as he once did.



""Thanks to the Lepra Society and Mankind Pharma, I have regained my confidence and health. Now, I want to help others in my village learn how to take care of themselves."

#Tulia Marandi,



"With the right support and knowledge, I have learned to manage my condition. Thanks to Mankind Pharma, I feel healthier and confident enough to help others in my village take care of themselves too."

Tulia Marandi, a 55-year-old woman from a Below Poverty Line (BPL) family in Dighibeda, faced immense struggles after being affected by lymphatic filariasis (LF). Illiterate and unable to work, she depended entirely on her husband's limited income, which was barely enough to sustain their household. Without proper awareness of self-care, she was irregular in managing her condition, leading to increased swelling and discomfort. With minimal access to government health services, she often turned to local quacks, worsening her condition and deepening her sense of isolation and stigma within the community. Through the support of Mankind Pharma and Lepra Society, Tulia received essential health education and self-care training. ASHA workers and Lepra staff conducted regular home visits, guiding her on proper hygiene, swelling management, and ulcer care. With continuous encouragement from her family, she began practicing self-care diligently. After a month of dedicated efforts, follow-up visits showed a significant reduction in swelling, marking a turning point in her recovery. Now, Tulia has become a role model in Dighibeda, inspiring other LF-affected individuals to take charge of their health.

#Prasana Mahakud

Prasana Mahakud, a 32-year-old driver from Kanki village, faced immense hardships after being affected by lymphatic filariasis (LF)-related hydrocele. As the sole breadwinner for his wife and child, his inability to work due to his condition caused severe financial distress. His self-stigma prevented him from seeking treatment, leading to isolation and straining his marital life. With limited healthcare facilities and a community reliant on quacks, Prasana remained unaware of available medical interventions, worsening his suffering. With the support of Mankind Pharma and Lepra Society, Prasana received counseling and education about hydrocele management and the benefits of surgery. Through continuous home visits and awareness meetings, he gained the confidence to undergo a free hydrocele surgery. His successful recovery marked a turning point—his health improved, his self-esteem was restored, and his family relationships strengthened. Today, Prasana stands as a beacon of hope in Kanki village, encouraging others affected by LF to seek treatment and reclaim their lives.



"I never imagined I could regain my health and confidence. Thanks to Mankind Pharma, I can now work again and support my family with pride."

#Deva Yaranna



"I feel good and comfortable now. My leg swelling has reduced, and I am happy with my family. I am truly thankful to Mankind Pharma and Lepra Society for giving me this new hope."

For the past ten years, Deva Yaranna, a 55-year-old farmer, struggled with severe swelling in his leg due to lymphatic filariasis (LF). The pain and discomfort made it impossible for him to work consistently, leaving his family in financial distress. Every day of work meant four days of unbearable pain, forcing him to stay home and watch his farmland go untended. The condition not only affected his livelihood but also caused him deep embarrassment, making it difficult to send his children to school or visit relatives. Without proper treatment, his suffering continued, limiting his ability to live a dignified life. With the intervention of Mankind Pharma and Lepra Society, Dhaua received the medical support he desperately needed. He was provided with specialized footwear to reduce discomfort and prevent further complications. Through regular treatment and self-care guidance, the swelling in his leg reduced significantly, allowing him to regain mobility and confidence. Today, Dhaua can move comfortably, work on his farm, and support his family once again.

#Eleti Sunitha

For nearly three decades, Eleti Sunitha, a 49-year-old woman from a BPL family, struggled with severe swelling in her left leg due to lymphatic filariasis (LF). The condition, which began in her early twenties, gradually worsened, making it impossible for her to work regularly. Every time she attempted agricultural labor, she would be bedridden for days, causing immense financial strain on her family. With three children in school, the inability to contribute financially left her feeling helpless. Daily activities, including basic mobility and using the bathroom, became increasingly difficult, forcing her to depend on others for support. When Lepra Society and Mankind Pharma stepped in, Sunitha's life took a turn for the better. Through home visits, she received essential medicines, mobility management guidance, and self-care training. Her family was also educated on how to support her in managing her condition. With regular exercises and improved self-care, her swelling reduced significantly. She was also provided with a western commode, making her daily routine much easier. Now, although she is unable to return to agriculture, she has found work in Beedi-making, allowing her to contribute to her family's income while managing her health.



"I feel good and comfortable now. My leg swelling has reduced, and I am happy with my family. I am truly thankful to Mankind Pharma and Lepra Society for giving me this new hope."

#KentaGangavva



"I feel good and comfortable now. My leg swelling has reduced, and I am happy with my family. I am truly thankful to Mankind Pharma and Lepra Society for their support."

For over 30 years, Kenta Gangavva, a 50-year-old woman from a BPL family, endured severe swelling in her left leg due to lymphatic filariasis (LF). The condition left her unable to work in agriculture, making it difficult to support her three children's education. Every time she attempted labor, the pain and swelling would force her to rest for days, adding to her family's struggles. Even basic daily activities, like using the bathroom, became an immense challenge.

With the intervention of Lepra Society and support from Mankind Pharma, Gangavva received essential medicines, guidance on mobility management, and training in self-care. Her family was also educated on how to support her. Through consistent self-care and exercises, her swelling reduced, and she regained some mobility. To ease her daily struggles, she was provided with a western commode, significantly improving her comfort. Although she can no longer engage in agricultural work, she has found a livelihood in Beedi-making, allowing her to contribute to her family's needs.

#MinuguBaumann

Minugu Baumann, a 55-year-old man from a BPL family, has struggled with swollen legs since the age of 20 due to lymphatic filariasis (LF). This condition severely limited his ability to work, particularly in agriculture, which was his family's primary source of income. His inability to work for extended periods created financial strain, making it difficult to support his three children's education. Simple tasks, like using the bathroom, became painful and embarrassing due to the swelling, further isolating him from daily life. Through the intervention of the Lepra Society, supported by Mankind Pharma, Minugu received critical support. The staff provided him with medicines, self-care education, and mobility management strategies, while his family was also educated on how to assist him. After following the prescribed self-care regimen and exercises, Minugu began to experience noticeable improvements. His swelling reduced, and he regained some mobility. Additionally, the provision of a western commode significantly improved his comfort, easing daily challenges. While Minugu can no longer work in agriculture, he now makes Beedis at home, providing for his family with this new livelihood.



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#Abdul Akheel Bag



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Abdul Akheel Bag, a 46-year-old man from a BPL family, has been living with the effects of leprosy for over 20 years. Despite seeking treatment at private and government hospitals, his foot deformities and scars remained, limiting his ability to work and care for his family. With four daughters in school, Abdul faced significant financial struggles and felt isolated by his condition. The deformities left him unable to perform hard labor, and he was unable to support his children's education or manage daily responsibilities.

With the intervention of the Lepra Society, supported by Mankind Pharma, Abdul received the essential support he needed. He was provided with MCR footwear and dressing materials for his ulcers, which significantly improved his condition. Additionally, Lepra and Mankind Pharma assisted Abdul financially with a grant of ten thousand rupees, enabling him to start a small business. This support empowered Abdul to regain some financial independence and offer his children better prospects for the future.

#Khadamba Premala

Khadamba Premala, a 44-year-old woman from a BPL family, has been suffering from swelling in her left leg since the age of 25. Diagnosed with lymphedema caused by mosquito bites, Khadamba's condition left her unable to perform daily tasks, and she struggled to support her three children's education. Her physical limitations prevented her from working in agriculture, causing significant financial hardship for her family. For years, she experienced intense discomfort and found it difficult to manage basic activities, including using the bathroom.

When Khadamba was introduced to the Lepra Society with the support of Mankind Pharma, her life began to change. Through guidance on self-care practices, mobility management, and regular exercises, she began to notice significant improvements in her condition. She was also provided with a commode, which made her life more manageable. These interventions, combined with consistent follow-ups, helped Khadamba regain some independence and feel more confident.



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#GuggillaNarsagoud



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Guggilla Narsagoud, a 52-year-old man from a rural area, led a fulfilling life climbing palm trees to support his family. However, his life took a difficult turn when he began experiencing numbness and swelling in his legs, making it impossible for him to continue his work. Despite visiting numerous hospitals and undergoing several treatments, his condition only worsened, and financial strain followed as he had to sell his house to pay for operations that offered no lasting relief. He faced constant discomfort, including itching and ulceration in his legs, leaving him feeling helpless.

When Guggilla was introduced to the Lepra Society, everything began to change. The staff examined his condition and recommended a treatment plan, which included massaging his legs with oil, soaking them in water, and following a regimen of Ayurvedic medicines. They also provided him with EVA footwear, Weston commodes, and a self-care kit. Along with exercises and consistent care, Guggilla started to notice significant improvements. His legs became more manageable, with less itching and no signs of ulceration or fever. He regained his confidence and physical ability, which also brought a sense of happiness to his family.

#Kasturi Bheemayi

Kasturi Bheemayi, a 45-year-old woman, faced a series of heartbreaking challenges in her life. Married at just 15, she soon found herself abandoned by her husband due to a debilitating leg condition that caused severe cramps and sores. After the deaths of both her father and younger brother, Kasturi was left to care for her younger sister, with little time or opportunity for herself. Despite seeking treatment at various hospitals, her condition remained unchanged, and she suffered from constant itching, sores, and a lack of mobility. Living alone and receiving a small pension, Kasturi felt trapped in her circumstances, unable to improve her situation.

Everything changed when Kasturi came in contact with the Lepra Society. After a thorough examination, the staff recommended a comprehensive care plan with the support of Mankind Pharma, which included massaging her legs with oil, soaking them in water, and using Ayurvedic medicines. They also provided her with self-care guidance, exercises, EVA footwear, and Weston commodes. With dedication, Kasturi began to notice remarkable improvements. The itching and sores disappeared, and her legs became more comfortable, allowing her to live without the constant discomfort she had once endured.



"I feel much more at ease now. The heaviness in my leg has lessened, and I am happy with my family. I am truly grateful to Mankind Pharma and the Lepra Society for their support."

#GurkuNarsu



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Gurku Narsu, a 45-year-old woman, has faced immense hardships throughout her life. Married at just 14, her world turned upside down when her husband left her due to her inability to have children. She then moved back to her parents' home, feeling embarrassed and unable to work due to severe leg pain, itching, and swelling. Despite visiting many hospitals, her condition worsened, affecting her ability to perform daily tasks. She could no longer work as she had in the past, making beedis, and the constant pain made even standing for long periods a challenge. Gurku found herself working as a nurse at a government school, where standing for hours caused significant discomfort. Despite her struggles, she only received a small pension of ₹2000 for being a single woman. Everything changed when Gurku connected with the Lepra Society. After a thorough examination, they provided a treatment plan that included massaging her legs with oil, soaking them in water, and exercises to improve her condition. Mankind Pharma generously supported her with Ayurvedic medicines to address the swelling and discomfort. Over time, Gurku's legs became more manageable—itching and swelling subsided, and she no longer experienced pain or fever.

#ZinguRaghunathKatar

Zingu Raghunath Katara, a 57-year-old man, faced immense challenges after the loss of his wife a year ago. With no children or close family, he lived alone, struggling to cope with his condition. For the past year, Zingu could no longer drive his truck due to lagophthalmos, a condition that caused severe eye issues, along with erythematous patches all over his body. His left eye watered continuously, and he could not work or lead a normal life because of these health problems.

Seeking help, Zingu registered at the LRC Rajura, where he received care and treatment. Mankind Pharma supported his recovery through a course of MDT (Multi-Drug Therapy) along with steroid treatment. The medical team applied shape tape to temporarily stop the water flow from his left eye and taught him essential eye care techniques and exercises to improve his condition. After a week of treatment, Zingu noticed a significant reduction in the watery discharge from his eye, and the eyelids began to close more effectively.



"I am now satisfied with my recovery. I feel much better, and I'm thankful for the support I've received."

#ShaikhRasulShabbirShaikh



"The tenderness in my nerves has decreased, and I feel much better now," shared Rasul, expressing his gratitude for the relief he experienced with the support of Mankind Pharma and Lepra society

Shaikh Rasul Shabbir Shaikh, a 40-year-old man, had always worked diligently in a small firm. However, over the past year, he began to experience severe health issues, including painful erythematic patches all over his body. His condition worsened, leading to high fever, painful nodules, and nerve enlargement in his left ulnar and right medial nerves. He also faced significant physical challenges, including ulna claw fingers and loss of thumb opposition, which made everyday tasks difficult.

After seeking medical help, Rasul began receiving treatment under Mankind Pharma's support. His condition was addressed with a combination of steroid treatments, and he was provided with a POP cast and open-loop splint for his thumb to prevent further complications. Thanks to these interventions, his nerve tenderness significantly decreased, and his mobility began to improve.

#Kavita Prakash Jog

Kavita Prakash Jog, a 45-year-old woman from Sasti Block in Rajura, Chandrapur District, faced a challenging journey with leprosy. Two years ago, she developed erythematic patches on her face along with more than six lesions. The swelling on both her lips signified a Type 1 reaction, causing her significant discomfort and distress.

After seeking treatment, Kavita was registered for Multibacillary (MB) MDT with steroids, supported by Mankind Pharma. Within just 15 days, her condition began to improve. The reactions subsided, and the swelling and lesions decreased significantly.



"The reaction subsided after 15 days, and I am now satisfied with the treatment," shared Kavita, grateful for the relief and support Mankind Pharma has provided.

#Sudhakar Maroti Kokode



"I am satisfied with the treatment, though I am still dealing with a sole tropic ulcer," shared Sudhakar, acknowledging the improvements in his condition with the help of Mankind Pharma.

Sudhakar Maroti Kokode, a 56-year-old man, had been living with the challenges of leprosy for many years. Ten years ago, he received treatment for erythematic raised patches on his face and successfully completed PB MDT. However, when the patches became active again with a Type 1 reaction, he was registered as a new MB patient. Along with his leprosy, Sudhakar also struggled with high blood pressure and sugar issues.

With support from Mankind Pharma, Sudhakar started MB MDT with steroids. The reaction initially subsided, but after six months, he experienced a recurrent reaction. The treatment plan was adjusted to include Cao CLF 300 with steroids, and the reaction eventually subsided.

#MahadeoWarluBamane

Mahadeo Warlu Bamane, a 28-year-old man, was struggling with erythematic patches all over his body, alongside a Grade 2 deformity in his left ulna claw finger due to leprosy. His condition was both physically and emotionally taxing.

Thanks to the intervention from Mankind Pharma, Mahadeo was registered for New MB leprosy treatment and started on MB MDT with steroid treatment. However, after five months, Mahadeo experienced a sudden right foot drop, with Grade 5 foot drop contraction. Despite this setback, Mahadeo continued his treatment with Neuritis care, physiotherapy exercises, and Electrical Muscle Stimulation (EMS). With dedication and continued support, his condition improved dramatically, and after two months, his foot drop reduced from Grade 5 to Grade 1.



"I am satisfied with the progress and the treatment I've received," Mahadeo shared, expressing his gratitude for the care and hope he received from Mankind Pharma and Lepra Society.

#Arvind



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Arvind, a 26-year-old male, had been suffering from left-hand ulnar clawing for the past two years. Despite completing his treatment, the disability made it extremely difficult for him to perform regular daily activities, which significantly impacted his quality of life. Simple tasks like eating, dressing, and even working were challenging due to the lack of hand function. However, after undergoing reconstructive surgery for the left ulnar clawing, Arvind's condition drastically improved. His hand regained better coordination, and both the appearance and functional ability of his fingers significantly enhanced. With the support of Mankind Pharma, Arvind was provided not only with medical care but also the tools and treatments necessary for his rehabilitation. As a result, he can now perform daily activities with more ease and independence. This intervention has not only restored his physical ability but also his confidence and hope for a brighter future.

#Basla

Basla, a 44-year-old male, had been suffering from right-hand ulnar clawing for over a year, making it difficult for him to perform daily activities. Despite completing his treatment, the disability persisted, affecting his ability to live a normal life. The referral center team informed him that although normal appearance might not be possible, his functional abilities could improve after reconstructive surgery. After undergoing the procedure, Basla's hand function and the coordination of all his fingers significantly improved. His overall appearance and ability to carry out routine tasks were enhanced, bringing him great relief. "I am happy with the result of the surgery and deeply grateful to Mankind Pharmaceuticals for their outstanding social service in Alirajpur district. I hope other beneficiaries also experience the same positive impact from your remarkable efforts." Through the support of Mankind Pharma, Basla has regained his independence and is now able to lead a more comfortable life.



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#Bheram Singh



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Bheram Singh, a 50-year-old male, had been living with leprosy-induced deformity in his left hand, which caused severe clawing and made daily activities a significant challenge. Despite completing his treatment, the disability remained permanent, and the referral center team explained that no recovery was possible in the affected area. They recommended reconstructive surgery (RCS) as the best option to improve both the anatomical appearance and functional ability of his hand. After undergoing the surgery, Bheram experienced a remarkable improvement in the coordination of all four fingers. The procedure not only improved the appearance of his hand but also restored his ability to carry out routine tasks with greater ease.

Thanks to the support from Mankind Pharma, Bheram's life has been significantly improved, allowing him to regain independence and perform daily activities with less difficulty.

#Devla

Devla, a 55-year-old male, had been living with leprosy-induced deformity in his left hand, which caused significant disability and made it difficult for him to perform daily tasks. During an awareness activity by the referral center team, he learned that his permanent disability could not be recovered through medication alone. However, he was informed that reconstructive surgery (RCS) was the best option to improve both the anatomical appearance and the functional ability of his hand. Devla fully agreed to undergo the procedure, and after the surgery, he experienced remarkable improvement. The coordination of all four fingers in his left hand improved significantly, and both the appearance and function were enhanced, allowing him to carry out everyday tasks with greater ease. Devla's life has been transformed thanks to the support from Mankind Pharma, restoring both his hand function and his independence.



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#Gumi



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Gumi, a 53-year-old male, was struggling with multiple disabilities caused by leprosy. He had complete anaesthesia in both his right and left hands, with the absorption of his index, middle, and right fingers. Additionally, he suffered from an ulcer on his right great toe. These challenges left him feeling depressed and unable to carry out daily activities, significantly impacting his quality of life. During an awareness camp at Kattiwada CHC, Gumi was introduced to the support available through Mankind Pharmaceuticals. Through psychological counselling, Gumi gained a more positive outlook on life, and the team provided him with soft footwear, allowing him to walk without discomfort or embarrassment. The dressing for his ulcer also promoted healing, helping Gumi regain confidence and independence in his day-to-day life.

Gumi's life has been positively transformed, thanks to the support and care provided by Mankind Pharma.

#Jeliya

Jeliya, a 38-year-old male, had been living with right-hand ulnar clawing for the past two years. Despite completing treatment, he continued to face significant challenges in performing regular daily activities due to the disability. The deformity impacted his ability to work and perform basic tasks. However, after undergoing reconstructive surgery, Jeliya's condition significantly improved. The coordination of his fingers was restored, greatly enhancing both the appearance and functional ability of his hand. This transformation allowed him to regain his independence and return to normal life. Jeliya's journey highlights the positive and life-changing impact of Mankind Pharmaceuticals' support in the lives of individuals with leprosy.



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#Manesh



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Manesh, a 26-year-old male, had been struggling with leprosy deformity in his left hand for some time. Due to the clawing of his fingers, performing regular daily activities became extremely difficult. His condition severely impacted his ability to work and perform basic tasks, which led him to seek help. After undergoing reconstructive surgery and receiving physiotherapy, Manesh experienced a remarkable improvement. The coordination of his fingers improved, significantly enhancing both the appearance and functionality of his hand, allowing him to regain independence and return to his daily routine.

Manesh's story demonstrates the life-changing impact of Mankind Pharmaceuticals' commitment to improving the lives of those affected by leprosy.

#Mehul

Mehul, a 24-year-old male, had been struggling with episodic nodules on his skin when the referral center staff visited his village as part of an active case detection campaign. During the visit, Mehul consulted with the health workers, who examined him and referred him to a health center. There, he was diagnosed with leprosy and immediately began receiving regular treatment. With continuous counseling and reassurance from the medical team, Mehul learned that following his medication regimen would help eliminate the disease from his body completely.

Mehul's story highlights the life-changing support provided by Mankind Pharmaceuticals in diagnosing, treating, and supporting individuals affected by leprosy.



"I am very much thankful to the CDCC center team & my deeply grateful to Mankind Pharmaceuticals for their outstanding social service in Alirajpur district. I hope other beneficiaries also experience the same positive impact from your remarkable efforts."

#Velku



"Thank you referral center team & Mankind Pharmaceuticals for your outstanding social service in Alirajpur district. I hope other beneficiaries also experience the same positive impact from your remarkable efforts."

Velku, a 16-year-old male, had been struggling with multiple deformities in both his hands and feet. His hands were affected by claw fingers, and he also had an ulcer on his right foot. Due to these disabilities, Velku was unable to perform labor or farming work, which limited his opportunities. The referral center team provided essential counseling on caring for his ulcers and anaesthetic limbs, teaching him self-care practices. After consistent follow-up and care, Velku was referred for reconstructive surgery at the Sanawad surgical center. After his surgery for the left ulnar clawing, the coordination of his fingers improved, and both the appearance and function of his hands showed significant progress. Velku is also planning to visit Sanawad for the correction of his right hand, following the guidance of the referral center team. Velku's story demonstrates the transformative effect of timely medical intervention and the invaluable support of Mankind Pharma in improving the lives of individuals affected by leprosy.

#VikasKumar

Vikas Kumar, a 22-year-old male, was devastated when he was diagnosed with leprosy. He experienced anaesthesia, clawing fingers, and deep cracks on his right heel, which made daily tasks challenging. Initially misguided by homeopathic treatments, Vikas struggled for a long time without proper care. His situation took a turn for the better when a friend brought him to the referral center. He was referred to Guru Gobind Singh Hospital for MDT treatment, where he received continuous care, including regular dressing for his ulcer, counselling, and protective MCR footwear. His ulcer healed over time, and the center referred him for reconstructive surgery (RCS) to correct his clawing hand. Today, Vikas is able to do all his daily activities with ease and is living a much-improved life.

Vikas's journey highlights the life-changing impact of timely intervention, support from healthcare professionals, and the dedication of Mankind Pharmaceuticals in making such improvements possible for leprosy-affected individuals.



"I am very fortunate that my friend brought me to Guru Gobind Singh Hospital. After coming here, I got a solution to my problem. Earlier I was unable to hold my clawing finger properly but after the operation I can do all the work easily. That's why I thank Mankind Pharma and Lepra Society."

#VinodChoudhary



"I am deeply grateful for the care and support I received, which has changed my life. I am now able to live pain-free and continue my work with a renewed sense of hope. Thank you for all the help Mankind Pharma and lepra has given me."

Vinod Choudhary, a 61-year-old security guard working in Delhi, faced a tough battle when he developed a painful ulcer on his foot. Due to his work, he had to wear shoes, which worsened the condition. This led to severe discomfort and depression, as he felt unable to share his struggles with anyone. However, he eventually discovered solutions and sought treatment at Acharya Shri Bhikshu Hospital, where he met a Leprosy Assistant who referred him to our center for further care.

At the CDCC, Vinod received comprehensive treatment for his ulcer, which included regular care, dressing, counselling, and the provision of protective MCR footwear and a self-care kit. We also guided him on how to access socio-economic benefits offered by the government. Through continuous efforts, Vinod's ulcer healed, and he regained his confidence and well-being. Today, he is living happily and has made significant strides in his recovery, Thanks to the support Mankind Pharma has given.

#Baidyanath Thakur

Baidyanath Thakur, a 36-year-old man, was struggling with the painful consequences of clawing fingers and a severe ulcer on his left foot. His condition caused him great distress, as he was unable to earn a living or properly care for himself. Desperate for help, he visited Guru Gobind Singh Hospital, where he was referred to our center for further treatment. At that time, his ulcer was worsening, and he had no clear idea of what steps to take next.

Upon arriving at the CDCC, Baidyanath received comprehensive care, including regular wound dressing, counselling, and the provision of protective MCR footwear and a self-care kit. His treatment included pre-operative care and exercises, and he was referred for reconstructive surgery (RCS). With the support of Mankind Pharma, Baidyanath successfully underwent surgery on his right hand and is now awaiting surgery on his left hand. Through our continuous efforts, his ulcer has healed, and his quality of life has significantly improved. Today, he is a happy man, free from the struggles that once held him back.



"I am happy and thankful to the Mankind Pharma and Lepra Society for their incredible support and care. I can now live a better life thanks to their help."

#ChotuKumar



"With the help of efforts by LEPRA Society, I have recovered and am doing my farming and also became economically stable. I am thankful to LEPRA Society."

Chhotu Kumar, a 24-year-old farmer, faced immense challenges due to an ulcer that severely affected his ability to work. This not only took a toll on his physical health but also placed a heavy strain on his mental well-being and economic stability. Unable to continue his farming work, Chhotu struggled with the pressures of both illness and financial stress.

Thanks to the prompt intervention and support from the team, Chhotu received crucial counselling and medication, which helped alleviate his mental stress. Regular physiotherapy exercises and consistent counselling on self-care were key in stabilizing his condition. He adhered to all the recommended treatments and attended dressing sessions diligently. Recognizing the need for specialized care, he was referred to the Demian Foundation India Trust (DFIT) for Reconstructive Surgery (RCS) to address the clawing of his right-hand fingers.

Through the combined efforts of the LEPRA Society and specialized medical care, Chhotu's condition improved significantly, allowing him to return to farming. His economic condition has stabilized, and he is now living a healthier, more fulfilling life.

#RekhaTiwari

Rekha Tiwari, a 47-year-old woman, faced a difficult and emotional journey when she was diagnosed with leprosy. Initially, she struggled with disbelief and confusion, unable to accept the reality of her condition. The news left her feeling overwhelmed and uncertain about her future. However, the turning point came when she received psychological counselling at the WDRC Centre, which played a crucial role in helping her come to terms with her diagnosis. With the support and encouragement of the team, Rekha gradually accepted her condition and committed to the treatment process.

Over the course of her treatment, Rekha visited the hospital every month for follow-ups and diligently completed a 12-month treatment regimen. Her commitment to the process, combined with the ongoing psychological support, contributed to her successful recovery. Rekha is now healthy and empowered, grateful for the care and support she received.



"I am very happy with the treatment and psychological support that was given by LEPRAs staff. I am warmly grateful to all the staff and the Mankind Pharma initiative."

#MithaiLal



"Now I can move swiftly and continue my daily work, thanks to the support given by Mankind Pharma and LEPRA , " says Mithai Lal, reflecting on the positive impact of the treatment and support provided by the team, with the generous help of Mankind Pharma.

Mithai Lal, a 45-year-old man, faced significant challenges after developing a planter ulcer and right foot drop, which severely affected his ability to work and earn a living. Living alone in Delhi, he struggled with his condition until he was referred to the LEPRA center by RML Hospital in August 2020. Upon arrival, Mithai Lal was dealing with a complicated ulcer on his left second metatarsal and right foot drop, which left him unable to carry out daily activities or work. The LEPRA team immediately began providing treatment and care for his ulcer, offering continuous motivation and counselling to help him prepare for corrective surgery. After the ulcer healed, Mithai Lal was referred to DFIT for reconstructive surgery (RCS) on his right foot. The surgery successfully corrected his foot, and Mithai Lal regained his ability to return to normal work. Additionally, DFIT supported him by providing fruit-selling materials to help sustain his father's livelihood. Now fully recovered, Mithai Lal is able to work and support his family once again.

#Soni

Soni, a 24-year-old woman, faced a difficult journey after being diagnosed with leprosy. Initially, she experienced disappointment and frustration as her condition worsened, particularly due to clawing in her hand, which made it nearly impossible to perform daily tasks. Despite undergoing treatment at a local dispensary and taking pain medication, she found no relief, and her condition continued to affect her ability to work.

Her situation took a positive turn when she visited Guru Gobind Singh Hospital, where the skin department diagnosed her condition and began her treatment with Multibacillary (MB) MDT on December 30, 2023. Over time, the MDT treatment brought significant relief, with her patches healing and her hand functioning returning to normal. With the improvements, Soni is now able to perform all her daily activities without difficulty.



"I am very happy because now I can do all the work easily," Soni says, expressing her gratitude for the support provided by Mankind Pharma and LEPRA Society and its dedicated team. She is now able to live her life with greater independence and ease, thanks to their invaluable help and the support of Mankind Pharma.

#Nisha



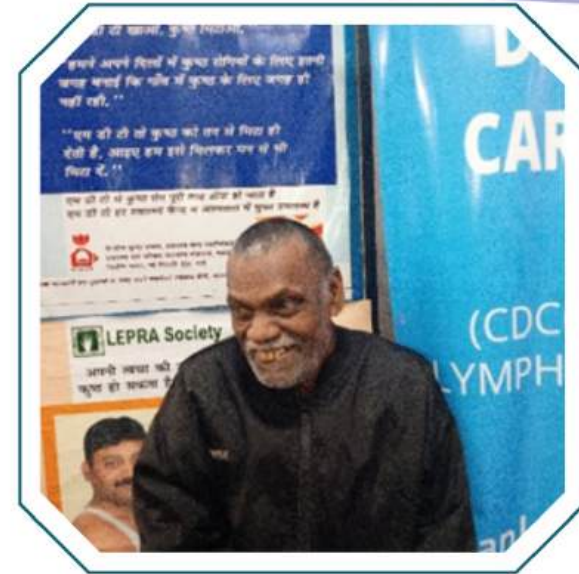
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Her life began to change when she visited Guru Gobind Singh Hospital, where the skin department referred her to the Lepra Society for further examination and treatment. There, she began her treatment with Multibacillary (MB) MDT on June 13, 2023, which continued until April 27, 2024. With consistent treatment, the spots on her face gradually healed, and Nisha regained her self-esteem.

#Ayodhya Kewat

Mr. Ayodhya Kewat, a 72-year-old man, struggled for years with recurrent ulcers on his feet and hypopigmented patches on his thighs and back. Despite visiting several hospitals, he found no relief, and his condition continued to cause him significant discomfort and worry. His life changed when he learned about the Lepra Society. He visited the Mankind supported CDCC, where the dedicated staff not only treated his ulcer with regular dressing but also provided him with crucial guidance on how to care for it at home. Thanks to their consistent care and support, Mr. Kewat's ulcer healed, and his hypopigmented patches improved, bringing him much-needed relief.



"Now I am very happy because my ulcer and hypo pigments are also fine, and I would like to thank the support of Mankind Pharma and Lepra Society" Mr. Kewat shares with gratitude. His improved health and well-being are a testament to the positive impact of the care he received from the Lepra Society, supported by Mankind Pharma.

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Kusum
Outreach Worker
from Koraput
CDCC, Odisha

"Working in the field with affected individuals is more than just a job for me—it's a calling. Every day, I meet people with incredible resilience, and their stories are both heartening and inspiring. Many beneficiaries come to us at the Koraput CDCC when they have nowhere else to go, seeking care, support, and hope. Being able to help them regain their confidence and rebuild their lives gives me immense satisfaction. Their strength motivates me to continue my work, ensuring that no one faces this journey alone."

Nagaraju
Physiotechnician
from Vijayawada
CDCC, Andhra
Pradesh



"Supporting affected individuals is not just my profession—it's my passion. Every day, I witness the struggles and resilience of patients who fight against physical and social challenges. Many come to us feeling hopeless, yet with proper care, therapy, and guidance, they regain mobility, confidence, and dignity. Seeing their transformation and knowing that my work helps them reclaim their independence is deeply fulfilling. Their perseverance inspires me to continue my efforts, ensuring that no one affected by this condition is left without the support they deserve."



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